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No. 14

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (SAMUEL H. SMITH) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. MATTHEW E. BAKER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Let us pray together:

Almighty and loving God, we humbly acknowledge Your presence in our midst, and we thank You. We thank You for Your grace, mercy, forgiveness, but most of all, Your unconditional love through our Lord, Jesus Christ. You have blessed us so very much to be citizens of a free and powerful nation; to have a government ordained by You; to have elected Representatives of, for, and by the people. Help us to remember that to whom much is given, much is required. May all that work in government – Federal, State, county, and local – from our nation's Capitol to our State capitols, county courthouses, boroughs, and townships, elected and nonelected staff, executive, legislative, and judicial, be good servant leaders and stewards of trust, both divine and appointed, for the common good of all.

Lord, help us to set our sights and goals on that which is eternal and imperishable, rather than that which is fragile and fleeting. Be now with us; grant us increased wisdom, hope, faith, and love as Your ambassadors of truth and justice. Grant us compassion and mercy to help our fellow man. Do not let us grow weary in well-doing. Renew our strength when we labor long hours. Keep before us the ideals that have made us a great nation and State so that we may be ever inspired by the sacrifices made by our forefathers and service men and women.

For Your honor and glory and kingdom to come, we pray in His name, our Lord and savior. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 15, 2012, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. However, the following Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved:

Tuesday, November 15, 2011;
Wednesday, November 16, 2011;
Thursday, November 17, 2011;
Tuesday, November 22, 2011;
Monday, December 5, 2011;
Tuesday, December 6, 2011; and
Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Speaker recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the lady, Mrs. WATSON, from Bucks County for the day; the gentleman, Mr. ROSS, from Chester County for the day; the gentleman, Mr. MICOZZIE, from Delaware County for the day; and the gentleman, Mr. MARSICO, from Dauphin County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Speaker recognizes the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. Brendan BOYLE, from Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

Correction on the requests of leave from the majority whip: The leave for the gentleman, Mr. Marsico, from Dauphin County, is for the week. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

WRITS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker submits for the record the writs of special election for the following districts:

22d Legislative District, Allegheny County;
134th Legislative District, Berks and Lehigh Counties;
153d Legislative District, Montgomery County;

169th Legislative District, Philadelphia County;
186th Legislative District, Philadelphia County; and
197th Legislative District, Philadelphia County.

The following writs of special election were submitted:

WRIT OF ELECTION

TO THE HONORABLE CAROL AICHELE, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO RICH FITZGERALD, HEATHER HEIDELBAUGH, AND JOHN P. DEFAZIO, CONSTITUTING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TWENTY SECOND DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF CHELSA WAGNER, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMUEL H. SMITH, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND BY THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE SAID COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, ON THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT SAID LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION THROUGHOUT SAID DISTRICT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

ATTEST:
ANTHONY FRANK BARBUSH
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(SEAL) SAMUEL H. SMITH
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SERVICE OF THE WRITTEN WRIT AND RECEIPT OF SAME IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2012 BY JONATHAN M. MARKS.

WRIT OF ELECTION

TO THE HONORABLE CAROL AICHELE, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO DON CUNNINGHAM, JANE GEORGE AND DORIS GLESSMANN, CONSTITUTING THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND TO MARK C. SCOTT, KEVIN S. BARNHARDT AND CHRISTIAN Y. LEINBACH, CONSTITUTING THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND

BERKS, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DOUGLAS G. REICHLEY, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMUEL H. SMITH, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND BY THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE SAID COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND BERKS ON THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT SAID LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION THROUGHOUT SAID DISTRICT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

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TO THE HONORABLE CAROL AICHELE, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO LESLIE RICHARDS AND BRUCE L. CASTOR, JR., AND JOSHUA D. SHAPIRO, CONSTITUTING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JOSHUA D. SHAPIRO, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMUEL H. SMITH, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND BY THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

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TO THE HONORABLE CAROL AICHELE, SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH, AND TO STEPHANIE SINGER, ANTHONY
CLARK AND AL SCHMIDT, CONSTITUTING THE CITY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINTH
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA,
CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DENNIS M. O'BRIEN, THE
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 31ST DAY
OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMUEL H. SMITH, SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE
AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
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GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIXTH
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA,
CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF KENYATTA A. JOHNSON,
THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE
2ND DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMUEL H. SMITH, SPEAKER OF
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OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED NINETY SEVENTH
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA,
CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JEWELL WILLIAMS, THE
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 9TH DAY
OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAMUEL H. SMITH, SPEAKER OF
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COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of a report from the Department of Environmental Protection entitled "Waste Tire Pile Report," submitted pursuant to Act 24 of 2010.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

REPORTS SUBMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of a report from the Insurance Department entitled "Report on Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan," submitted pursuant to Act 10 of 1996.

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The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the 2011 Annual Report of the Children's Health Insurance Program, submitted pursuant to Act 113 of 1992.

(Copies of reports are on file with the Journal clerk.)

COMMUNICATION FROM INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund Annual Report of Operations for 2011, submitted pursuant to Act 13 of 2002.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

COMMUNICATION FROM DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read the following communication from the Democratic leader.

The following communication was read:

Pursuant to House Rule 44, the Democratic Leader makes the following appointments:

Representative Michelle F. Brownlee is appointed to serve as Subcommittee Chair on First Class Counties of the Urban Affairs Committee.

Representative Gary Haluska is appointed to serve as Secretary of the Transportation Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 Legislative Session.

Representative Ken Smith is appointed to serve as Subcommittee Chairman on Special Education of the Education Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 Legislative Session.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—192

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Rock
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Roebuck
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Saccione
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Samuelson
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Santoni
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Saylor
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Scavello
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Schroder
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Simmons
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, K.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Causar	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Staback
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stephens
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stern
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Sturla
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Swanger
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Tallman
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Thomas
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Tobash
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toepel
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Toohil
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Truitt
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Turzai
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vereb
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vitali
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Vulakovich
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Waters

DeLozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGiolamo	Keller, M.K.		

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Ross	Watson
Marsico			

LEAVES ADDED—2

Toepel	Toohil
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LEAVES CANCELED—1

Watson

The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-two members having voted on the master roll call, a quorum is present.

The House will come to order. I would appreciate it if the members would please take their seats.

STATEMENT BY MR. THOMAS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas, is recognized under unanimous consent.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. I know it has been a couple days since we have been in the hall of the House. Would the members kindly hold the conversations down for a few minutes. I would appreciate if the members would kindly take their seats. If we could please hold the conversations down, I would appreciate it.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, may proceed.

Mr. THOMAS. To the majority leader, to the Democratic leader, and to each and every one of my colleagues, I stand here this afternoon to ask each and every one of you to join me in celebrating Women's History Month by acknowledging and thanking the 32 stellar members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. And I would like to ask each and every one of you, I will be presenting a certificate and a rose to each of the 32 stellar women as a part of the Pennsylvania House. So as I call the members' names, and, Mr. Speaker, at the end of the gifts or before we adjourn, I would like for you, the majority leader, and the Democratic leader to have a group photo with these 32 stellar members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Let me start with the Honorable Louise Williams Bishop from Philadelphia County; the Honorable Karen Boback from Columbia, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties. And if any of the members are here, I would just like for them to stand where they are seated. The Honorable Michele Brooks from Crawford,

Lawrence, and Mercer Counties; the Honorable Vanessa Lowery Brown from Philadelphia County; the Honorable Lynda Culver from Northumberland and Snyder Counties; the Honorable Margo L. Davidson from Delaware County; the Honorable Tina Davis from Bucks County; the Honorable Pamela DeLissio, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties; the Honorable Sheryl M. DeLozier, Cumberland County; the Honorable Maria Donatucci, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties; the Honorable Mauree Gingrich from Lebanon County; the Honorable Marcia M. Hahn from Northampton County; the Honorable Julie Harhart, Lehigh and Northampton Counties; the Honorable Kate Harper from Montgomery County.

Mr. Speaker, if I could get a little quietness.

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order. Would the members kindly hold the conversations down. I would appreciate it if you would either take your seats or take the conversations to the rear of the House.

Mr. THOMAS. The Honorable Susan Helm from Dauphin County; the Honorable Babette Josephs, Philadelphia County; the Honorable Sandra Major, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties; the Honorable Jennifer Mann from Lehigh County; the Honorable Phyllis Mundy from Luzerne County; the Honorable Donna Oberlander, Armstrong and Clarion Counties; the Honorable Cherelle L. Parker, Philadelphia County; the Honorable Tina Pickett, Bradford, Sullivan, and Susquehanna Counties; the Honorable Marguerite Quinn from Bucks County; the Honorable Kathy L. Rapp from Forest, McKean, and Warren Counties; the Honorable RoseMarie Swanger from Lebanon County; the Honorable Marcy Toepel, Montgomery County; the Honorable Tarah Toohil, Montgomery County; the Honorable Katharine M. Watson from Bucks County; and last but not least, the Honorable Rosita Youngblood, Philadelphia County. Let us give these women a big round of applause. Let us stand and give them a big round of applause.

Miss Jeannie Arp and Mary Gingrich, somewhere on the floor, will be presenting each of you with a certificate and a beautiful rose. We thank you. We are excited about your membership, your leadership, and the contributions that you are making to Pennsylvania. This is truly a shining star in the United States because of your contributions. I thank you, and I celebrate you during this month. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph, for the purpose of a committee announcement.

Mr. ADOLPH Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to call a House Appropriations Committee meeting immediately in the House majority caucus room. That is an immediate House Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

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

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Barrar, for the purpose of a committee announcement.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, after the Appropriations meeting, I would like to announce a meeting of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee in room B-31 of the Main Capitol. It will be a short meeting to vote out two resolutions.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to do that immediately. I thought we were going to wait till after the Appropriations, but we will do that immediately for the members that are here. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. There will be an immediate meeting of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee in room B-31.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Speaker gives the two committees authority to meet while we are still in session. There will not be any votes in their absence. However, we are going to make some introductions.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. If we could have the members' attention, I want to recognize some of the guests that are with us.

Located in the rear of the chamber, we would like to welcome Mt. Lebanon Borough Manager Steve Feller and Commission President Dave Brumfield. They are here in honor of Mt. Lebanon's 100th anniversary, which was recognized in a resolution in this House approved earlier this year. They are here as guests of Representative Matt Smith. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House; over here near the side door. Welcome to the hall of the House, gentlemen.

