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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

#### THE SPEAKER (KEITH R. McCALL) PRESIDING

#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer will be offered by Father John Detisch, who is the guest of Representative Harkins and Representative Fabrizio.

FATHER JOHN DETISCH, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This truly is an honor again, a privilege to return and be invited to pray with you.

I am Pat Harkins's pastor, spending every waking moment trying to take care of his kids. And most important, this gives me an opportunity to come down here to greet my other parishioner, Flo Fabrizio. As his pastor, I can personally hand him his church envelopes, of which he has not used since Milton Shapp was the Governor.

My friends, in 1985 President Reagan bestowed the Medal of Freedom upon the Saint of the Gutters, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and he did so not just to honor the years of deeply loving care for the poor of India but also to thank her for inspiring the people of the United States that we, too, should take care of the world's poor, and even more, take care of each other. In her appreciative response to the President, Blessed Mother Teresa said this to the American people: "...together, we are doing something beautiful for God.... It's my prayer for you that you may grow in holiness to this tender love for the poorest of the poor. But this love begins at home, in your own family, and it begins by praying together. Prayer gives a clean heart, and a clean heart can see God. And if you see God in each other, you will have love, peace, joy together. And works of love are works of peace. And love begins at home."

My friends, let us now pray that our prayer may give us courage and strength to truly serve the people of God, especially the poorest of the poor.

Father, You guide and govern everything with order, hope, and love. Look upon all the members of our Pennsylvania legislature and fill them with the spirit of Your wisdom. May they always act in accordance with Your will and their decisions be for the peace and well-being of us all. May they look to Your

holy spirit for courage and guidance and strength, and may they help to influence all of us to be the people that You call us to be, people of hope. We ask this in Your most holy name. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Monday, April 26, 2010, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the majority whip, Representative Dermody, who requests leave of absence for: Representative OLIVER from Philadelphia County for the week; Representative MUNDY from Luzerne County for the day; Representative GALLOWAY from Bucks County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Turzai, who indicates there are no leave requests on the Republican side.

#### MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is about to take the master roll. The members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

#### PRESENT—193

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longietti	Reichley
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Roae
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Rock
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Roebuck
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Rohrer
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sainato
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyle	George	Matzie	Santarsiero
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santoni
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalf	Scavello

Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Seip
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causer	Haluska	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Sonney
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Staback
Clymer	Harhart	Mustio	Stern
Cohen	Harkins	Myers	Stevenson
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Curry	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Cutler	Hornaman	Pashinski	True
Daley	Houghton	Payne	Turzai
Day	Hutchinson	Payton	Vereb
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Vitali
Delozier	Josephs	Perry	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perzel	Wagner
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wansacz
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petri	Waters
Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	Watson
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Preston	White
Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Williams
Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	Youngblood
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	Yudichak
Ellis	Krieger	Rapp	
Evans, D.	Kula	Readshaw	McCall,
Evans, J.	Lentz	Reed	Speaker
Everett	Levdansky	Reese	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mundy	

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Mundy

The SPEAKER. A quorum being present, the House will proceed to conduct business.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 775** By Representatives DENLINGER, BEYER, BOYD, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, FARRY, FLECK, GABLER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, HARHAI, HELM, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KNOWLES, KRIEGER, MAJOR, MARSICO, METZGAR, MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MURT, O'NEILL, PHILLIPS, PYLE, RAPP, READSHAW, REESE, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, SCAVELLO, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN and VULAKOVICH

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to refrain from imposing unfunded mandates on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, April 26, 2010.

**No. 778** By Representatives HUTCHINSON, BROOKS, CAUSER, CUTLER, GABLER, GEIST, GROVE, MATZIE, METCALFE, MOUL, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, PYLE, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROHRER, STERN and VULAKOVICH

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would postpone the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources purportedly under the authority of the Clean Air Act.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 27, 2010.

**HOUSE BILLS  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 2454** By Representatives ROEBUCK, CLYMER, CARROLL, GRUCELA, HARKINS, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, CUTLER, MILNE, O'NEILL, TALLMAN, BAKER, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, DENLINGER, HALUSKA, HANNA, HARHAI, HESS, HICKERNELL, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, KULA, MIRABITO, OBERLANDER, PASHINSKI, PRESTON, READSHAW, SEIP, SIPTROTH, STERN, SWANGER, THOMAS and HOUGHTON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in vocational education, further providing for the definition of "vocational agricultural education."

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 26, 2010.

**No. 2455** By Representatives EACHUS, DeLUCA, BISHOP, BRIGGS, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DEASY, DePASQUALE, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HESS, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KESSLER, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, McCALL, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MUNDY, M. O'BRIEN, PRESTON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, THOMAS, WAGNER, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and BELFANTI

An Act providing for annual community health reinvestment.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 26, 2010.

**No. 2456** By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, MARSICO, BAKER, BRENNAN, CASORIO, D. COSTA, DRUCKER, GABIG, HARPER, KOTIK, KULA, LENTZ, WAGNER, WATERS and WHITE

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for the filing of nomination petitions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2010.

**No. 2457** By Representatives PYLE, ADOLPH, BELFANTI, BEYER, BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, EVERETT, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHAI, HARKINS, HELM, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, M. KELLER, KILLION, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MELIO, METZGAR, MILLARD, MILNE, MURPHY, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PICKETT, RAPP, READSHAW, REESE, REICHLEY, ROCK, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STEVENSON, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 27, 2010.

**No. 2458** By Representative HUTCHINSON

An Act authorizing Venango County to convey certain Project 70 lands in Oakland Township, Venango County, free of restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2010.

**No. 2459** By Representatives GINGRICH, BELFANTI, BROWN, DENLINGER, EVERETT, FLECK, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HARKINS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAJOR, MILLER, MOUL, O'NEILL, PICKETT, PYLE, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD and WATSON

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for adoption expenses.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 27, 2010.

**No. 2460** By Representatives ROEBUCK, SHAPIRO, CLYMER, JOHNSON, THOMAS, CARROLL, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, MILNE, TALLMAN, BELFANTI, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, KULA, MICCARELLI, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, SANTARSIERO, SIPTROTH, BRIGGS, GIBBONS and HARKINS

An Act establishing the MESA Initiative; providing for duties of Department of Education; and establishing the State MESA Commission.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 27, 2010.

**No. 2461** By Representatives SAYLOR, MILLER, GILLESPIE, PERRY, DePASQUALE, GROVE, TALLMAN, BAKER, BEYER, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CONKLIN, CUTLER, DAY, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GRUCELA, HELM, HESS, HICKERNELL, M. KELLER, KILLION, KNOWLES,

KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MICCARELLI, MILLARD, MOUL, MURPHY, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, ROCK, ROSS, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TRUE, YOUNGBLOOD and DENLINGER

An Act designating U.S. Route 30 from its intersection with State Route 462 in West Manchester Township, York County, to the point where it meets the Susquehanna River in Hellam Township, York County, as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2010.

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

**SB 260, PN 1548**

By Rep. CALTAGIRONE

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sexual abuse of children.

JUDICIARY.

**SB 828, PN 1898** (Amended)

By Rep. HANNA

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.926, No.369), referred to as the Public Eating and Drinking Place Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for applicability.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HR 728, PN 3480**

By Rep. HANNA

A Resolution recognizing the potential for a national fresh food financing initiative to provide an effective and economically sustainable solution to the problem of limited access to healthy foods in underserved urban, suburban and rural low-income communities, while also improving health and stimulating local economic development.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

The SPEAKER. HR 728 will go to the House calendar.

### CALENDAR

#### RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. JOHNSON called up **HR 722, PN 3614**, entitled:

A Resolution celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Johnson.  
Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.  
 Will the House come to order. Members will please take their seats. The House will come to order. The House will come to order.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc., during their 40th anniversary. Starting off as named the "South Philadelphia Health Action," which was later renamed "Greater Philadelphia Health Action," it was founded in 1970 by the late Carl Moore and other local south Philadelphia community activists as a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation for the purpose of providing health-care services to the surrounding community.

GPHA's mission is to provide quality comprehensive primary health care, health education, human services, behavioral health care, and child development services to families and individuals throughout the Delaware Valley regardless of their ability to pay. GPHA has been a leader in providing health services and treatment to more than 80,000 disadvantaged, uninsured, and medically underserved patients.

GPHA has utilized Federal and city grants to launch various initiatives, which include reducing the infant mortality rate as well as rates of hypertension and diabetes.

Servicing patients of all ages – infants, teens, adults, and seniors – GPHA offers medical services in a variety of specialties including internal and family medicine, pediatrics, nutrition, family planning, HIV/AIDS (human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome) treatment, alcohol/drug abuse treatment, dentistry, child care, medical case management, and mental health care.

Since its inception in 1970, GPHA has expanded to seven full-service health centers, two behavioral health centers, a child development center, four dental locations, and a pharmacy, thus demonstrating its commitment to health care that is centered on the whole person.

GPHA is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which means that their primary and behavioral health-care centers operate under the safest conditions and the highest quality.

GPHA is the largest nonhospital health-care provider in the Philadelphia region, and I am especially honored to honor GPHA because they operate two facilities which are within my district. But more importantly, before the President of the United States, President Barack Obama, passed health-care reform, GPHA was already on the front line providing health-care services for those who are uninsured and those who are underserved.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Mr. JOHNSON. And so at this time I would ask my colleagues on the floor – and I will ask GPHA if you could stand – if we can please acknowledge them for their hard work in providing quality health-care services for those who are uninsured and underserved.

Thank you very much, and I ask for a "yes" vote on this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiatti	Reichley
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Roae
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Rock
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Roebuck
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Rohrer
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sainato
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyle	George	Matzgar	Santarsiero
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santoni
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzger	Schroder
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Seip
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Sipthoth
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causier	Haluska	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Sonney
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Staback
Clymer	Harhart	Mustio	Stern
Cohen	Harkins	Myers	Stevenson
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Curry	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Cutler	Hornaman	Pashinski	True
Daley	Houghton	Payne	Turzai
Day	Hutchinson	Payton	Vereb
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Vitali
Delozier	Josephs	Perry	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perzel	Wagner
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wansacz
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petri	Waters
Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	Watson
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Wheatley
DiGirolo	Kirkland	Preston	White
Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Williams
Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	Youngblood
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	Yudichak
Ellis	Krieger	Rapp	
Evans, D.	Kula	Readshaw	McCall,
Evans, J.	Lentz	Reed	Speaker
Everett	Levdansky	Reese	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mundy	

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

**CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION**

The SPEAKER. Members will please take their seats. We are about to take up a condolence resolution.

The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.  
The clerk will read the resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable John S. Davies, a former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania serving the 129th Legislative District, who passed away at the age of eighty-three on March 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Wilson High School and Gettysburg College, Mr. Davies served with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Navy during World War II. For more than twenty years, he was a public school teacher in the Kutztown and Wilson School Districts. Mr. Davies began his career with the 129th Legislative District of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1974. During his tenure, he served as Chairman of the House Education Committee and as a member of the State Board of Education. Mr. Davies retired from service to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1992 and remained politically active as a Republican Committeeman until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, A beloved family member, dedicated worker and avowed community steward, Mr. Davies exemplified the best qualities of the human experience. He generously gave of his heart and time to enhance the quality of life of his family and community, and his loss will be felt by the many individuals who knew, admired and loved him; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable John S. Davies; and extend heartfelt condolences to his son, Michael J.; daughter, Lynn M. Himmelstein; three grandchildren; and many other family members and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by the Honorable Jim Cox on April 8, 2010, be transmitted to the family of the Honorable John S. Davies.

Jim Cox, Sponsor  
Keith R. McCall, Speaker of the House  
ATTEST:  
Anthony Frank Barbush, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Representative Cox.

Mr. COX. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great man. On March 29, 2010, we in the General Assembly lost one of our own and Pennsylvania lost a true public servant.

John S. Davies spent his life serving others. During World War II he answered his country's call to duty, serving with honor and distinction as a member of the U.S. Navy. He served as a public school teacher in the Kutztown and Wilson School

Districts, making a direct impact in the lives of countless students. Later he served the people of the 129th Legislative District as their State Representative here in the General Assembly.

Mr. Davies truly believed in the value of education. He was a graduate of Wilson High School and Gettysburg College whose own education served him well later in life. In the House of Representatives, Mr. Davies served as chairman of the House Education Committee and as a member of the State Board of Education. Through his direct influence in the classroom as a teacher and the policies he helped to develop as a lawmaker, John S. Davies left a lasting impression on Pennsylvania's education system.

While Mr. Davies retired from the House of Representatives in 1992, even then he did not stop giving to his community. He remained active as a Republican committeeman until the time of his passing. My first interaction with Mr. Davies was back in 2006 when I made a phone call to him because he was a committeeman and I was hoping to gain his support. After telling me that he had served in the legislature nearly 20 years ago, he offered the following advice, which I later learned was the way he had served the 129th District. He said, "Don't ever forget who you serve. They are the future of Pennsylvania." He gave generously of his heart and his time to enhance the quality of life for his family, his community, and the Commonwealth.

Even though he was a Republican, John Davies captured the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle. One of his Berks County colleagues, the esteemed gentleman from the 127th District, said this about Davies, and I think it would mean more to me to have someone say this than about any other comment that could be made, he said, "When he gave his word, he kept it."

Mr. Speaker, John Davies's passing has been a great loss to his family, his community, the people of the 129th Legislative District, the education system, and the Commonwealth.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

Mr. COX. Today we offer our condolences to John Davies's family, including his son, Mike; Mike's wife, Pat; and Mike's daughter, Lauren. Other family members who were not able to join us today include John's daughter, Lynn Himmelstein; two other grandchildren; and many other loved ones. If we could welcome Mike, Pat, and Lauren today; they are at the side of the rostrum.

At this time I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in supporting a condolence resolution in honor of John S. Davies. He will be missed. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the resolution will rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests will also please rise.

For the sake of all of the members who have served with John, I would at this time grant permission to the members to remove their outer garments, if they so desire. Any member who served with John would certainly know what that means. Staff as well is permitted.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable John S. Davies.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House. Members and guests may please be seated.

I guess I should explain to the members, especially those members who did not serve with Representative John Davies, Representative Davies was a stickler on the rules of the House. For any member to sit on the floor of the House with his jacket off would require the Speaker to grant that permission, because it is against our rules to sit on the floor of the House without our jackets being on. John always referred to our jackets as our "outer garments" and regularly would admonish the Speaker for not enforcing the rules of the House.

So I thought it would be out of a sign of respect for our former member that the members be granted permission to remove their outer garments.

And to John's family, Godspeed. He was a great friend, truly a gentleman in this House of Representatives.

### **BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**SB 916, PN 1102**

By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for required financial reporting; and making editorial changes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, the majority leader, Representative Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the information of the members, there will be an immediate Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room, Democratic caucus in the majority caucus room at 12 o'clock, and we will return to the floor at 12:15. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. There will be an immediate Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

#### **REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority caucus chairlady, Representative Major.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus also at noon. I would ask Republicans to please report to our caucus room at noon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Are there any further announcements?

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. KOTIK**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Kotik.

Mr. KOTIK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We have a meet and greet outside the Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor's Office by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress, a little luncheon. It is going on right now. All the members are invited to participate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. In the balcony, the Chair would like to welcome St. Jude's School, their fourth grade class, from Mountain Top, Pennsylvania. They are the guests of Representatives Karen Boback and John Yudichak. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

To the left of the Speaker, the Chair would also like to welcome Brooke Eastman and Aaron Rider, who are here for the Pennsylvania 4-H Capital Days. They are the guests of Representatives Dan Moul and Will Tallman. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Are there any further announcements?