Located to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome, as guests of Representative Evankovich, Lance Robinson; his wife, Janet; and their daughter, Samantha. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 580 By Representatives GIBBONS, MATZIE, LAWRENCE, BARBIN, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, EVERETT, GABLER, GEORGE, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MARSHALL, METZGAR, MILLER, MURPHY, READSHAW, STEVENSON, SWANGER, MOUL and PETRARCA

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to re-evaluate the enhanced emission inspection program as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 22, 2012.

No. 593 By Representatives WHITE, BOBACK, BRADFORD, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HESS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, MIRABITO, M. O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, QUINN, READSHAW, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD and SANTARSIERO

A Resolution encouraging corporations engaged in the Marcellus Shale industry in this Commonwealth to adopt a set of principles known as the "Marcellus Shale Principles."

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 29, 2012.

No. 602 By Representatives MILNE, AUMENT, BARRAR, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, FARRY, GABLER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HESS, LAWRENCE, MAJOR, MILLER, O'NEILL, PRESTON, PYLE, ROSS, SANTARSIERO, SONNEY, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH, WATSON and MURT

A Resolution directing the Public Employee Retirement Commission, in conjunction with Pennsylvania School Employees' Retirement System and the State Employees' Retirement System, to conduct a comprehensive study of the respective State-sponsored pension systems.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2012.

No. 607 By Representatives FARRY, DiGIROLAMO, BAKER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, DALEY, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, GROVE, HESS, JOSEPHS, W. KELLER, KOTIK, MILLER, O'NEILL, READSHAW, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, KNOWLES, BRENNAN, VEREB, HACKETT, GIBBONS, KULA, FLECK, ROCK, TALLMAN, ELLIS, YOUNGBLOOD, CLYMER and KORTZ

A Resolution memorializing Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 4018 (2012), which would enhance and improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 12, 2012.

No. 610 By Representatives PARKER, BRADFORD, GROVE, JOSEPHS, MYERS, KIRKLAND, PRESTON, THOMAS, WATERS and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the "flip model" of educating students and to prepare a comprehensive report on the history and proven effectiveness of this reversed class structure model, and to identify low-performing schools in this Commonwealth that the Department of Education should invite to participate in testing this model for the duration of one complete academic school year.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2012.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1920 By Representatives TRUITT, CREIGHTON, FARRY, GEIST, GILLEN, HEFFLEY, HELM, MILNE, MURT, WATSON and YOUNGBLOOD

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 telecommuters.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 22, 2012.

No. 2159 By Representatives GRELL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARBIN, BEAR, BRENNAN, BUXTON, CAUSER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVERETT, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARPER, HARRIS, HELM, HESS, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, M. K. KELLER, MANN, MARSHALL, PETRI, REED, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SONNEY, WATSON, MILLER, SCHRODER and HICKERNELL

An Act amending Titles 13 (Commercial Code), 30 (Fish) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, revising secured transaction provisions relating to definitions, to control of electronic chattel paper, to location of debtor, to perfection of security interests in property subject to certain statutes, regulations and treaties, to continued perfection of security interest following change in governing law, to interests which take priority over or take free of security interest or agricultural lien, to priority of security interests created by new debtor, to discharge of account debtor, notification of assignment, identification and proof of assignment, restrictions on assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles and promissory notes ineffective, to restrictions on assignment of promissory notes, health-care-insurance receivables and certain general intangibles ineffective, to contents of financing statement, record of mortgage as financing statement, time of filing financing statement, to name of debtor and secured party, to effect of certain events on effectiveness of financing statement, to duration and effectiveness of financing statement, effect of lapsed financing statement, to what constitutes filing, effectiveness of filing, to claim concerning inaccurate or wrongfully filed record and to collection and enforcement by secured party; providing for transition provisions for 2012 amendments; imposing duties upon the Department of State and the Department of Transportation; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 29, 2012.

No. 2181 By Representatives D. EVANS, TAYLOR, BRENNAN, BROWNLEE, COHEN, DALEY, DAVIS, FRANKEL, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MATZIE, MIRABITO, MURPHY, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PRESTON, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, STABACK, WATERS, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, GOODMAN, GIBBONS, BRADFORD, M. SMITH, DAVIDSON and MURT

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 manufacturing jobs tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2012.

No. 2182 By Representatives D. EVANS, TAYLOR, BRENNAN, BROWNLEE, COHEN, DALEY, DAVIS, FRANKEL, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, MAHONEY, MATZIE,

MIRABITO, MURPHY, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PRESTON, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, STABACK, WATERS, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, GOODMAN, GIBBONS, BRADFORD, M. SMITH, DAVIDSON and MURT

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 hotel and resort property construction and renovation tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2012.

No. 2183 By Representatives D. EVANS, TAYLOR, BRENNAN, BROWNLEE, COHEN, DALEY, DAVIS, FRANKEL, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, MAHONEY, MATZIE, MIRABITO, MURPHY, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PRESTON, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, STABACK, WATERS, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, GOODMAN, GIBBONS, BRADFORD, M. SMITH, DAVIDSON and MURT

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 renewable energy job creation tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2012.

No. 2184 By Representatives D. EVANS, TAYLOR, BRENNAN, BROWNLEE, COHEN, DALEY, DAVIS, FRANKEL, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, MAHONEY, MATZIE, MIRABITO, MURPHY, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PRESTON, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, STABACK, WATERS, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, GOODMAN, GIBBONS, BRADFORD, M. SMITH, DAVIDSON and MURT

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 clean energy job creation tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2012.

No. 2185 By Representatives DePASQUALE, MATZIE, BISHOP, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CONKLIN, DALEY, DAVIS, DEASY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, HARKINS, HORNAMAN, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MICOZZIE, M. O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, PRESTON, ROEBUCK, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, M. SMITH, STURLA, THOMAS, WATERS, YOUNGBLOOD and MURT

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Priority Assistance Grant for Education Program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2012.

No. 2200 By Representatives EVANKOVICH, TRUITT, AUMENT, BARRAR, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BLOOM, BOYD, BROOKS, R. BROWN, CAUSER, CHRISTIANA, CLYMER, COX, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DENLINGER, DePASQUALE, DONATUCCI, EMRICK, EVERETT, FARRY, FLECK, GABLER, GERGELY, GILLEN,

GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, HACKETT, HARHART, HELM, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, KAMPF, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, LAWRENCE, MAHER, MALONEY, MARSHALL, MASSER, METCALFE, MILNE, MULLERY, MURT, OBERLANDER, PERRY, PETRI, PICKETT, PYLE, RAPP, REED, REESE, ROCK, SACCONI, SANTARSIERO, SAYLOR, CULVER, SCHRODER, SIMMONS, STEPHENS, STEVENSON, TALLMAN, TAYLOR, TOBASH, TOEPEL, TOOHIL, TURZAI, VEREB and VULAKOVICH

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for classes of service; providing for election to become a Class D-C member; and establishing the Legislative Agency Official and Employee Defined Contribution Benefit Program and the Individual Annuity Savings Account.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 29, 2012.

No. 2203 By Representatives CULVER, AUMENT, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BLOOM, BOYD, R. BROWN, CARROLL, CUTLER, DAY, DUNBAR, EVANKOVICH, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, HAHN, HENNESSEY, LAWRENCE, MAHER, MASSER, MURT, OBERLANDER, PERRY, ROSS, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, STEPHENS, TRUITT and VEREB

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, providing for electronic filing of reports and for inability to file reports or statements by deadline.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2012.

No. 2216 By Representatives RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, TRUITT, DAVIS, KULA, M. SMITH and STERN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; and providing for special rules for bicycles.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 22, 2012.

No. 2217 By Representatives TRUITT, AUMENT, BAKER, BOBACK, BRENNAN, D. COSTA, DAY, DENLINGER, EVERETT, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, HAHN, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MALONEY, MARSICO, MILLER, MILNE, MIRABITO, MURT, PETRI, PICKETT, QUINN, ROCK, SAYLOR, STEVENSON, WATSON, GEIST, CAUSER, VULAKOVICH, CREIGHTON and COX

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Gold Star Family plate.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 22, 2012.

No. 2218 By Representatives GODSHALL, HELM, STEPHENS, WATSON, MILNE and MICOZZIE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Turnpike, further providing for deposit and distribution of funds.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 22, 2012.

No. 2219 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, AUMENT, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CLYMER, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DAVIS, DEASY, DENLINGER, DePASQUALE, DONATUCCI, DUNBAR, EMRICK, EVANKOVICH, GABLER, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, HARHAI, HARHART, HARRIS, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, KILLION, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MALONEY, MANN, MIRABITO, MOUL, MULLERY, MURPHY, MURT, NEUMAN, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, RAPP, READSHAW, ROAE, ROCK, SCAVELLO, CULVER, STEPHENS, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOEPEL, TOOHIL, TRUITT, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, DeLUCA, TOBASH, ADOLPH and SONNEY

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 2012.

No. 2220 By Representatives EVERETT, BAKER, FLECK, GABLER, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HESS, MAJOR, MILLER, O'NEILL, SONNEY, STABACK, STURLA, VULAKOVICH, WHITE and CREIGHTON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for establishment of charter school, for contents of application, for funding for charter schools, for causes for nonrenewal or termination, for cyber charter school requirements and prohibitions and for cyber charter school application.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 22, 2012.

No. 2221 By Representatives SACCONI, MULLERY, ROCK and TRUITT

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, prohibiting certain gifts; providing for exceptions; and further providing for statement of financial interests.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 22, 2012.

No. 2222 By Representatives SACCONI, BENNINGHOFF, CREIGHTON, MULLERY, ROCK, SIMMONS, SWANGER and TRUITT

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, prohibiting certain transportation, lodging and hospitality; providing for exceptions; and further providing for statement of financial interests.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 22, 2012.

No. 2223 By Representatives GINGRICH, ROSS, CREIGHTON, FREEMAN and SANTARSIERO

An Act amending the act of January 19, 1967 (1968 P.L.992, No.442), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses," further providing for local taxing options.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 29, 2012.

No. 2224 By Representatives CUTLER, DePASQUALE, DENLINGER, BOYD, CLYMER, GEIST, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, MILLER, MOUL, PYLE, SWANGER, TOOHIL, TRUITT, VULAKOVICH, BRIGGS, CREIGHTON and MILNE

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1959 (P.L.1772, No.670), entitled "An act providing for the orderly disposition of properties situate within political subdivisions and donated, or otherwise dedicated or offered for dedication, where no formal record appears as to acceptance by the political subdivision, as public parks, squares or similar uses and public buildings, and no longer necessary or practicable for such purposes, and granting orphans' courts jurisdiction with respect thereto," further providing for purchase or condemnation of property.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 29, 2012.

No. 2225 By Representatives CLYMER, AUMENT, BAKER, BOYD, DENLINGER, HENNESSEY, HESS, LAWRENCE, MURT, ROCK, STERN and TALLMAN

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for collection of fees and fines and for slot machine licensee deposits.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, February 29, 2012.

No. 2226 By Representatives K. BOYLE, BARBIN, STEPHENS, MURPHY, PARKER, FABRIZIO, CALTAGIRONE, PRESTON, MAHONEY, JOSEPHS, D. COSTA, V. BROWN, DALEY, MURT, DONATUCCI, MIRABITO, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD and BRADFORD

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information relating to prospective child-care personnel.

Referred to Committee on CHILDREN AND YOUTH, February 29, 2012.

No. 2227 By Representatives K. BOYLE, BARBIN, STEPHENS, MURPHY, PARKER, FABRIZIO, CALTAGIRONE, PRESTON, MAHONEY, JOSEPHS, D. COSTA, V. BROWN, DALEY, MURT, DONATUCCI, MIRABITO, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD and BRADFORD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in criminal history record information, for general regulations.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 29, 2012.

No. 2228 By Representatives SONNEY, ELLIS, EVANKOVICH, FLECK, GERGELY, GODSHALL, HARKINS, HELM, HORNAMAN, MILLARD, PAYTON, SWANGER and FABRIZIO

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for definitions and for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 29, 2012.

No. 2229 By Representatives DALEY, CALTAGIRONE, DONATUCCI, GEIST, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, MURT, O'NEILL, STURLA, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898, No.522), known as the Funeral Director Law, further providing for administration.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 29, 2012.

No. 2230 By Representatives GROVE, GILLEN, SAYLOR, MILLER, MALONEY, WHITE, AUMENT, BARRAR, BEAR, BLOOM, BOYD, R. BROWN, CUTLER, DUNBAR, EVANKOVICH, EVERETT, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, HELM, HICKERNELL, KNOWLES, LAWRENCE, METCALFE, PERRY, QUIGLEY, REESE, ROCK, SCAVELLO, TALLMAN, TOBASH, TOOHIL, WATSON, HARRIS, GEIST, HENNESSEY, HAHN, REED, SONNEY, CREIGHTON and GOODMAN

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, expanding the scope of the act; in local taxes, further providing for vacation of tax ordinances and resolutions by State tax measures; in consolidated collection of local income taxes, further providing for definitions and for tax collection committees; and providing for optional property tax reduction and for School Property Tax Millage Rate Reduction Fund.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 29, 2012.

No. 2231 By Representatives TRUITT, BAKER, BROOKS, CAUSER, CLYMER, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, GABLER, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, M. K. KELLER, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KRIEGER, MAJOR, MICOZZIE, MILLER, PERRY, PICKETT, RAVENSTAHL,

READSHAW, ROAE, ROSS, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SONNEY, STEVENSON, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, ROCK, CREIGHTON, HENNESSEY, COX and GILLESPIE

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for mandate waiver program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 29, 2012.

No. 2232 By Representatives READSHAW, MOUL, DEASY, CLYMER, BAKER, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, DALEY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GEORGE, GERGELY, GOODMAN, HELM, HESS, HUTCHINSON, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MARSHALL, MATZIE, PAYNE, SONNEY, TALLMAN, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD and MURT

An Act providing for a voluntary contribution system to aid in the preservation of the Pennsylvania State Memorial and other sites at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 29, 2012.

No. 2233 By Representatives HALUSKA, BRENNAN, CARROLL, CONKLIN, DALEY, DENLINGER, EVERETT, GOODMAN, PASHINSKI, TAYLOR, JOSEPHS, D. COSTA, MURT and DONATUCCI

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for nonindigenous and exotic reptile and amphibian possession permits.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 29, 2012.

No. 2234 By Representatives HALUSKA, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, EVERETT, GRELL, HANNA, HARHART, HESS, HORNAMAN, M. K. KELLER, KULA, MAHONEY, SONNEY, STABACK, YOUNGBLOOD and MURT

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for disabled person permits.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 29, 2012.

No. 2235 By Representatives HANNA, BISHOP, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, CRUZ, DALEY, DAVIDSON, DEASY, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, MALONEY, McGEEHAN, MIRABITO, M. O'BRIEN, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PRESTON, READSHAW, SAINATO, SANTARSIERO, STABACK, STURLA and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Public Welfare for rape crisis programs for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 5, 2012.

No. 2236 By Representatives WATERS, MYERS, BISHOP, DeLUCA, GIBBONS, JOSEPHS, BROWNLEE, HORNAMAN, MURPHY, HARKINS, YOUNGBLOOD, WHITE, COHEN, DAVIS, GEORGE, DAVIDSON, GOODMAN, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, KULA, MAHONEY, M. O'BRIEN, TALLMAN, READSHAW, VULAKOVICH and HESS

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions relating to taxation.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2012.

No. 2237 By Representatives GIBBONS, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, DALEY, DAVIS, DONATUCCI, GOODMAN, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, JOSEPHS, KULA and VULAKOVICH

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for unlicensed residential habilitation waiver services and reimbursement.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, March 5, 2012.

No. 2238 By Representatives SCHRODER, BARRAR, BOBACK, CUTLER, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, HEFFLEY, HELM, KORTZ, MILLER, SWANGER and TALLMAN

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for date of application for absentee ballot.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2012.

No. 2239 By Representatives MILLER, DePASQUALE, GILLESPIE, GROVE, SAYLOR and TALLMAN

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in fiscal affairs, further providing for authorization of excise tax; and providing for hotel room rental tax in certain third class counties.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 12, 2012.

No. 2240 By Representatives MAHONEY, KULA, DALEY, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, EVERETT, FLECK, GEORGE, GROVE, HARHART, HESS, KORTZ, MILLARD, PYLE, READSHAW, SANTONI, STABACK, D. COSTA, HARPER, YOUNGBLOOD and DeLUCA

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Governor, to grant and convey to Stewart Township and Fayette County, separately, certain lands situate in Stewart Township, Fayette

County, in exchange for Stewart Township and Fayette County, separately, granting and conveying certain lands to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be added to those existing lands at Ohioypyle State Park.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2012.

No. 2241 By Representatives DALEY, COHEN, JOSEPHS, MUNDY, MYERS, K. SMITH and SWANGER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, imposing a tax for roll-your-own cigarettes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2012.

No. 2242 By Representatives BAKER, PICKETT, GEIST, BOBACK, GINGRICH, MAJOR and WATSON

An Act providing for the highway capital budget project itemization for flood-damaged highways to be financed from revenue from the Motor License Fund.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2012.

No. 2243 By Representatives HUTCHINSON and RAPP

An Act amending the act of July 7, 2011 (P.L.216, No.37), entitled "An act designating U.S. Route 62 in Mercer County as the Mercer County Veterans Highway," designating U.S. Route 62 in Venango County as the Venango County Veterans Highway; designating U.S. Route 62 in Forest County as the Forest County Veterans Highway; and designating U.S. Route 62 in Warren County as the Warren County Veterans Highway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2012.

No. 2244 By Representatives MAJOR, PICKETT, BOBACK, BAKER, D. COSTA, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GRELL, GROVE, HACKETT, M. K. KELLER, MAHER, MILLARD, MILLER, MYERS, PEIFER, SCAVELLO, WATSON and GINGRICH

An Act establishing the Watershed Disaster Reconstruction Account; providing for transfer from the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2012.

No. 2245 By Representatives BOBACK, GEIST, HELM, MAJOR, MILLARD, PASHINSKI and PICKETT

An Act providing for the adoption of capital projects related to flood disaster railroad assistance projects.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2012.

No. 2246 By Representatives QUINN, CLYMER, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, FARRY, GALLOWAY, O'NEILL, PETRI, SANTARSIERO and WATSON

An Act designating a bridge carrying U.S. Route 202 over the Neshaminy Creek in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, as the First Lieutenant Travis Lemma Manion Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2012.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following bills for concurrence:

SB 1049, PN 1717

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 12, 2012.

SB 1301, PN 1803

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 12, 2012.

SB 1302, PN 1831

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 12, 2012.

SB 1324, PN 1976

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2012.

SB 1372, PN 1885

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2012.

SB 1386, PN 1979

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 12, 2012.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1886, PN 2461**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 934, PN 3166**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 1886, PN 2461

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 136 over the Monongahela River connecting Forward Township, Allegheny County, to the City of Monongahela, Washington County, as the General Carl E. Vuono Bridge.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 1405, PN 1679**

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, in criminal justice determinations, further providing for incompetence and for procedure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1873, PN 2410

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), referred to as the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact, providing for audits.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2175, PN 3113

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for definitions, for legislative procedures, for reports related to redevelopment assistance capital projects and for appropriations and limitations on projects; providing for review of proposals; and further providing for funding and administration of projects.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1167, PN 1947

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for consideration of criminal conviction, for modification of existing orders and for child custody proceeding during military deployment; and providing for expedited or electronic hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order. I would appreciate if the members would kindly take their seats or take the conversations to the rear of the House. We would like to do a couple of citation presentations. I appreciate the members' attention.

JORDAN FAIRMAN PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Gabler is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to Jordan Fairman, the national U.S.A. amateur arm wrestling champion.

Mr. GABLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to introduce to the House today Jordan Fairman, a resident of DuBois, the daughter of Rod and Leslie Fairman, over here. Rod is a police officer in Sandy Township, and the Fairman family is also a local farming family in our community. I am here to present this citation to Jordan Fairman, who is our two-time national arm wrestling U.S.A. champion in the lightweight division.

Arm wrestling has been described by the national president and founder of the organization as an event that is 40-40-20. "It's 40 percent strength, 40 percent technique, and then 20 percent guts – who wants it the most?" In this case, I am proud to announce that for two times running, Jordan Fairman has earned the national title culminating a 32-0 record with her final victory most recently in Phoenix, Arizona.

I would like to present this citation, and just read an excerpt from it: "WHEREAS, For the second consecutive year, Ms. Fairman remains undefeated in the women's lightweight class, compiling a record of 30 wins and 0 losses. She competed in four matches against competitors in her division and defeated all of her opponents. Ms. Fairman started competing in arm wrestling events in August 2010 and has competed in numerous events throughout the past two years. In 2010 she was named the Arm Wrestling National USA Champion, and she was ranked number one in the United States in women's arm wrestling. Ms. Fairman is truly deserving of recognition and praise for utilizing her exceptional ability with diligence and for her tenacious pursuit of athletic excellence.