### **RECESS**

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 12:15 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

### **AFTER RECESS**

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of the gentlelady from Luzerne County, Representative Mundy, on the House floor. Her name will be added to the master roll.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Markosek, rise?

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To make an announcement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the House Transportation Committee will meet in room G-50 immediately at the call of the adjournment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Transportation Committee will meet in room G-50 immediately at the adjournment.

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,  
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**HB 2242, PN 3650** (Amended) By Rep. GERGELY

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the Tax Credit for New Jobs; and providing for the Keystone Job Creation and Training Tax Credit.

LABOR RELATIONS.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED  
FROM COMMITTEE**

**HR 765, PN 3602** By Rep. GERGELY

A Resolution encouraging cooperation among the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Labor and Industry and the United States Department of Health and Human Services during the formation of the 2010 Subsidized Summer Youth Employment Program and the 2010 Subsidized Adult Employment Program.

LABOR RELATIONS.

The SPEAKER. HR 765 will go to the House calendar.

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 1878, PN 2995** By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for the offenses of possession of weapons and aggravated assault.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**SB 904, PN 1177** By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Public Welfare and the Governor, to grant and convey to West Bradford Township, certain lands situate in West Bradford Township, Chester County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. Those bills will go to the House supplemental calendar.

**BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 169, PN 3651** (Amended) By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for definitions, for permitted games of chance, for prize limits, for insured games, for limited sales, for recordkeeping, for eligible organizations' use of locations for conducting small games of chance, for separate individual prize limitations, for enforcement and for advertising.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. That bill will go to the House calendar.

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Ms. McILVAINE SMITH called up **HR 649, PN 3252**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Jacobus Franciscus "Jim" Thorpe by designating May 15, 2010, as "Jim Thorpe Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
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Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
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Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tallman
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
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Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
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DeLuca	Kauffman	Perry	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
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Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
Eachus	Kotik	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—6

Belfanti Costa, D. McI. Smith Oliver  
Benninghoff Galloway

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

**REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, the Speaker is submitting remarks for the record on that resolution.

Mr. McCALL submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

The legendary sportswriter Heywood Hale Broun said, "Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

Today we pause to honor a man who was given every athletic gift God could bestow, but above all those gifts was a character that allowed him to excel and inspire in the face of adversity.

The sports world was a much different place when Jim Thorpe was at his peak than it is today. Back then you had men who would work for 12 hours a day, 6 days a week in the mines, then relax by playing smash-mouth football. You had world champions coming from small towns like Pottsville. We are not quitting until the NFL (National Football League) finally awards the Maroons the title they earned on the field.

Imagine an athlete today who had this resume:

- Named an "All-American" college football player
- Was the star on a pro football team that won three world championships in 4 years
- Batted .327 in the major leagues
- Won two gold medals in the toughest Olympic track-and-field sports.

If Jim Thorpe were an athlete today, every kid in America would want a jersey with "THORPE" on the back. Thorpe's Olympic gold medals would be around his neck where they belong, since today professional athletes are encouraged to represent their country. It is probably safe to say that we would not see a single commercial for Gatorade or Nike or countless other products that would not feature Jim Thorpe.

Today a mediocre middle reliever in baseball gets paid a salary that would have purchased the entire league in Thorpe's day. There is an old story about Mickey Mantle where, after seeing the multi-hundred-million dollar contracts awarded to players today, he was asked, "How much would your contract be if you played today?" Mantle said he would just walk into the owner's office and say, "Hello, partner."

With the talent Jim Thorpe brought to the table, if he played today he could walk into the team owner's office and say, "Hey, get out of my chair!"

But there was more to Thorpe than just his achievements on the field. We are also honoring him for his courage and perseverance in the face of a world that looked down on his people. He overcame tragedy in his youth; he overcame oppression all his life.

Here we honor him as inspiration for young student athletes and as an inspiration for a town that has reinvented itself as a tourist destination and proudly taken his name.

Thorpe was given the native name "Bright Path" when he was born into the Sac and Fox Nation, and we join in honoring that Native American Heritage.

I ask the members of the House to join me in supporting HR 649 naming May 15, 2010, "Jim Thorpe Day" in the Commonwealth to honor the bright path that Jim Thorpe blazed and the inspiration he offers even today.

The following resolution was submitted:

## A RESOLUTION

Honoring Jacobus Franciscus "Jim" Thorpe by designating May 15, 2010, as "Jim Thorpe Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe was born on May 28, 1888, and was raised as a member of the Native American Sac and Fox Nation; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe was the grandson of the nation's chief, Black Hawk, and was given the native name of Bright Path; and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments and legacy of Jim Thorpe were not only part of his great "bright path" but have also been an inspiration to people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe overcame great tragedy in his youth to attend the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, beginning in 1907; and

WHEREAS, While at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, Jim Thorpe was coached by the legendary football coach, Glenn Scobey "Pop" Warner, and was awarded All-American honors in 1911 and 1912; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe honorably represented the Sac and Fox Nation and the United States of America at the 1912 Olympic games in Stockholm, Sweden; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe was the first United States athlete to win the pentathlon and the decathlon in one Olympic year; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe's athletic feats and the worldwide publicity established the viability of the modern Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, To honor him for his gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon, Jim Thorpe was awarded gifts by King Gustav V of Sweden and Czar Nicholas II of Russia; and

WHEREAS, A ticker-tape parade was held in New York City upon Jim Thorpe's return to the United States from Sweden; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe's Olympic medals were revoked after he was found to have violated strict rules regarding amateurism in force at the time; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe's medals were not reinstated until 1982, 30 years after his death, when the International Olympic Committee recognized the improper application of the disqualification procedures; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe had an illustrious professional career after the Olympics, in which he played baseball for the New York Giants, the Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Braves, football for the Canton Bulldogs and basketball for two years after his retirement from professional football; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe is considered one of football's founding fathers as a result of his career as a professional football player with the Canton Bulldogs, one of the four teams that make up the American Professional Football Association, which later became the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe, while coaching and playing for the Canton Bulldogs, further supported the sport of football by becoming the American Professional Football Association's first president; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe was voted America's Greatest All-Around Male Athlete, was chosen as the greatest football player of the half-century in 1950 by an Associated Press poll of sportswriters and was named the American Broadcasting Company's Wide World of Sports Athlete of the Century, which earned him the honor of having his picture on a special-edition Wheaties cereal box; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe was named the Greatest American Football Player in history in a 1977 national poll conducted by Sport Magazine; and



WHEREAS, In being inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1963, Jim Thorpe was recognized for his dedication to the sport; and  
 WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe served as a namesake for the Jim Thorpe Award established in 1986 for the best defensive back in college football; and  
 WHEREAS, Jim Thorpe's final resting place is in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County; and  
 WHEREAS, The life of Jim Thorpe is not only defined by his athletic aptitude, but by his legacy of inspiring people around the world to light the way of their own "bright paths"; therefore be it  
 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15, 2010, as "Jim Thorpe Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. PAYNE called up **HR 661, PN 3288**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 29, 2010, as "Dale Earnhardt Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

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Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
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Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Scavello
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schroder
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
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Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Siptroth
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, M.
Causar	Haluska	Moul	Smith, S.
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Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Staback
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Conklin	Harper	Myers	Stevenson
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
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Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tallman
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
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Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
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DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
Eachus	Kotik	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak

Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. HICKERNELL called up **HR 708, PN 3445**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2010 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
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Boyle	George	Matzie	Samuelson
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Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Santoni
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Scavello
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schroder
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Shapiro
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Siptroth
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, M.
Causar	Haluska	Moul	Smith, S.
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Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
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Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
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Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 733, PN 3505**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2010 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
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Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
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Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Santoni
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
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Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
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Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
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Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. GEORGE called up **HR 759, PN 3585**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 2 through 8, 2010, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield County, Representative George.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, fresh potable water is one of the scarcest resources we have on this planet, and while 80 percent of the earth's surface is covered with water, only 1 percent is suitable for human consumption. We often take for granted the abundance of water available to us in this Commonwealth, a luxury not available to significant numbers of people in this world. Without entities such as PENNVEST (Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority), the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and the Department of Environmental Protection, many local municipalities would not have high quality, affordable drinking water.