"NOW THEREFORE, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends hearty congratulations to Jordan Fairman upon her most noteworthy achievement; acknowledges her investment of skill and effort in competing on a level which demands perfection; offers best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors...."

So I would like to ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Miss Jordan Fairman.

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would like to invite Representatives Harhart, Day, and Mann to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to the Parkland High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team.

Mrs. HARHART. Today I have the honor of welcoming the Parkland High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team to the House floor along with State Representative Gary Day and State Representative Jennifer Mann. Behind me is the head coach, Mike Krause, and also the director of athletics for the Parkland School District, Jeff Geisel, and the senior members of the team.

The team finished the season in an impressive style with a perfect 27-to-nothing record to capture their first ever PIAA Class AAA State Championship. Four members of the Parkland team were named to the All-Tournament Team. As I call your name, please stand because the rest of the team is in the back of the House floor. Emily Gisolfi, the tournament defensive most valuable player; Erin Hillman; Taylor Krause; Kelly Robertson, also the tournament most valuable player.

In addition, there is Erin Hillman, Emily Gisolfi, Lauren Seebert, Kelly Robertson, and Taylor Krause. They have been

named to the All-State Team. Kelly Robertson and Taylor Krause have been named to the All-American Team. So congratulations to all of you.

So on behalf of myself and Representative Gary Day and Representative Jennifer Mann, it is my honor to present this citation on behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to the 2011 PIAA Class AAA State Champion Parkland High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team. Accepting this citation is head coach of the team, Mike Krause. Congratulations.

But again, I would like to congratulate each and every one of you because it does take a team effort to win with a perfect 27-to-nothing score. The remainder of the team and the assistant coach and the team managers are seated at the rear of the House. Please stand and welcome them as well.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

HENRY HYNOSKI PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Next, the Speaker would like to invite Representative Masser to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to Henry Hynoski, who happens to be the fullback for the Super Bowl Champion New York Giants, and he is coming right here into Steeler-Eagle turf to do this to boot. The gentleman, Mr. Masser, may proceed.

Mr. MASSER. I think he is big enough to stand for his own when he comes into Steeler-Eagle territory. But it certainly is my honor to recognize Henry Hynoski, Super Bowl Champion fullback for the New York Giants. Super Bowl Champion has a nice ring to it, Henry.

A bruising back known as "Hank the Tank" or "Hynoceros," Henry started his career at Southern Columbia High School as a prolific running back. He finished his high school career with 7,165 yards, which is currently ninth all time in the State, and 113 career rushing touchdowns. He averaged 11.7 yards a carry in his senior year at Southern.

He is also no stranger to being up here. He led Southern Columbia to four State championships. He did this while being a distinguished honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. He went on to play fullback at Pitt. Whether it was carrying the ball, catching the ball, or making a bruising block, Hynoski was a valuable contributor to Pitt's offense. More importantly, Henry earned his degree in business marketing and was a classroom standout who was twice named to the Big East All-Academic Team.

After going undrafted, Henry continued working hard during the NFL (National Football League) lockout. He was signed by the New York Giants. He again did what he always does, he outworked everyone to not only make the team but become the starting fullback. Henry paved the way for the Giants' backs all season and caught balls out of the backfield. His season culminated with two catches and a key fumble recovery in the biggest game of his life, Super Bowl XLVI.

More importantly, though, than everything else and all of his on-the-field accomplishments, in my opinion, is the man Henry has become. Whenever possible, he is home visiting kids in the midget football program or in our schools and giving back to his community. Because of all of this, Henry Hynoski truly is a hometown hero on and off the field. Please join me in welcoming Henry Hynoski.

The SPEAKER. Representative Masser asked me to announce that immediately outside the Lieutenant Governor's Office, right out the rear door of the House, that Mr. Hynoski will be available for a few pictures if there is anybody that wants to run out there real quick. The photographer is available. He will not be there real long, so if anybody wants to catch him for a photograph, please head out to the area outside the Lieutenant Governor's Office right now.

PENNSYLVANIA'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Next, we would like to invite Representative Cox to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to Maria Jiang, who is Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman.

Mr. COX. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to welcome Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman for 2012, Maria Jiang, to the floor of the House. Maria lives in Spring Township in the 129th Legislative District, and I am proud to call her one of my constituents. Maria is a 17-year-old senior at Wilson Senior High School. She plays the violin and the piano and has received a long list of honors.

Before being selected as Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman for 2012, Maria was recognized as the Wilson Senior High School Outstanding Young Woman for 2012 and the Berks County Outstanding Young Woman for 2012. She is an AP (advanced placement) scholar, a national merit semifinalist, and a member of the high honor roll. Maria is a concert mistress with the Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra and a member of the girls varsity tennis team. She also serves as treasurer of the Interact Club, vice president of the Spanish Club, and a member of the Environment Club. Maria serves as the president of the National Honor Society, captain of the Academic Challenge, and president of Junior State of America. She plays the violin for the Senior County Orchestra and is a volunteer with Operation Sweet Dreams.

When she is not doing all of these wonderful things, in her spare time Maria has served as a volunteer with the St. John's Reform Church Haiti fundraiser, the St. Barnabas concert for the children's orphanage in Sudan, and the Relay for Life benefit dance.

Finally, Maria attended the University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy, which was formerly known as the Pennsylvania Governor's School. She received the Reading Musical Foundation String Scholarship Award and the Rotary Club's Camp Neidig for Leadership Award.

One day, Maria hopes to pursue a career in environmental science and business. I am confident that her personal drive will help her to achieve all of her ambitions.

Maria's parents, J.D. and Sherry Jiang, have obviously done a wonderful job of supporting and encouraging their daughter.

Maria, you have accomplished more in the last few years than many people could hope to accomplish in an entire lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize Maria Jiang, Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman for 2012.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Additionally today, we would like to welcome some guests. They are the guests of Representative Duane Milne, and they are located in the rear of the House. They just walked in. The Chair welcomes the members of the Immaculata University Women's Basketball Championship Team from the early 1970s. The team's story has been portrayed in the current movie "The Mighty Macs." Members of the original team are here as well as current university administrators. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

STATEMENT BY MR. MILNE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would like to recognize the gentleman from Chester County, Mr. Milne, under unanimous consent relative to the guests I just announced.

Mr. MILNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to add my welcome to the Mighty Macs Women's Basketball Team from Immaculata University and all the current Immaculata University administrators that have accompanied them today as my guests in the Capitol. We are delighted to have them with us. As we analyze and think about the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) women's tournament selections happening tonight and Saturday's starting tipoffs, I am proud to announce that Immaculata University, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, in the heart of my legislative district, will be celebrating 1 week from today the 40th, the occasion of the 40th anniversary of what became the first of its three national women's basketball championships. This feat would be impressive in and of itself, but truly appreciating the significance of this event requires us to place it in a larger cultural and societal context.

Forty years ago women's sports, in the 1970s, were not seen as being on par with men's sports, nor the athletes and their abilities given the same respect and the respect that they deserved. In fact, it was only 1 year before that first championship year, in 1972, that women's rules were changed to move the game from what was then a six-on-six game, so six players on each side of the court played on a half-court basis, to changing the rules right before that season to what you and I know as the five-on-five, full-court game. In addition to that, it is interesting to note for basketball buffs out there that it was only after the three championship seasons of Immaculata in '72, '73, and '74 that women's basketball became an Olympic sport for the first time in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Known as the Mighty Macs, Immaculata University's championship teams of the early seventies contributed mightily to moving women's sports to prominence and raising the profile and respect of athletic endeavors for women and girls, and with good reason. This college in the cornfield, as it was affectionately known in those days by the local community, then as now run by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is a Catholic university. At the time it was all women, only 500 students. From this small arena, this team launched a mighty dynasty. The Mighty Macs played in and won the first three ever, ever national women's college basketball championships held in 1972, 1973, and 1974. And over those three seasons, the Mighty Macs compiled over

70 victories, including wins over the largest universities in the nation. In fact, its dominance in those heydays of the 1970s is reflected in the fact that during her 7 seasons at the helm, Coach Cathy Rush, from 1971 to 1977, led the team to an amazing record of 149-15; 149 wins and only 15 losses in those 7 seasons, including the three championship seasons of the early seventies, certainly earning her, quite rightly, a spot in the National Basketball Hall of Fame.

On top of all this, let me just add a few other firsts with which these Mighty Macs were involved and should be credited for. They are the first of two teams to play in the first-ever women's college basketball game in the fabled Madison Square Garden. You know you have arrived, of course, when you have played in Madison Square Garden. They were the first American women's college team to compete outside the United States when they competed in an 18-game tour of Australia the summer of 1974. They participated in the first-ever nationally televised regular season women's college basketball game when they took down the Terrapins at the University of Maryland on January 27, 1975.

So given this groundbreaking role that the Mighty Macs have played for college women's basketball and women's sports in general, it is no wonder that Immaculata University is regarded as the birthplace of modern women's college basketball. That is why it has been chronicled in the movie "The Might Macs," which of course has been out in the theaters to much acclaim, as it shows you the drive toward that first championship season in 1972.

So I would like to conclude by again asking if the team would rise. These are truly trailblazers for women's sports in this country, and I want to make sure that the House really recognizes the historical significance of what these ladies did. If the Mighty Macs would rise once again.

Go, Macs.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Michael Ryan Hirthler, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation.

Whereas, Michael Ryan Hirthler has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Michael is a member of Troop 147.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Michael Ryan Hirthler.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker gives permission for media access to the House floor to Eric Heisle of ABC-27 for videotaping with audio for 10 minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, the two committees that had been meeting have concluded their business and we can take up the voting schedule.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. EVANKOVICH called up **HR 555, PN 3025**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 10, 2012, as "Brother to Brother Day" in this Commonwealth.

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Mr. DEASY called up **HR 558, PN 3031**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2012 as "Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. GOODMAN called up **HR 570, PN 3079**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating February 16, 2012, as "Lithuanian Independence Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DALEY called up **HR 573, PN 3082**, entitled:

A Resolution supporting the value of the Pennsylvania craft beer industry by recognizing the month of February 2012 as "PA Craft Beer Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Rock
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Roebuck
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Saccone
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Samuelson
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Santoni
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Saylor
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Scavello
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Schroder
Buxton	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Simmons
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Metzgar	Smith, K.

Carroll	Godshall	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Causer	Goodman	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Grell	Miller	Staback
Clymer	Grove	Milne	Stephens
Cohen	Hackett	Mirabito	Stern
Conklin	Hahn	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, D.	Haluska	Mullery	Sturla
Costa, P.	Hanna	Mundy	Swanger
Cox	Harhai	Murphy	Tallman
Creighton	Harhart	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Harkins	Mustio	Thomas
Culver	Harper	Myers	Tobash
Curry	Harris	Neuman	Toepel
Cutler	Heffley	O'Brien, M.	Toohil
Daley	Helm	O'Neill	Truitt
Davidson	Hennessey	Oberlander	Turzai
Davis	Hess	Parker	Vereb
Day	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vitali
Deasy	Hornaman	Payne	Vulakovich
DeLissio	Hutchinson	Payton	Waters
Delozier	Josephs	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kampf	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kauffman	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kavulich	Petri	
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pickett	Smith, S., Speaker
DeWeese	Keller, M.K.	Preston	
DiGirolamo			

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Boyle, B. Marsico	Micozzie	Ross	Watson
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

STATEMENT BY MR. EVANKOVICH

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Evankovich, under unanimous consent relative to HR 555, Brother to Brother Day resolution.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and thank Lance Robinson of Export, Westmoreland County, for his efforts to create a special national day of honor for all military personnel, veterans, and first responders. Mr. Speaker, Lance Robinson is a Marine who plans to visit every State Capitol in our country to promote his idea to designate September 10 as Brother to Brother Day in America.

Brother to Brother Day would be a national day of recognition for all those men and women who have served and who continue to serve, as a day for them to honor one another with a salute and a handshake.

The passage of Resolution 555 is our simple way to say thank you to those in uniform who give us our safety, our freedom, and our peace of mind.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank and recognize Lance; his wife, Janet; and their daughter, Sam, for their efforts to establish Brother to Brother Day across our nation. Thank you.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SCAVELLO called up **HR 584, PN 3132**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2012 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Miss MANN called up **HR 612, PN 3179**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring and commemorating March 12, 2012, as the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

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Miss MANN called up **HR 613, PN 3180**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the County of Lehigh on the 200th anniversary of its founding.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Rock
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Roebuck
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Saccone
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Samuelson
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Santoni
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Saylor
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Scavello
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Schroder
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Simmons
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, K.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Causar	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Staback
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stephens
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stern
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Sturla
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Swanger
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Tallman
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Thomas
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Tobash
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toepel
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Toohil
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Truitt
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Turzai
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Verbe
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vitali

Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Vulakovich
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Waters
DeLozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Ross	Watson
Marsico			

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SAINATO called up **HR 512, PN 2809**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life of United States Staff Sergeant Edward D. Mills, Jr., who was killed in action on Thursday, May 26, 2011, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, during a combat mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order. The members will please take their seats. The members will please clear the aisles. The staff will clear the aisles.

On the resolution, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Lawrence County, Mr. Sainato.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise here today to offer HR 512. This resolution honors S. Sgt. Edward Mills, Jr., a young man from Union Township in my legislative district who gave his life in the line of duty.

When he was growing up, Edward, a 2000 graduate of Union High School, always wanted to join the Army, and that is what he did in January of 2005. A true leader, Edward was promoted to staff sergeant and was assigned to the Army's 101st Airborne Ranger Pathfinders based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

During his time in the Army, Edward received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Arrowhead Device, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and numerous other awards and decorations. This was truly a very special young man, a special individual who loved his country.

Edward was on his third overseas tour of duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom when his life was cut short in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan. He died May 26, 2011, when insurgents attacked his patrol with an improvised explosive device that also took the lives of five of his comrades. Edward was the point man in the patrol that day, the soldier in the front, the most exposed to danger.

After his death, Edward was awarded the Medal of Valor, one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon one of our soldiers. Edward was just 29 years of age when he died. He died with dignity; he died with pride defending our country. But we must keep alive the memory of him and other brave service men and women who died in the line of duty.

I know the family. They are a good family, a family that loves our country. He is from the same township where I live. He went to the same school I went to, and our community all rallied together, all of Lawrence County. This is the second serviceman who has died since I have been in office, and I will say this, I hope it is the last time I have to ever get up at this microphone and read this.

But, Edward, today I am sure you are looking down upon us, and the Pennsylvania House truly, truly thanks you for the service you gave to our country.

And that is really all I have to say today, and I encourage each one of you so we pass this resolution unanimously in honor of Edward Mills.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members and all guests will please rise as a sign of respect for our fallen soldier and a moment of prayer for his family and friends.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of S. Sgt. Edward D. Mills, Jr.)

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the presence of the lady from Bucks County, Mrs. Watson, on the floor of the House. Her name will be added to the master roll call.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 512 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quigley
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quinn
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Rapp
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Reed
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reese
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Roae
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Rock
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Sabatina
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Saccone
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Sainato
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Samuelson
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Santarsiero

Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santoni
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Saylor
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Scavello
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Schroder
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Simmons
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, M.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Sonney
Causar	Godshall	Millard	Staback
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Stephens
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stern
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stevenson
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Sturla
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Swanger
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Tallman
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Taylor
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Thomas
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Toepel
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Boyle, B.	Marsico	Micozzie	Ross
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 510, PN 2798 By Rep. BARRAR

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to support full funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

HR 607, PN 3174 By Rep. BARRAR

A Resolution memorializing Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 4018 (2012), which would enhance and improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2175, PN 3113**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for definitions, for legislative procedures, for reports related to redevelopment assistance capital projects and for appropriations and limitations on projects; providing for review of proposals; and further providing for funding and administration of projects.

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

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The **SPEAKER**. Without objection, the Speaker rescinds notice that the bill has been agreed to for the third time.

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

Mr. **TURZAI** offered the following amendment No. **A08918**:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "odd-" in line 28 and "numbered" in line 29 and inserting even-numbered

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. **TURZAI**. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to rule 24, "Bills on third consideration...shall be subject to amendment only when an amendment is necessary to make the document internally consistent, to clear up an ambiguity, to correct grammar or to correct a drafting error or is necessary for purposes of statutory construction."

The legislation as it came out of second consideration referenced a 2-year period beginning December 1 of an even-numbered year and ending November 30 of an odd-numbered year. In fact, the session ends on November 30 of an even-numbered year, and there is a technical correction embodied in amendment 8918 that is agreed to to make this correction in the underlying bill.

It does fit the definition of rule 24, and I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. **DERMODY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we agree this is a technical change to the bill, it is a technical amendment, and urge the members to vote for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quigley
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quinn
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Rapp
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Reed
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reese
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Roae
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Rock
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Sabatina
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Saccone
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Sainato
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Samuelson
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Santarsiero
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santoni
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Saylor
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Scavello
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Schroder
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Simmons
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, M.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Sonney
Causer	Godshall	Millard	Staback
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Stephens
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stern
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stevenson
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Sturla
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Swanger
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Tallman
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Taylor
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Thomas
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Toepel
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S., Speaker
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	
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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 third consideration as amended?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Mr. Speaker, I have remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

Ms. MUNDY submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, I admit that I have mixed feelings about HB 2175. I agree with the need for openness and transparency in the program and even expanding the scope of eligible projects to deal with infrastructure. However, I think the taxpayers should hear a rational discussion of the Commonwealth's debt capacity, setting aside catchphrases and some of the hysterics.

True, we have seen a period of increased State borrowing over the last few years, but we have issued this debt to build needed public buildings, to accelerate rehabilitation of our structurally deficient bridges, and to build state-of-the-art educational facilities at our universities. In fact, you might have heard in budget hearings last week that the State System still has a \$2 billion backlog of deferred maintenance and upgrades that need to be undertaken. Voters have signed off on debt issuances for crucial projects under Growing Greener, PENNVEST (Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority), and PennWorks (Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure Program). Through responsible borrowing, we have provided grants for desperately needed water and sewer projects. We have protected open spaces and farmlands and protected the environment, and yes, we also issued additional debt for RACP (redevelopment assistance capital projects) to spur economic development in a Commonwealth slowly climbing out of recession.

Specifically with RACP projects, we invested a lot in our communities, mine included. There is a lot to be proud of with the RACP program (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program). It has been a valuable asset to help our communities. I also think we can say the same about our entire capital budget. It supports thousands of jobs.

Those pushing this legislation cite increasing debt as the main reason HB 2175 is needed. Again, it is correct that we have seen increases in our outstanding debt held by the Commonwealth with debt service supported by State tax dollars. However, it also is true that, relative to its size and wealth, Pennsylvania has a low-debt burden. Do not just take my word for it. Governor Corbett himself acknowledges this fact. If you look in his executive budget book, on page G11, you will find a chart expressing General Fund debt service as a percent of revenue, along with the statement: "General Fund debt service as a percent of revenues remains below Standard and Poors criteria of 5% for issuers to be considered to have a 'low debt burden.'"

Debt service as a percent of revenue is about 4.1 percent this year. To reiterate my comments, Governor Corbett's budget reports that Pennsylvania has a low-debt burden. If that was not enough to quell any fears, on that same page in his executive budget, you can also see comparison of general obligation bond and lease rental debt as a percent of personal income. Using this metric, the Commonwealth is

about 2.5 percent, which is below the 3-percent level for a low-debt burden. So even though we have expanded our use of borrowing capacity in recent years, Pennsylvania still has a low-debt burden.

Need additional evidence that we are not in some sort of debt crisis? In October the Commonwealth went to market for its latest general obligation bond issuance. The Bond Buyer, which is a major public finance newspaper, reported that Secretary Zogby said the 3.36 percent interest rate for our capital project borrowing, which includes RACP, was the lowest rate the Commonwealth has ever received for an issuance of that type. Clearly, the financial markets feel Pennsylvania is a good investment.

When we compare our debt position to other States, we turn our attention to Moody's Medians, the report that is widely recognized as the source for interstate debt comparisons. If we look at the last report available for 2011, you will see Pennsylvania smack-dab in the middle of the States. With one being the highest, relatively most indebted, Pennsylvania is 25th in terms of net tax-supported debt per capita and 28th in net tax-supported debt as a percent of personal income. Again, even with some increased borrowing over the last few years, Pennsylvania holds a responsible position.

Coming back to the specifics of HB 2175, I see two objectives. There is a goal to revise the way that the RACP grant process is operated. Then there is a goal of debt reduction by reducing the RACP debt limit over a period of 20 years to \$1.5 billion.

We are all interested in increased openness and transparency in government. I have no problem with the publication of application guidelines by the Office of the Budget. I think a public meeting requirement and requiring certain information to be posted online are also good steps forward. I believe we can all get behind these provisions.