Additionally, our abundant supply of well water provides for thousands of people each and every day. It remains critical that we continue to protect and conserve our freshwater resources, both in the Commonwealth and nationally, so that the future generations may continue to have adequate supplies of this vital necessity of life.

I ask you to join with me in supporting this resolution to designate the week of May 2 through 8, 2010, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
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Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
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Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
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Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
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Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. WATERS called up **HR 763, PN 3600**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2010 as "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Sainato
Boyle	George	Matzie	Samuelson
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Santoni
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Scavello
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schroder
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Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Siptroth
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
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Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stern
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Stevenson
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tallman
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
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Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. MARSICO called up **HR 773, PN 3621**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2010, as "Loyalty Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
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Boyle	George	Matzie	Samuelson
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Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
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Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti                      Costa, D.                      McI. Smith                      Oliver  
Benninghoff                      Galloway

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1878, PN 2995**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for the offenses of possession of weapons and aggravated assault.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria County, Representative Haluska.

Mr. HALUSKA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
May I interrogate the maker of the bill?

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. We will go over the bill temporarily.  
Mr. HALUSKA. Okay. Thank you.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 904, PN 1177**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Public Welfare and the Governor, to grant and convey to West Bradford Township, certain lands situate in West Bradford Township, Chester County.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. On that question, it is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman, Mr. Keller, is withdrawing his amendment?

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. W. KELLER offered the following amendment  
No. **A02138**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "County"  
; authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development certain lands situate in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia; and authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority certain

submerged lands situate in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia

Amend Bill, page 17, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

Section 2. Conveyance in 39th Ward, City of Philadelphia.

(a) Authorization.—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant and convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, for \$1, certain lands situate in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia described in subsection (b).

(b) Description.—The lands to be conveyed pursuant to subsection (a) consist of 52.78 acres more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN land located in the City of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that is river-bed that was made fast land by having fill placed upon it, a general description based upon paper survey as follows to wit:

Beginning at a point measured the sixteen (16) following courses and distances from the intersection of the easterly side of Broad Street (at 300 feet wide) with the southwesterly side of Pattison Avenue (at 120 feet wide):

1. Southwesterly along the easterly side of Broad Street, 2,527.57 feet to a point;
2. Southeasterly at right angles to said Broad Street, 37 feet to a drill hole set, a corner for the said lands now or formerly of Consolidated Rail Corporation; (courses 3 through 8 along the southerly side of lands now or formerly of Consolidated Rail Corporation);
3. South 75 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, 3.00 feet to a drill hole set;
4. South 76 degrees 31 minutes 21 seconds East 229.54 feet to an iron pin set;
5. South 68 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds East, 284.65 feet to an iron pin set;
6. South 63 degrees 50 minutes 26 seconds East, 341 feet to an iron pin set;
7. Southeasterly by a curve to the left having a radius of 2,287.44 feet, and an arc length of 730.03 feet to an iron pin set, said point being distant by a chord of South 72 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East, 726.93 feet from last described point;
8. South 82 degrees 07 minutes 34 seconds East 1,741.91 feet;
9. South 76 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East, 6093.91 feet;
10. South 60 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West, 1,240.00 feet
11. South 73 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West, 470.00 feet;
12. North 66 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West, 340.00 feet;
13. North 84 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West, 1,470.00 feet;
14. North 75 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 920.00 feet;
15. North 82 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds West, 910.00 feet;
16. North 66 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds West, 414.28 feet to the place of beginning.

Thence from the said point of Beginning, the nine (9) following described courses and distances;

1. South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 618.53 feet;
2. North 67 degrees 26 minutes 48 seconds West, 1,040.00 feet;
3. North 62 degrees 56 minutes 04 seconds West, 2,375.00 feet;
4. North 78 degrees 41 minutes 48 seconds West, 500.00 feet;
5. North 82 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West, 475.00 feet;
6. North 13 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East, 550.00 feet;
7. North 87 degrees 40 minutes 20 seconds East, 386.51 feet;
8. South 65 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds East, 2,154.00 feet;
9. South 66 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds East, 1705.72 feet to the point of beginning.

(c) Easements.—The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all lawful and enforceable easements, servitudes and rights of others, including but not confined to streets, roadways and rights of any telephone, telegraph, water, electric, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any lawful and enforceable estates or tenancies vested in third persons appearing of record, for any portion of the land

or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Deed.—The deed of conveyance shall contain a clause requiring that promptly after receipt of the deed of conveyance the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development shall convey for the consideration of one dollar portions of, or rights in, the lands conveyed herein to any entity claiming an interest therein, including but not confined to fee ownership, easements, rights of way or other estates or tenancies, resulting from a prior grant or conveyance by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development to such entity based upon any conveyance from the United States to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development.

(e) Deed execution.—The deed of conveyance authorized by this section shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(f) Costs and fees.—Costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

Section 3. Submerged land in the City of Philadelphia.

(a) Authorization.—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant and convey to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority for \$1 certain lands situate in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia described in subsection (b).

(b) Description.—The lands to be conveyed under subsection (a) consist of 196.10 acres more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN land located in the City of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that is river-bed that was made fast land by having fill placed upon it, a general description based upon paper survey as follows to wit:

Beginning at a point near the Bulkhead Line of the Delaware River, as established by the Secretary of War, September 10, 1940, a common corner for lands now or formerly of Consolidated Rail Corporation, and Parcel 9, the said point being measured the nine (9) following courses and distances from the intersection of the easterly side of Broad Street (at 300 feet wide) with the southwesterly side of Pattison Avenue (at 120 feet wide):

1. Southwesterly along the easterly side of Broad Street, 2,527.57 feet to a point;
2. Southeasterly at right angles to said Broad Street, 37 feet to a drill hole set, a corner for the said lands now or formerly of Consolidated Rail Corporation; (courses 3 through 8 along the southerly side of lands now or formerly of Consolidated Rail Corporation);
3. South 75 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, 3.00 feet to a drill hole set;
4. South 76 degrees 31 minutes 21 seconds East 229.54 feet to an iron pin set;
5. South 68 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds East, 284.65 feet to an iron pin set;
6. South 63 degrees 50 minutes 26 seconds East, 341 feet to an iron pin set;
7. Southeasterly by a curve to the left having a radius of 2,287.44 feet, and an arc length of 730.03 feet to an iron pin set, said point being distant by a chord of South 72 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East, 726.93 feet from last described point;
8. South 82 degrees 07 minutes 34 seconds East 1,741.91 feet to a point; and
9. South 76 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East, 6093.91 feet to the said point of Beginning;

Thence from the said point of Beginning, the nineteen (19) following described courses and distances;

1. South 76 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East, 50.00 feet;
2. South 40 degrees 23 minutes 05 seconds West, 1,627.95 feet;
3. South 58 degrees 07 minutes 17 seconds West, 1,737.34 feet;
4. South 78 degrees 26 minutes 04 seconds West, 1,099.52 feet;
5. South 78 degrees 27 minutes 42 seconds West, 2,645.60 feet;

6. North 86 degrees 01 minutes 55 seconds West, 340.00 feet;
7. North 00 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds West, 960.00 feet;
8. North 82 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds East, 1,650.00 feet;
9. North 12 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East, 150.00 feet;
10. North 58 degrees 52 minutes 22 seconds East, 1,005.00 feet;
11. North 72 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds West, 1,580.00 feet;
12. North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 618.53 feet;
13. South 66 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds East, 414.28 feet;
14. South 82 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds East, 910.00 feet;
15. South 75 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East, 920.00 feet;
16. South 84 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds East, 1,470.00 feet;
17. South 66 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds East, 340.00 feet;
18. North 73 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East, 470.00 feet;
19. North 60 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East, 1,240.00 feet;

(c) Easements.—The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all lawful and enforceable easements, servitudes and rights of others, including but not confined to streets, roadways and rights of any telephone, telegraph, water, electric, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any lawful and enforceable estates or tenancies vested in third persons appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Deed.—

(1) The deed of conveyance shall contain a clause that the lands conveyed herein shall be used only for maritime purposes by the grantee, or its successor in interest with an exception allowing the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority to lease, license or grant easements to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development to allow the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development or its agents to fulfill obligations that it may have made in reliance on any conveyance from the United States to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development. Should the grantee, or its successor in interest, allow the lands conveyed to be used for any other purpose or attempt to convey or transfer the lands, the title shall immediately revert to and revest in the grantor. The term "maritime purposes" shall mean activities directly related to the handling of cargo for import or export or the transport of passengers through the Port of Philadelphia but the term shall not mean activities related to gambling or gaming.