I do have concerns about the 75 percent private match preference. Smaller communities are going to have a hard time reaching that threshold, compared with a 50-percent match. For example, I can see that libraries, pillars of many communities, would have a hard time reaching that threshold. Sometimes projects with lesser financial means are no less important to the community, and we need to be careful that they can also access RACP resources. I realize that it is a "may" provision, that the Secretary may give preference to projects with 75 percent non-State financial participation, but we need to consider that this language also may establish preferential treatment for large, corporate-sponsored projects, while the program sees declining resources under the lowered cap. This change will put pressure on smaller projects, and it worries me.

HB 2175 limits the resources available to RACP back to Ridge-Schweiker levels, but in the year 2030. One point five billion dollars might have been an appropriate level in 1999. Then again, gas was \$1.30 in 1999. I hope it is obvious to this chamber that \$1.5 billion in total outstanding RACP debt statewide will not stretch as far in 2030. When you further consider that the actual amount available for release in a given year will be only a portion of that \$1.5 billion, it is even less money for critical projects. What we will be able to accomplish with those minimal resources will be very different from what we could even accomplish today.

In summation, Mr. Speaker, within HB 2175, I do see some needed improvements to the RACP program, but I also see some potential pitfalls. Perhaps my concerns are a result of the fact that I do not share the debt-mania mentality that seems to have engulfed some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Pennsylvania has not suffered from any runaway borrowing. We still have a low-debt burden, the highest credit rating we have ever had, and benefit from the lowest interest rates we have ever seen.

As I pointed out earlier, the proper measurement of the State's debt is relative to our revenues and wealth. We are all aware that the Great Recession has taken a toll on State revenues. So while we have been mostly stable with debt service at 3.5 percent of revenues for the last 15 years, our increased issuances of late, combined with stagnant revenue growth, does concern me, because we are starting to move towards the upper end of where we want to be.

I recognize that over the longer term the value of sticking with our conservative debt policies outweighs the immediate benefits of the current low-interest-rate environment. Therefore, I do agree that we should slow debt issuances in the short term until the revenue picture improves. Considering these facts and some of the brighter changes to the program I noted earlier, I will cautiously vote for HB 2175.

Thank you.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today in support of HB 2175, and I ask you to join me in voting in favor of this commonsense proposal and long overdue debt reform legislation.

As a small business owner, I understand that debt and borrowing are part of doing business. This RCAP program has made many worthy projects like firehouses, municipal buildings, and hospitals possible all throughout the Commonwealth.

These partnerships between the State and local organizations help to hold down the local taxes and also help us deliver government services at a lower cost. That is why I believed it was important that these organizations were still eligible for the RCAP program, and I am glad this legislation, through the leadership of Representative Turzai, allows us to still work with these entities and also adopt these reasonable reforms at the same time.

As a small business owner, I know that debt and borrowing can be crippling if not managed and used responsibly. Over the past several years, we have seen trends that should cause concern. Outstanding debt has increased by \$4.3 billion since 2003-2004, and our service requirements to pay for that debt has increased by 50 percent since that same time period.

We now pay \$1.1 billion this year for debt service, more than 4 percent of our entire State budget. That money comes right off the top and is not available for much-needed services. In the Governor's proposed budget, he takes steps to stop rapidly growing projected increases in debt services by eliminating the use of debt.

This proposal will give the Commonwealth the financial flexibility it needs to be able to invest in innovation and job creation. This legislation makes reasonable changes to the program by, number one, reducing the overall debt ceiling; number two, changing what is eligible to receive funding from the program by adding strict rules and requirements that are tied to economic activity and job creation; and finally, it makes all the reviews and approval processes more open and transparent.

These are all significant improvements that will make sure that money we invest is done in a way that is open to the public and accountable to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. These reforms will focus funds on projects that will encourage economic development and create jobs here in Pennsylvania. Truly a win-win situation.

Please join me in supporting HB 2175. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Clinton County, Mr. Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, while ultimately I expect to support this legislation, I do want to point out a couple of things that I think are important for all of us to consider.

First, I believe we all received a copy of a March 9 letter from the Governor talking about reforms to capital spending. In that letter the Governor points out a 50-percent reduction in the level of public improvement projects for Commonwealth-owned buildings and facilities as well as a 50-percent reduction in the level of higher education new project releases that the Commonwealth provides both the State System and the State-related schools. I just wanted all members to understand that those are changes that were made by Governor Corbett and are not made by this legislation. Those were initiatives undertaken by the Governor and are not part of this legislation, because as I know many of us here in this chamber fully support the need for us to invest in our public higher education institutions, particularly the State-owned schools and the State-related schools, and cutting their funding, as the Governor has elected to do, cutting their capital funding by 50 percent is certainly not something that I support.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, I just want to point out that I question whether this cutback is appropriate at this time. Certainly in these economic conditions when we are still facing an unemployment rate of 7.6 percent, when we are still looking at many of our folks being underemployed in the Pennsylvania economy, we should be doing everything we can to create jobs, and a bill like this that cuts back investment, cuts back on State investment, could in fact hurt our ability to create jobs here in the Commonwealth.

So while there are laudable portions of the bill, the fact that this bill, once again, is cutting back on our ability to make capital investments to create jobs in the Commonwealth and particularly at a time when this Governor has continued to refuse to do anything about transportation initiatives, which would be the greatest job creator we could hope for in this bad economy, those two factors together could further damage our economy. And while I continue to support the legislation, I do question whether we want to hamper our ability to improve our economy by severely cutting back on our investment in capital projects across the State.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield County, Mr. Gabler.

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

I rise in support of HB 2175, a bill that will finally enable us to put Pennsylvania on a path to a responsible management of our State's debt. This bill will enable our State to not only control but actually reduce the amount of indebtedness that we are passing on to our future generations.

I think it is important to point out when we are discussing State debt, that Pennsylvania, unlike many other States, allows local governments to enact debt, and so when you compare Pennsylvania's debt level to other States, it is important that we compare apples to apples, and that means comparing Pennsylvania's State, local, and municipal debt to other States' similar debts. And when you take Pennsylvania's entire debt

load together, that number is \$111.8 billion, which is over five times our annual General Fund budget. This number ranks Pennsylvania as 46th among the States in total debt load with 1st place representing the least debt load.

Now, some may argue that this is not surprising. After all, Pennsylvania is one of the largest States so we may expect it to have a higher relative debt number. So in order to compare fairly, it would be appropriate to compare States in per capita debt. Using 2010 Census Bureau population numbers, we in Pennsylvania owe \$8,804.50 per man, woman, and child in this State, ranking us 40th among the States in debt per capita.

It is time for us to do our part in State government to manage our credit cards responsibly and start paying off these high balances. This bill gets to work in doing this in a responsible, reasonable, achievable, and bipartisan manner.

I urge a "yes" vote on HB 2175. Thank you very much.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. DePasquale.

Mr. DePASQUALE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support HB 2175. As someone who is a supporter of the RCAP program, I believe that this program does a lot of good for projects all over Pennsylvania, but I do think that this legislation will help improve the program. It will ensure greater transparency for the program going forward. It will also, most importantly, ensure that the dollars go to actual job creation on the ground, because when we invest in this type of project, we need to make sure that we are getting real job creation in all of these projects across the State, and for those two reasons I am supporting HB 2175. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Turzai.

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

HB 2175 makes clear that the RCAP program, and it is focused on the RCAP program, redevelopment assistance capital project program, reduces debt immediately and reforms how we approve those dollars being spent in the future. Those are the two simple components of this legislation.

The fact of the matter is, in a short period of time almost 300 percent of the credit card limit had been increased over the past 10 years, from approximately \$1.5 billion to a little over \$4 billion. We in fact will be reducing that credit limit immediately by \$500 million, then we will limit it by \$50 million, and then ultimately by \$150 million, for a total reduction in less than 20 years' time by over \$2 1/2 billion. There still, however, will be specific moneys available for the RCAP program to be spent on job-creating or job-maintaining projects.

The reforms specifically ask for a more specific explanation of the project in the itemization acts, including the municipality where it is located; a public meeting within 10 miles of the project before a project can be approved; clear, objective guidelines to review and approve projects; the projects to be shovel ready; greater non-State funding for RCAP projects to get preference in approval; the posting of these new guidelines on project review and approval; and the complete list of approved projects on the Office of Budget Web site. We want transparency, accountability, and a reduction in the debt.

My good friend, the House minority whip, is correct that this particular legislation does not speak to other borrowing programs. It is specifically directed to the RCAP program. It

amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act to statutorily implement reforms to the RCAP program. These reforms are put into place. It does reduce the debt immediately by \$500 million and then continues to reduce the debt over a period of less than 20 years by another \$2 billion.

I would ask for an affirmative vote. Please understand that it reduces the debt immediately, so we are actually living like Pennsylvanians within our means, fiscal responsibility, and in addition, it is more focused in a reform manner for accountability and for transparency, and it is focused on job-creating or job-maintaining projects.

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

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have listened very, very carefully regarding the discussion around HB 2175, and as I was just listening to the gentleman, if he really wants to stop and deal with the issue of debt, you do not raise the ceiling. People need to understand how this process works. The Governor comes to the General Assembly. The General Assembly decides if you want to raise the debt. The Governor cannot raise the debt. The General Assembly has to. Why stop at 50 percent? Why do you not just do zero? That is true. Why do you not just use zero? Because in my particular view, if you really understand how this tool works, and it has been done under Republican Governors and Democratic Governors alike, that this is an economic tool that deals with jobs.

I believe that you do not need HB 2175, because I believe HB 2175 does not do anything. It really does not do anything. You may think you are doing something, but you really do not do anything. If you really do not want to raise the cap, just do not raise the cap, plain and simple. You do not need a prescriptive aspect in this bill that says we are going to do 50 percent, because 50 percent is an arbitrary number. You could do 25 percent. You could do 10 percent. Fifty percent is arbitrary. If you want to pay off more debt, what you do is you take more money out of the pot and you pay more debt off. That is what you do. You do not need, in my view, this piece of legislation to solve, fundamentally, if you want to control debt. You do not need that.

And as far as transform, let me tell you how you want to make it. What you do is you bring the Secretary of the Budget before the Appropriations Committee and you have the Secretary explain to you exactly how the Governor is spending RCAP. I do not believe in any of the hearings that I have seen take place anybody has brought the Secretary of the Budget before the committee to ask him exactly how is the money being expended? I do not think the House has done it, and I know the Senate has not done it.