(2) The deed of conveyance shall contain a clause that if the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority or its successor in interest cease to exist, the lands conveyed herein shall immediately revert to and revest in the grantor, unless a successor authority has been formed to continue the Commonwealth's governance of regional port activities along the Delaware River.

(e) Land use restriction.—All deeds or leases authorized or referred to under this section shall be made under and subject to the condition, which shall be contained in the deed or lease documents, that no portion of the parcels shall be used as a licensed facility as defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103 (relating to definitions) or any other similar type of facility authorized under the laws of this Commonwealth. This condition shall be a covenant running with the land and shall be binding upon the deed or lease or sublessees and their respective successors and assigns. Should any portion of any parcel authorized for conveyance under this section be used in violation of this subsection, the title shall immediately revert to and revest in the grantor.

(f) Deed execution.—The deed of conveyance authorized by this section shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(g) Costs and fees.—Costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

Amend Bill, page 17, line 19, by striking out "2. This" and inserting

4. Effective date.

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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Keller.

Mr. W. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is the same amendment that I have put on many bills. This is the bill that passed the House on three occasions. This is the bill that would provide land for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, to put out an RFP (request for proposal) that will create tens of thousands of new jobs and pour it in the region, and will benefit the Commonwealth more than anything else we have done in the last 18 years I have been here.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiatti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
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Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman from Crawford County, Representative Roae, is withdrawing his amendment? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Is the gentleman from Venango County, Representative Hutchinson, withdrawing his amendment? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Mr. DeWEESE offered the following amendment No. A06472:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "County" ; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey to Waynesburg University certain lands situate in the Borough of Waynesburg, Greene County

Amend Bill, page 17, by inserting between lines 18 and 19 Section 2. Conveyance to Waynesburg University.

(a) Authorization.—The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, is hereby authorized on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant and convey to Waynesburg University the tract of land together with any buildings, structures or improvements thereon, situate in the Borough of Waynesburg, Greene County described in subsection (b) for \$170,000 and under terms and conditions to be established in an agreement of sale.

(b) Description.—The property to be conveyed pursuant to subsection (a) consists of approximately 0.22-acres of land and an armory building, bounded and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract of land situate in the Borough of Waynesburg, Greene County more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of Washington Street and Strawberry Alley; thence along the Westerly line of Washington Street, North 1 degree 0 minutes East 80 feet to line of land now or late of J.W. Ray, et al; thence Westwardly at right angles to Washington Street, along said Ray line and line of lands now or late of T.R. Huffman and M.R. Travis, 120 feet to line of land now or late of T.R. Huffman; thence Southwardly along said Huffman line, parallel with Washington Street, 80 feet to the Northerly line of Strawberry Alley; thence Eastwardly along the Northerly line of Strawberry Alley,

120 feet to Washington Street, at the place of BEGINNING.

BEING Tax Parcel No. 2604-120.

BEING the same premises conveyed from J.B. Pollock and Alice T. Pollock, his wife, C.H. Bowlby and Eva K. Bowlby, his wife and T. Riley Huffman and Bertha H. Huffman to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by deed dated October 11, 1913 and recorded October 14, 1913, in the Recorder of Deeds Office for Greene County, Pennsylvania in Deed Book 231, Page 547.

(c) Conditions.—The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all lawful and enforceable easements, servitudes and rights of others, including but not confined to streets, roadways and rights of any telephone, telegraph, water, electric, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any lawful and enforceable estates or tenancies vested in third persons appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Restricted use.—Any conveyance authorized under this section shall be made under and subject to the condition, which shall be contained in the deed of conveyance, that no portion of the property conveyed shall be used as a licensed facility, as defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103 (relating to definitions), or any other similar type of facility authorized under State law. The condition shall be a covenant running with the land and shall be binding upon the Grantee, its successors and assigns. Should the Grantee, its successors or assigns, permit any portion of the property authorized to be conveyed in this act to be used in violation of this subsection, the title shall immediately revert to and revert in the Grantor.

(e) Special warranty deed.—The deed of conveyance shall be by Special Warranty Deed and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(f) Costs and fees.—Costs and fees incidental to this conveyance shall be borne by the Grantee.

(g) Proceeds.—The proceeds from the sale shall be deposited in the State Treasury Armory Fund.

(h) Time limitation.—In the event that an agreement of sale between the parties is not executed within one year of the effective date of this section, the property may be disposed of in accordance with section 2405-A of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

Amend Bill, page 17, line 19, by striking out "2" and inserting

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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greene County, Representative DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

This will convey what I believe is the oldest armory in the Commonwealth to Waynesburg University. The new armory in Greene County, thanks to the late Jack Murtha and our own State Military and Veterans Affairs, will be opening on the 30th day of April. This is our old armory that General Services will be conveying to Waynesburg University for fair market value.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock

Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
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Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
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Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
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Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	True
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Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Vereb
Delozier	Josephs	Peifer	Vitali
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perry	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
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Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?  
Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1942, PN 3558**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 26, 1935 (P.L.90, No.39), entitled "An act to promote uniformity in the assessment and taxation of properties and persons within the territorial limits of cities of the second class A, by providing that city and school taxes within such territorial limits shall be assessed, levied, and collected upon the basis of the assessments for taxation for county purposes; and requiring the furnishing of tax duplicates by the county taxing authorities to such cities and to school districts coterminous therewith; abolishing the department of assessors in cities of the second class A; consolidating tax statements covering city, school, county, and poor taxes therein, and making uniform the time for levy and collection of said taxes respectively, and regulating the discounts therefrom and penalties thereon," further providing for levy and collection of taxes by cities of the second class A.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna County, Representative Murphy.

Mr. MURPHY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 1942 seeks to address a tax issue that is unique to the city of Scranton as the only second-class-A city in the Commonwealth. The legislation would amend the second-class-A city code to rectify a tax collection method that has been in place in Scranton since 2007.

Currently Scranton city taxes are combined with school taxes on their tax bill, which leads to a lot of confusion. So this bill, HB 1942, just seeks to clarify and make simpler the tax collection process and the tax billing process in the city of Scranton.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?  
The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

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Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock



Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
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Delozier	Josephs	Peifer	Vitali
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perry	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
Eachus	Kotik	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2392, PN 3579**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for Mini-COBRA small employer group health policies; and providing for continuation of coverage reinstatement.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Representative Shapiro.

Mr. SHAPIRO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 2392 is a bill that will enable Pennsylvanians who were formerly employed by small businesses to take advantage of a Federal subsidy to be able to purchase health insurance. What this legislation does is it builds on the 9-month subsidy that already exists under Pennsylvania law and adds an additional 6 months, for a total of 15 months.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to point out there is no cost to the Commonwealth to take advantage of the subsidy from the Federal government, and for those unemployed Pennsylvanians who can take advantage of it, it makes a significant difference in their lives. It provides a 65-percent Federal subsidy for the purchase of their health insurance, and 35 percent of the cost would be borne by the individual.

It covers anyone who lost their coverage following the conclusion of the initial 9-month period, and, Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that those who may have lost their coverage and perhaps acquired a preexisting condition or a medical condition that would be considered a preexisting condition will be able to get coverage under the same terms and conditions as they had it prior to that qualifying event.