So I felt some obligation, Mr. Speaker, some obligation, and I understand why people are running to the mikes and saying that they need to understand that this is one of the economic development tools that this State has, and I do not believe in this climate when we all talk about jobs, jobs, jobs, that this economic tool should be taken away. I believe if you do not want to do debt, then do not do debt, but there is a certain thing called good debt and bad debt, and in my view, Mr. Speaker, this has been used as good debt under Thornburgh, under Ridge, under Schweiker, under Casey, and under Rendell.

Members of the General Assembly, you, too, have a right to be involved in this discussion. This should not be just driven by the administration, and I have seen the administration letter. So I am saying to you, Mr. Speaker, I understand what this means in rural Pennsylvania and urban Pennsylvania, and as far as being transparent, Mr. Speaker, it is easy. It all has to go through the Governor's Office.

So the reality of it is, at the end of the day, at the end of the day, we have the authority to bring the Secretary of the Budget before us and ask the Secretary of the Budget about every aspect of RCAP. So you do not need something written in this bill to do something. The only thing you have to do, any committee, any committee could bring the Secretary of the Budget before them and ask him questions about this project or that particular project. So understand something: You have got the power in your hands. You do not need a bill for the power that you have already. You have it in your hands, and the gentleman who is the majority leader knows full well that at any moment he could bring the Budget Secretary in and the Budget Secretary could sit down and tell them exactly how this money is being expended. So I do not want you to lose that focus.

So if you are going to vote for this because you feel like it makes you feel good that you want to do something in the form of reform, this is not reform. I want you to be very clear. This is not reform. Now, you could put press releases out, you could stand up and say it, but this is not reform. I want you to understand that. So do not let anybody convince you of that by your voting for this particular bill, because if you want real reform, you do not raise the debt limit. If you want real reform, do not raise the debt limit. Do not spend any more money, Democrat or Republican.

And the other thing I want you to understand is that whatever happened in the years I had been there, you could not do anything if the Republican Senate did not want to do it, too. So it just has not been the House. It has been the Republican Senate, too. So be clear about it, Mr. Speaker. So if you are going to go out here and thump your chest, make yourself feel good like we have got reform on RCAP, I want to be clear, you are not reforming it. If you want to reform it, do not raise the debt limit. Bring the Secretary of the Budget before the committee and face the facts. Vote "no" on HB 2175. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. Just for clarification purposes, HB 2175 reduces the debt limit. It does not increase the debt limit. It reduces the debt limit. The fact of the matter is, the debt limit at one time stood at \$1.5 billion, and there were five increases to that credit card over the last 8 years. It took the limit from \$1.5 billion up to \$4.05 billion. This will be the first legislation that reduces the debt limit. It actually reduces the credit card amount immediately by \$500 million and then over time to \$1.5 billion. So this is a bill that reduces the debt limit for the RCAP program and for the State of Pennsylvania, and that is a crucial component. It absolutely in and of itself, the reduction of that debt limit constitutes significant reform.

Secondly, I appreciate the comments with respect to the Senate and public comments. My colleague, the Senate majority leader, has spoken favorably on HB 2175 and believes that, in

his public comments, we should be looking at other ways to reduce the level of debt as does the Governor and many of my colleagues on the other side of this aisle.

Make no mistake, HB 2175 is a debt-reduction bill, and even that is a significant reform. The reform does encapsulate some reforms from the good gentleman from Montgomery County on our side and the good lady from Philadelphia County on the other side of the aisle. It is a bipartisan measure, and I would certainly appreciate bipartisan support. It is something that we have worked with members on both sides of the aisle. Many of the ideas with respect to the reform that were introduced by some of the members on the other side were incorporated into the amendments in agreed-upon amendments.

Please vote "yes" on this bipartisan reform. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

GRAPH SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. TURZAI submitted a graph for the Legislative Journal.

(For graph, see Appendix.)

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to remind members that earlier this session we had before us SB 1054, which in fact, according to the analysis from the House Appropriations Committee, says "The bill specifies the maximum principal amount of additional debt to be incurred during the 2011-2012...year for capital projects itemized in a capital projects itemization bill." So earlier this year we increased the debt limit.

Now, it has been said that we really want to act like the rest of Pennsylvania and the citizens of Pennsylvania and we want to get rid of our debt here and that this is really credit card debt. To the best of my knowledge, there is no capital budget project that gets used for ongoing operations. I have a tendency to use my credit card when I am going out shopping or I am going and buying gas or I am going to go get some groceries, and I can pay all that at the end of the month, but I do not use it for my mortgage.

Capital budget projects are intended to be long-term investments in the State of Pennsylvania, and most of the Pennsylvanians I know have taken advantage of refinancing their house at a lower rate, but in most cases said, "Oh, and by the way, can I get \$10,000 in cash out so I can actually do an additional addition to my house? Can I get a little cash out to help finance my kid's college because my tuition rates just went up as a result of these budgets?" Those long-term benefits are something that Pennsylvanians understand you do in long-term debt, which is what capital budgets do. It is not a credit card. We are not willy-nilly going out and investing in day-to-day operations with capital budget money.

So while I agree that some of the reforms here may help guarantee transparency and make sure that there are jobs being created, I do not know that there are any penalties in this bill if those jobs never materialize, but meanwhile, there will be a project, and hopefully, it will be a good project in various districts throughout the State. But the notion that we simply

want to rid ourselves of doing projects like this does not make sense for the long-term future of Pennsylvania. So there are portions of this bill that I think have merit, but I think that the premise, that the reason we are doing this is to rid ourselves of our credit card debt is a specious argument, because this is not our credit card debt. This is our mortgage.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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—184

Adolph	Donatucci	Killion	Quigley
Aument	Dunbar	Kirkland	Quinn
Baker	Ellis	Knowles	Rapp
Barbin	Emrick	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kotik	Readshaw
Bear	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Benninghoff	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bishop	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Bloom	Farry	Longietti	Rock
Boback	Fleck	Maher	Roebuck
Boyd	Freeman	Mahoney	Sabatina
Boyle, K.	Gabler	Major	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Maloney	Sainato
Brennan	Geist	Mann	Samuelson
Brooks	George	Markosek	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marshall	Santoni
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Saylor
Burns	Gillen	Matzie	Scavello
Buxton	Gillespie	McGeehan	Schroder
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Simmons
Carroll	Godshall	Metzgar	Smith, K.
Causer	Goodman	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Christiana	Grell	Millard	Sonney
Clymer	Grove	Miller	Staback
Cohen	Hackett	Milne	Stephens
Conklin	Hahn	Mirabito	Stern
Costa, D.	Haluska	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, P.	Hanna	Mullery	Sturla
Cox	Harhai	Mundy	Swanger
Creighton	Harhart	Murphy	Tallman
Cruz	Harkins	Murt	Taylor
Culver	Harper	Mustio	Tobash
Curry	Harris	Neuman	Toepel
Cutler	Heffley	O'Brien, M.	Toohil
Daley	Helm	O'Neill	Truitt
Davidson	Hennessey	Oberlander	Turzai
Davis	Hess	Parker	Verb
Day	Hickernell	Pashinski	Vitali
Deasy	Hornaman	Payne	Vulakovich
DeLissio	Hutchinson	Peifer	Waters
Delozier	Josephs	Perry	Watson
DeLuca	Kampf	Petrarca	White
Denlinger	Kauffman	Petri	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kavulich	Pickett	
Dermody	Keller, F.	Preston	Smith, S., Speaker
DeWeese	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.		

NAYS—9

Briggs	Frankel	Myers	Thomas
Brownlee	Gerber	Payton	Wheatley
Evans, D.			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Boyle, B. Marsico Micozzie Ross

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 1405, PN 1679**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, in criminal justice determinations, further providing for incompetence and for procedure.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quigley
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quinn
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Rapp
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Reed
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reese
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Roae
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Rock
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Sabatina
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Saccone
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Sainato
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Samuelson
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Santarsiero
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santoni
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Saylor
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Scavello
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Schroder
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Simmons
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, M.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Sonney
Causer	Godshall	Millard	Staback
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Stephens
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stern
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stevenson
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Sturla
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Swanger

Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Tallman
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Taylor
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Thomas
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Toepel
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Boyle, B.	Marsico	Micozzie	Ross
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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 1873, PN 2410**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), referred to as the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact, providing for audits.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-193

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quigley
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quinn
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Rapp
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Reed
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reese
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Roae

Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Rock
Boback	Farry	Longiatti	Roebuck
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Sabatina
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Saccone
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Sainato
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Samuelson
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Santarsiero
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santoni
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Saylor
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Scavello
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Schroder
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Simmons
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, M.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Sonney
Causser	Godshall	Millard	Staback
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Stephens
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stern
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stevenson
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Sturla
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Swanger
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Tallman
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Taylor
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Thomas
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Toepel
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Boyle, B.	Marsico	Micozzie	Ross
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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 **SB 1167, PN 1947**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for consideration of criminal conviction, for modification of existing orders and for child custody proceeding during military deployment; and providing for expedited or electronic hearing.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quigley
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quinn
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Rapp
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Reed
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reese
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Roae
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Rock
Boback	Farry	Longiotti	Roebuck
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Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Saccone
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Sainato
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Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Schroder
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Simmons
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, M.
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Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stern
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stevenson
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Sturla
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Swanger
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Tallman
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Taylor
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Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Verb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
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Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
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DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Boyle, B.	Marsico	Micozzie	Ross
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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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

We are going to have an immediate Rules Committee meeting in the Appropriations Committee conference room, an immediate meeting of Rules in the Appropriations Committee conference room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. There will be a Rules Committee meeting immediately in the Appropriations Committee conference room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Susquehanna County, Ms. Major, for the purpose of a caucus announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce that Republicans will caucus at 3:15. We will be prepared to come back to the floor at 4 o'clock. So I would ask Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 3:15. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

The Democrats will also caucus at 3:15; Democrats will caucus at 3:15. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman, Mr. Frankel.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until 4 o'clock, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 4:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. The members will please report to the floor.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 816, PN 1853**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 816, PN 1853

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for qualifications for license.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave for the lady from Montgomery County, Mrs. TOEPEL, for the rest of the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 934, PN 3166**

By Rep. TURZAI

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, defining "proof of identification"; in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, providing for requirements relating to voter identification; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for delivering or mailing ballots, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for public records; and providing for enforcement and for a special procedure at certain elections.

RULES.

SB 818, PN 2007 (Amended)

By Rep. TURZAI

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of delinquent child.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2125, PN 2955**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for burglary, for robbery and for grading of theft offenses.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1841, PN 3098**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for false reports to law enforcement authorities.