Mr. Speaker, they said that it could not be done in this chamber, that Democrats and Republicans could not work together to pass important health insurance reform, but yet, we did that here.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would just like to thank Chairman Micozzie and Chairman DeLuca for their leadership on the Insurance Committee; thank the many groups from business, insurance, consumer advocates that came together; but most importantly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Representative Boyd, the gentleman from Lancaster, with whom we worked together on this issue in a bipartisan way. At the end of the day, his handshake made a huge difference in getting this bill through, and so, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Representative Boyd for his leadership as well as thanking Representative Matzie for initiating the initial 9 months of this legislation for that subsidy.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Representative Matzie.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we did with the initial passage of Mini-COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act), now Act 2, it was a bipartisan effort across the aisle to make it happen. The same happened with this piece of legislation. I would like to commend the maker of the bill as well as the committee for taking this up and getting this bill out to the full House for a vote.

Again, I thank you and I commend you for the work that you did in the Insurance Committee to make this a reality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Boyd.

Mr. BOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Real briefly, I would just ask my colleagues to support HB 2392.

I thank the maker of the bill for when there were some issues that would perhaps present some concerns and problems to the small business community and some other interest groups was willing to work with us, work on an amendment. We actually got it worked in the committee process the way that, hopefully, this place was designed to operate, and I am grateful to him and for the support for HB 2392. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation, but I want to commend both individuals, Representative Shapiro and Representative Boyd, for their excellent bipartisanship on the committee, working with the stakeholders on this important piece of legislation. It shows what you can do when you work together to get legislation done, and I think that is what the 12 million Pennsylvanians out there and throughout the country are looking for in their elected officials. They are tired of both sides playing partisan politics and they want people to work together on their behalf. These two gentlemen have done a fine job in working together with the special interests, the stakeholders, to get them on board, and hopefully, we can move this over in the Senate right away, because this is an important piece of legislation.

What we are trying to do is address the uninsured problem that is going to happen this coming year and also to make sure that we are prepared, while we are doing this to help the uninsured, to look at the national health-care situation on what effects it will have on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So again, I want to thank these individuals for working together, and I also want to thank the Insurance Committee for their bipartisanship on a lot of pieces of legislation that we put out in this House and send over to the Senate. And again, I want to commend Representative Shapiro and Representative Boyd for their fine job on this legislation, and the whole House should vote affirmative on this legislation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Mandinero	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer

Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Sainato
Boyle	George	Matzie	Samuelson
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Santoni
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Scavello
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schroder
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Shapiro
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Siptroth
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, M.
Causer	Haluska	Moul	Smith, S.
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Solobay
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Sonney
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Staback
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stern
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Stevenson
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tallman
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	True
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Turzai
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Vereb
DeLozier	Josephs	Peifer	Vitali
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perry	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
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Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1990, PN 2692**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for other meeting expenses paid by counties.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On the question, shall the bill pass finally, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield County, Representative Gabler.

Mr. GABLER. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to ask my colleagues to support HB 1990, a bill that will have a very positive impact on Pennsylvania's veterans. In each county, our directors of veterans' affairs work very hard to navigate a very convoluted and difficult bureaucracy in order to help veterans receive the benefits they have rightfully earned. I have personally seen the extent to which the veterans' affairs directors in both Clearfield and Elk Counties will go to help veterans and their families.

Our VA directors are able to do their jobs because they know how to network and contact the right people at the right time to solve problems. An important element of this is their membership in the statewide veterans' affairs directors association. Especially with the recent high turnover rates in VA director positions in many counties, the ability to attend association meetings and network with their counterparts is a very important training tool. Also, with the nonstop revisions we see in statutes and regulations, ongoing training is essential to a county VA director's success.

Currently the county code limits the costs associated with VA directors' statewide association membership to \$100 per year. This amount is hardly enough to provide for a mileage reimbursement to travel to one of these meetings. HB 1990 will adjust the maximum reimbursement amount to a more reasonable limit of \$400 per year. I believe this adjustment is necessary to enable the county code to more accurately reflect these costs in today's prices, adjusted for inflation.

It has been documented that the amount of money our VA directors bring into each county through securing the appropriate benefit payments on behalf of our veterans is quite substantial. Without the services of our VA directors, many veterans in each county would miss out on benefits and our local economies would all miss out on these funds as well.

I would also like to point out that this bill, previously sponsored by Representative Kathy Rapp, passed unanimously through the House in each of the last two legislative sessions. I am hopeful that we can pass this bill today and urge further action in the Senate so that we can give our county veterans' affairs directors all the tools they need to serve Pennsylvania's brave men and women who have honorably served our great nation.

I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Sainato
Boyle	George	Matzie	Samuelson
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Santoni
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Scavello
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schroder
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Shapiro
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Sipthoth
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, M.
Causer	Haluska	Moul	Smith, S.
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Solobay
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Sonney
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Staback
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stern
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Stevenson
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tallman
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	True
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Turzai
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Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2126, PN 2962**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Association, Inc., certain lands situate in Solebury Township, Bucks County.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On the question, shall the bill pass finally, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland County, Representative Gabig.

Mr. GABIG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the maker of the bill, Mr. O'Neill, please stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative O'Neill, indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman, Mr. Gabig, is in order and may proceed.

Mr. GABIG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that this is a land conveyance of certain property near the State park where they have Washington Crossing, the famous Washington Crossing down by the Delaware. Is that correct?

Mr. O'NEILL. Yes; that is true, Mr. Speaker. This property is part of what they call the upper end of the park. The actual historic part is about 6 miles to the south, maybe a little further. However, the preserve that we are talking about transferring has been there for 75 years at this time.

Mr. GABIG. And if I understand, the idea behind your legislation is to transfer the property from State ownership to a nonprofit ownership. Is that correct?

Mr. O'NEILL. That is correct. It would be transferred to the current Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, which is a 501(c)(3). They have been operating the property as a place property in agreement with the State for the last 12 years.

The reason this came about, the land transfer, is because when they entered into the agreement for the place property, the idea was to improve the environment, improve the condition of the property in a cooperative effort with the State. However, due to financial reasons with PHMC (Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission), who normally is not in the park business, they have run into a lot of financial situations where they have not been able to keep up with the property. For example, the sewage system has collapsed and they have had no sewage for over 5 years now, and there are other areas; I could go on and on. So the preserve trustees have been trying to raise funds through their local drives to do the State improvements. The problem they are running into is that those who would like to donate to improve the park, to improve the preserve, feel that it is not their responsibility to put up the money when the State was supposed to be keeping that up.

Given that, it is kind of like a stalemate, and if it stays the way it is now, the property will deteriorate, including some historic buildings and so forth. So what happened was there was an agreement between the preserve and PHMC to turn over ownership to the preserve so that they could raise the funds to do these improvements and carry out their mission.

And by the way, for the members' information, their mission is simply, it is a preserve for all natural plant and tree species that are natural to the State of Pennsylvania, and it is only one of four preserves of that kind in the United States. It is a true gem here not only in Bucks County but in Pennsylvania and of course this Commonwealth, and they have 20,000-plus visitors every year.

What I did when they came to me and asked me to write this bill, I insisted that there be a reverter clause that was written by the real estate attorneys for DGS (Department of General Services) and the Commonwealth, and it was their language so that when we are no longer gracing this earth and a future trustees board takes over the preserve, they do not do something, that they would not be unkind to the environment, not unkind to the history of the area and decide to get out of the business of the preserve. If that ever happens, the property would revert back to the State. The property cannot be transferred to anybody; it cannot be sold to anybody. They cannot build casinos on there or any of that kind of stuff, as the rumors have been. It can only be used for the preserve's mission – nothing more, nothing less.

Mr. GABIG. All right. So you mentioned the reverter clause, and it sounds somewhat legalese, but I think you have explained it. If it would do something other than stay in sort of the park-like operation, the property would revert back to the Commonwealth. Is that what that means?

Mr. O'NEILL. That is correct. If anybody at the preserve tries to use the property for anything other than their mission, which is the preserve, then it would revert back to the property. And anyone in this Commonwealth can walk onto that property and look at it and say, they are not doing what they are supposed to be doing, and file a complaint to the State.

Mr. GABIG. All right. Before I ask my question, I think you have laid the foundation for my question by answering broadly. It is a private nonprofit, but it would still be open to the public in the same manner that it is today, if I understand?

Mr. O'NEILL. Yes; nothing will change. Quite frankly – and I know there are some naysayers out there who had some difficulty with this bill – but nothing will change. But what you will see is an improvement of the property, an improvement of the historic building. You will see the preserve helping PHMC to get the sewage system back up and running, which will benefit Washington Crossing Park for the general public, and you will see the improvements. If it ever does revert back to the Commonwealth, you will probably see a property come back in better condition than it left.

Mr. GABIG. All right. So the question that has been raised, what, if any, impact did adding that reverter clause in – that was put in by the lawyers for the State, for the Commonwealth – what, if any, impact did that have on the value, the market value of the property?

Mr. O'NEILL. Well, it has two very large impacts. The first one is what I had stated earlier, that it protects the Commonwealth's interests and it protects the people's interests

in making sure this property stays as it is. But the second thing it does, the reverter clause, the property is valued at about \$3.5 million, but with the reverter clause, it makes that—DGS is now telling me that the property is just about worthless when it comes to trying to sell the property because of the reverter clause. They cannot get rid of it; they cannot sell it. All they can do is give it back to the State, and then it would be the State's property again at the current value.

Mr. GABIG. Okay. That answers all the questions that were presented to me. I thank the gentleman.

If I could make a couple of comments on the bill, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. O'NEILL. Thank you. I did not hear your last question.

The SPEAKER. Would the gentleman like to make comments on the legislation?

Mr. GABIG. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. GABIG. I concluded my interrogation. I wanted to thank the gentleman for those answers, which were raised by some people that I had talked to.

So really, if I understand the gentleman's explanation, this was a \$3 million property. If you would just sell it out on the open market and then they could sell it to somebody and it could be sold, it could become whatever kind of commercial property or whatever is permitted there, but it would sort of ruin that park-like thing that goes down the Delaware, which is near and borders that wonderful State park, the Delaware crossing.

So really what we have is a long-term lease if you have that reverter clause. For the purpose of operating it with this nonprofit, if they decide to get away from that for whatever reason in the future, it is going to come back to the people of Pennsylvania to preserve that historic site down there.

So I think the gentleman made it very clear to me that this is in the best interest of his local area, of course, but also the gentlepeople here in the State, and I thank him for his effort. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester County, Representative Ross.

Mr. ROSS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

When we consider the value of property, we have to consider the use that it is going to be put to, and in a case where a property is going to be substantially restricted for public purposes, there is a value for the Commonwealth in encouraging that to happen. The people that are going to take this on, they are a group that I am familiar with for approximately 20 years, and I know my mother knew them very well and worked with them when she was involved with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and they are interested in pouring money into this property. The only economic value that this property would have would be if it was torn up and damaged and not used to preserve the rare species that are currently on the property.

I think it is in the Commonwealth's interest to preserve this kind of property. It is a public service that is being offered to the members, the people of Pennsylvania, that they are offering, and they are taking on a substantial financial burden. For us to try and then shake them down for additional moneys is, I think, a terrible idea. We should support the not-for-profits that do good work for our constituents and the people of Pennsylvania. We should not try to squeeze them.

If we wind up insisting on excessive payments because we think people might have money to pay them, where do we go

next? To the Little League in an area where maybe the parents are fairly wealthy? To Big Brothers Big Sisters if they happen to have somebody wealthy on their board? To any number of other organizations that do substantial public service and lift burdens on the government and shake them down? I think this is a terrible idea. I think that what is happening here with this land transfer is a good thing, and I urge a positive vote.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Petri.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to talk briefly about this bill from a different perspective as someone who lives about 2 miles from the subject property and also as a member of the—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield. Will the gentleman yield.

The House will come to order.

The gentleman, Mr. Petri, may proceed.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I was saying, I wanted to address the General Assembly on this issue as someone who lives close by to the preserve and also someone who is a member, along with Representative Taylor, in the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Over the last 4 years, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's budget has been cut by 40 percent. Worse yet, the heritage money, the Key '93 transfer tax money, has been used in the General Fund not once but twice. This money is necessary in order for us to repair and make improvements to our historic parks and our historic centers such as Washington Crossing Park.

Representative O'Neill indicated that this is a place property. Under the place property agreement, the tenant, if you will, the Wildflower Preserve, is obligated to do all the day-to-day expenses and operations; however, the State is still responsible for major improvements. Now, the State has been asked by the Wildflower Preserve on numerous occasions to fulfill its obligations, and we have declined because we do not have the money. Technically, the Wildflower Preserve probably should have sued the State in order to force us to make the necessary improvements; to their credit, they did not.

The site we are talking about does not, and I repeat, does not include any of the historic elements that PHMC will continue to run such as the Thompson-Neely House and historic grave site. The preserve itself was originally established to commemorate all our veterans. It will remain that way. There was a very strong reversionary clause. Quite frankly, the reversionary clause that DGS will place into the deed says that if they want to turn over even a blade of grass, they have to ask for authority from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The risk in this transaction is not on the Commonwealth; it is appropriately on the Wildflower Preserve. If the Wildflower Preserve violates any of the covenants, the State can take the property back.

So therefore, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to make sure — I know there are a lot of e-mails that have been flying that contain partial information and a lack of information, and I just wanted to address the General Assembly and remind members that when we vote to make cuts, understand there will be consequences in our communities. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Santarsiero.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, may I interrogate the maker of the bill?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Bucks County, Representative O'Neill, indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman, Mr. Santarsiero, is in order and may proceed.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to be clear for the legislative record, is it in fact the intent of this legislation that should the property in question ever be used for any purpose other than its current use, it would revert back to the State?

Mr. O'NEILL. That is absolutely correct.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Okay. So if at some point in the future the property is not going to be used as a wildlife preserve, it would revert back to the Commonwealth under this legislation.

Mr. O'NEILL. That is absolutely correct.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. And, Mr. Speaker, are you confident, based on the discussions you have had with Commonwealth lawyers, that that piece of this legislation is in fact enforceable and would result in that reversion to the Commonwealth?

Mr. O'NEILL. That is correct. But to satisfy my own doubts, I had my own land use attorney look at it, and he felt that the language was also very strong.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this property, as I understand it, is in Solebury Township. Is that correct?

Mr. O'NEILL. That is correct.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. So this transfer would not impact any aspect of the Washington Crossing State Park in Upper Makefield Township. Is that correct?

Mr. O'NEILL. No. It will only affect that portion of the upper park that resides in Solebury, but only the part that is place property currently through the PHMC. The other parts of Washington Crossing Park that reside in Solebury Township are still part of the Washington Crossing Park.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And this legislation would not have any impact on historical reenactments that currently take place at the Washington Crossing State Park in Upper Makefield Township. Is that correct?

Mr. O'NEILL. Actually, it would have an improvement on that impact because the lower end of the property will be improved for parking and that sort of thing, which is open to the public and the Thompson-Neely House and the reenactors and so forth.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, further just to clarify, is it so that under this legislation, this property could not be used for a casino, for any kind of housing development, or any kind of commercial development?

Mr. O'NEILL. No. It may only be used for the preserve and their mission only; no casinos, nothing else. There is one other thing that it can be used for and that is for PHMC and Washington Crossing events that want to use the lower end of this property where the pavilion is and that sort of thing, and that is for community effort.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I may speak on the bill?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation largely because I support the mission of the preserve association in maintaining

the property in question and believe that this is a reasonable step in order to further that goal.

I had some question at the outset when this was proposed to ensure that in fact for future generations this property would continue to be used as a wildlife preserve and that no transfer would impact that. And having reviewed the reverter clause that has been discussed previously and in light of the statements that the maker of the bill has just read into the record, I am confident that this bill in fact protects the interests of the community to maintain this property as a wildflower preserve on a going-forward basis, and as a consequence, I will be voting for this bill. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Representative Matzie.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the bill stand for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Bucks, Representative O'Neill, indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman, Mr. Matzie, is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that by creating this deal with the preserve, that this will allow the nonprofit to raise funds more easily. Is that correct?

Mr. O'NEILL. That is correct. This all came about because one of the problems is that they cannot improve the property. They are having a more difficult time meeting their mission, and PHMC is not able, due to more than 40 percent cuts they have received, to take care of their property or Washington Crossing, the park itself. So what they have found is that their donors do not want to donate to improve things that are owned by the State, but if it is owned by the preserve – with the reverter clause in there, by the way – then they will be able to raise the funds to do the improvements.

Mr. MATZIE. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill?

The SPEAKER. On the bill, the gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think we are seeing this with a lot of our sites including a site in my district where the ownership of the property still is with the State but there is an agreement in principle with the nonprofit which allows them to raise money as well.

So I think that we are often asked as policymakers to work towards thinking outside the box, and this is another example of doing our constitutional obligation as policymakers, coming up with a program – in this case, with this nonprofit and the preserve – to help keep this site and preserve this site for not only the residents of the Commonwealth but the nation to enjoy.

I urge an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative O'Neill.

Mr. O'NEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to thank all the members. I know there are some that have mixed feelings about this because of the amount, the dollar, because it is part of park land, and I know there have been some people back in the area, a small group, that do oppose this.

However, I will tell you, if you saw what the condition of the land and the preserve looked like 15 years ago and you saw it

today and what a gem it is – and believe me, it is only one of four properties like this in the entire United States – you can go to this property and you can find every plant and tree that is native to Pennsylvania. These people are very passionate about this. They are very passionate about the environment and they are very respectful and passionate about the history and historic lands around them, and they have proven that for 12 years under this place property agreement.

The problem they have – and this is why I have agreed to sit down with PHMC and the preserve – is that they cannot raise the funds to care for the property and improve the property along their mission, and PHMC cannot afford to do it. That is why it was requested that we transfer the land. However, people who know me personally know my environmental beliefs. They know my belief as a former history teacher in history and my love for that area of Pennsylvania. I grew up there. Actually, that was my hideout. When I used to skip school, it was up at the Washington Crossing Park. Yes, I know.

But anyway, people who know me know that I would not be going through with this if I felt it would be a detriment to the environment, if I felt it would be a detriment to the history of the area and the property. That is why when we did this, I insisted that a strong reverter clause be in there. And when that reverter clause was put in, it made the value of the property pretty much null, nonvaluable to anyone but the State of Pennsylvania, because the only people who can now profit from this property if this does go through would be the State of Pennsylvania, because the land will not be allowed to be used for anything other than the preserve, and it would revert back to the State improved – with historical buildings improved, with the dam improved, and so forth, and areas of the upper end of the park improved.

So I always said and I tell people I believe this is a win-win for everyone, and I would respectfully appreciate your affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS–193

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Rock
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Roebuck
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Rohrer
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sainato
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyle	George	Matzie	Santarsiero
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santoni
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Seip
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, M.

Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causer	Haluska	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Sonney
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Staback
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Stern
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stevenson
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Thomas
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	True
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Turzai
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Vereb
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Vitali
DeLozier	Josephs	Peifer	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perry	Wagner
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wansacz
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Waters
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Watson
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	White
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	Williams
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Youngblood
Eachus	Kotik	Quigley	Yudichak
Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	
Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	McCall,
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	Speaker
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	

NAYS–1

Roae

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B CONTINUED**

**CONSIDERATION OF HB 1878 CONTINUED**

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Killion.

Mr. KILLION. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill, HB 1878, expands the protections that are currently afforded to traditional schools to the 21 private residential rehabilitative institutions throughout the Commonwealth, and as all the members know, these are also schools.

It expands it in four areas: bans the weapons on the school property; prohibits aggravated assault against teachers or staff; criminal trespass, intentional criminal trespass, on the school grounds; and provides for drug-free zones around the schools. It just simply gives these 21 institutions exactly what our traditional schools have now, and it will help protect the

teachers, the staff, as well as the students that are in those schools.

I would ask for an affirmative vote on HB 1878. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SCAVELLO called up **HR 780, PN 3649**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Nurse-Family Partnership of Pennsylvania on its tenth anniversary.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Baker	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Rock
Bear	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Beyer	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
Bishop	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gabler	Marshall	Sabatina
Boyd	Geist	Marsico	Sainato
Boyle	George	Matzie	Samuelson
Bradford	Gerber	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Santoni
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Scavello
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schroder
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Seip
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Shapiro
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Siptroth
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, K.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, M.
Causar	Haluska	Moul	Smith, S.
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Solobay
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Sonney
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Staback
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stern
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Stevenson
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Sturla
Cox	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Creighton	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tallman
Cruz	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	True
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Turzai
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Vereb
DeLozier	Josephs	Peifer	Vitali
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perry	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wagner
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wansacz
Dermody	Kessler	Petri	Waters
DeWeese	Killion	Phillips	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Knowles	Preston	White
Drucker	Kortz	Pyle	Williams
Eachus	Kotik	Quigley	Youngblood
Ellis	Krieger	Quinn	Yudichak

Evans, D.	Kula	Rapp	
Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw	McCall,
Everett	Levdansky	Reed	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Belfanti	Costa, D.	McI. Smith	Oliver
Benninghoff	Galloway		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**HB 442, PN 3652** (Amended) By Rep. KIRKLAND

An Act amending the act of October 30, 1996 (P.L.732, No.131), known as the Pennsylvania Innkeepers' Rights Act, providing for prospective employee background checks; and requiring deadbolt locks in hotels.

TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

**HB 2131, PN 2966** By Rep. KIRKLAND

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in fiscal affairs, further providing authorization of three per centum hotel tax.

TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. In the well of the House, the Chair would like to welcome nine students who are seniors from the Emmanuel Baptist Christian Academy in Mechanicsburg, PA: Radhica Agarwal, Daniel Beers, Jenna Grosh, Nathan Hoerner, Christian Reeves, Gary Thomas, and Emily Zeigler. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House. They are the guests of Representative Glen Grell and Representative Tina Pickett.

**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled bill calendar:

- HB 914;
- HB 1171;
- HB 2030;
- HB 2246;
- HB 2253;
- HB 2303;
- HB 2305;
- HB 2375;
- HB 2381;



SB 747; and  
SB 1115.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to.

### **BILLS RECOMMITTED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 914;  
HB 1171;  
HB 2030;  
HB 2246;  
HB 2253;  
HB 2303;  
HB 2305;  
HB 2375;  
HB 2381;  
SB 747; and  
SB 1115.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Are there any announcements?

### **REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Susquehanna County, the Republican caucus chair, Representative Major.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus immediately at the adjournment today. I would ask all Republicans to please report to our caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

### **DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, the majority caucus chairman, Representative Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will also caucus upon the call of the recess.

The SPEAKER. Any further announcements?

The Speaker has in his possession a motion to adjourn, filed by the gentleman from Cambria County, Representative Burns— The Chair rescinds and recognizes the majority caucus chairman, Representative Cohen, for an additional announcement.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I am assured that in addition to the caucus we are going to be having immediately upon the call of the recess, there is a need for a caucus at 10 a.m. tomorrow as well.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### **URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Thomas, rise?

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just to announce that tomorrow morning at 9:30 there will be a meeting of the House Urban Affairs Committee. We have two bills that we will be voting on. We would like to get started at 9:30 so we can accommodate the majority leader's request in being at caucus at 10 o'clock.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be an Urban Affairs Committee meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would also like to wish a happy birthday to Representative Rich Grucela, as well as Tony Aliano. Happy birthday.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, any remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Cambria County, Representative Burns, moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 1:24 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.