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

Mr. **MULLERY** offered the following amendment
No. **A08907**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after "parent,"
an individual residing in the same household as the child or
an individual responsible for the child's welfare.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 8 through 10, by striking out all of
lines 8 and 9 and "CHILD OR A PARAMOUR OF THE CHILD'S
PARENT" in line 10 and inserting

guardian or an individual involved in an intimate
relationship with the child's parent

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. Toohil.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is an agreed-to amendment, and I would ask that the members of the House vote "yes."

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Mr. Caltagirone.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to concur in what the previous speaker had alluded to. It is an agreed-to amendment, and I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
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Culver	Harkins	Myers	Tobash
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DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolo	Keller, M.K.		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Ross	Toepel
Marsico			

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?
Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1842, PN 3099**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for concealing death of child.

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

Mr. **MULLERY** offered the following amendment
No. **A08910**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "parent"
, individual residing in the same household as the child or
an individual responsible for the child's welfare,

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting a bracket before "his"
Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting after "her"

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Amend Bill, page 2, lines 7 through 9, by striking out all of lines
7 and 8 and "CHILD OR A PARAMOUR OF THE CHILD'S
PARENT" in line 9 and inserting
guardian or an individual involved in an intimate
relationship with the child's parent

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Simmons.

Mr. **SIMMONS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment, and I encourage the members to vote "yes." Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Mr. Caltagirone.

Mr. **CALTAGIRONE**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, it is agreed to, and I would ask the members for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Rock
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Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Saccone
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Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Samuelson

Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santarsiero
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Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Simmons
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, K.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Causar	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
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Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stern
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Sturla
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Swanger
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Tallman
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Thomas
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Tobash
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
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Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
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Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Ross	Toepel
Marsico			

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?
Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1852, PN 3094**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for definitions, for contributions to be liens and entry and enforcement thereof, for qualifications required to secure compensation, for false statements and representations to obtain or increase compensation, for false statements and representations to prevent or reduce compensation and other offenses, for violation of act and rules and regulations and for recovery and recoupment of compensation.

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

Mr. **W. KELLER** offered the following amendment
No. **A08840**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by inserting after "DEFINITIONS,"
for records of and reports by employers,
Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after
"COMPENSATION,"
for certain agreements void and penalties,
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
Section 1.1. Section 206 of the act, amended July 21, 1983
(P.L.68, No.30) and November 17, 1995 (P.L.615, No.61), is amended
to read:

Section 206. Records of and Reports by Employers.—(a) Each employer (whether or not liable for the payment of contributions under this act) shall keep accurate employment records containing such information, as may be prescribed by the rules and regulations adopted by the department. Such records shall be open to inspection by the department and its agents at any reasonable time, and as often as may be deemed necessary, but employers need not retain such records more than four (4) years after contributions relating to such records have been paid. The department may require from such employers such reports as it deems necessary, which shall be sworn to, if required by the department.

(b) Information thus obtained shall not be made public or be open to public inspection, other than to the members of the board, the officers and employes of the department and other public employes in the performance of their public duties, but any employe or employer at a hearing on an appeal shall, upon request, be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation and consideration of the appeal.

(c) Any officer or employe of the department or the board, or any other public employe, who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than [twenty dollars (\$20)] one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than [two hundred dollars (\$200)] three hundred dollars (\$300) and in default of the payment of such fine and cost of prosecution shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not longer than thirty (30) days.

(d) Any employer who has been determined by the department to be subject to the reporting provisions of this act and has been so notified, and who neglects or refuses to file or to complete in such manner as the department may prescribe either the periodic report required by the department to establish the amount of such contributions or the periodic report required by the department showing the amount of wages paid to each employe, or both, on or before the date such reports are required to be filed, shall pay a penalty of [ten per centum (10%)] fifteen per centum (15%) of the total amount of contributions paid or payable by the employer or employe as the case may be for the period: Provided, That such penalty shall be not less than [twenty-five dollars (\$25)] one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) or more than [two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)] four hundred fifty dollars (\$450). Such penalty shall apply to the reports for each period with respect to which such reports are required to be filed: Provided, That such penalty shall not apply to reports for any period with respect to which the last day for filing such reports is prior to a date on which the department has notified the employer that he has been determined an employer subject to the reporting provisions of this act, unless the reports for such prior periods are not filed within thirty (30) days after the employer has been so notified. The penalties provided by this section shall be in addition to all other penalties provided for in this act.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 27 and 28
Section 3.1. Section 701 of the act is amended to read:

Section 701. Certain Agreements Void; Penalty.—No agreement by an employe to waive, release, or commute his rights to compensation, or any other rights under this act, shall be valid. No agreement by an employe or by employes to pay all or any portion of an employer's contributions, required under this act from such employer, shall be valid. No employer shall, directly or indirectly, make or require or accept any deduction from the remuneration of individuals in his employ to finance contributions required from him under this act, or require or accept any waiver by an employe of any right hereunder. Any employer or officer or agent of an employer who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced for each offense to pay a fine of not less than [one hundred dollars] five hundred dollars nor more than [one thousand dollars] one thousand five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. I appreciate working with the minority chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee to improve this bill and make it better, and I appreciate my colleagues' unanimous support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Farry	Longiatti	Rock
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Roebuck
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Saccone
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Samuelson
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Santoni
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Saylor
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Scavello
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Schroder
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Simmons
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, K.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Causer	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Staback
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stephens
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stern
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Sturla
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Swanger
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Tallman
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Thomas
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Tobash
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai

Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S., Speaker
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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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 Speaker's understanding that the other amendments filed to HB 1852 have been withdrawn.

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.)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to House amendments to the following **SB 818, PN 2007**, as further amended by the House Rules Committee:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of delinquent child.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments to House amendments as amended by the Rules Committee?

The SPEAKER. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Turzai, that the House concur in the amendments.

On the question of concurrence, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Mr. Caltagirone.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 Again I would request the members to support the legislation. The language that was inserted by the Senate I think was agreed to by both sides. I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

On the question recurring,
 Will the House concur in Senate amendments to House amendments as amended by the Rules Committee?
 The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—192

Adolph	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle
Aument	Dunbar	Killion	Quigley
Baker	Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn
Barbin	Emrick	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bear	Evans, D.	Kotik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans, J.	Krieger	Reed
Bishop	Everett	Kula	Reese
Bloom	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Rock
Boyd	Fleck	Maher	Roebuck
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Saccone
Brennan	Gabler	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Mann	Samuelson
Brooks	Geist	Markosek	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	George	Marshall	Santoni
Brown, V.	Gerber	Masser	Saylor
Brownlee	Gergely	Matzie	Scavello
Burns	Gibbons	McGeehan	Schroder
Buxton	Gillen	Metcalfe	Simmons
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metzgar	Smith, K.
Carroll	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Smith, M.
Causar	Godshall	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Goodman	Miller	Staback
Clymer	Grell	Milne	Stephens
Cohen	Grove	Mirabito	Stern
Conklin	Hackett	Moul	Stevenson
Costa, D.	Hahn	Mullery	Sturla
Costa, P.	Haluska	Mundy	Swanger
Cox	Hanna	Murphy	Tallman
Creighton	Harhai	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Harhart	Mustio	Thomas
Culver	Harkins	Myers	Tobash
Curry	Harper	Neuman	Toohil
Cutler	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Truitt
Daley	Heffley	O'Neill	Turzai
Davidson	Helm	Oberlander	Vereb
Davis	Hennessey	Parker	Vitali
Day	Hess	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Deasy	Hickernell	Payne	Waters
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	Watson
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Josephs	Perry	White
Denlinger	Kampf	Petrarca	Youngblood
DePasquale	Kauffman	Petri	
Dermody	Kavulich	Pickett	Smith, S.,
DeWeese	Keller, F.	Preston	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments to House amendments as amended by the Rules Committee were concurred in.
 Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1106, PN 3003**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for willful failure to pay support order.

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Speaker's understanding that the amendments that have been filed on the system have all been withdrawn.

On the question of second consideration of this bill, is the gentleman, Mr. Caltagirone, seeking recognition?

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. I just want to thank the gentleman and the staffs on both sides of the aisle working to get the amendments withdrawn, and we are going to try to meet the obligations on the concerns raised by the members on those specific issues.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The question is, will the House agree to the bill?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Adams County, Mr. Moul.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, would like to thank Chairman Caltagirone for all the work that he has helped with this important bill for collecting child support in Pennsylvania. Thank you once again.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker returns to leave of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. TOOHIL, for the remainder of the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C CONTINUED

BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 934, PN 3166**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, defining "proof of identification"; in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, providing for requirements relating to voter identification; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for delivering or mailing ballots, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for public records; and providing for enforcement and for a special procedure at certain elections.

On the question,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe, for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Senate made several changes to HB 934 as it left the House, changes that were negotiated, the majority of them through the summer and last year between myself and the Senator who is the chairman for the State Government Committee in the Senate. The changes that have been made deal with adding additional forms of identification, allowing for IDs that are issued by accredited institutions of higher learning in Pennsylvania, senior residential facility identification cards. Municipal employee ID cards, Mr. Speaker, also would be allowed. Those forms of ID will all have to meet the criteria that are laid out in the legislation; that is basically a photo, the name of the voter, and also the expiration date of the form of identification.

Mr. Speaker, they also added prevention measures for absentee voter fraud to require that when a voter would send in an absentee ballot, that they would have to send in their driver's license number with that or the last four digits of their Social Security number, and if they did not have either of those, they would be allowed to send a copy of a nondriver photo ID that is issued by the State of Pennsylvania, and for someone who does not have that type of identification or does not have the Social Security number or the driver's license number, they would be allowed to make a photocopy of any of the other acceptable forms of identification that are in the legislation and transmit that along with the application.

So the Senate strengthened the legislation with the absentee voter measures, and they also broadened to add in some additional types of identification that could be used, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate?

Is the gentleman, Mr. Dermody, seeking recognition for a motion to suspend the rules?

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker, I am.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Dermody, is in order to move to suspend the rules.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is important we suspend the rules to make this bill, this terrible bill—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

When a member is recognized for the suspension of the rules, they should give a brief description of the amendment and make the motion to suspend the rules. At that point you would be recognized to argue why you should suspend the rules. So I would appreciate if you would put the motion before us in an orderly fashion in that regard.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules so that the House can immediately consider amendment 9180.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Dermody, has moved for a suspension of the rules for the immediate consideration of amendment A09180.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, 9180, amendment 9180, would add religious institutions to the list of groups that can issue IDs for this bill. Right now this bill would allow the Federal government, State government, local municipalities, or institutions of higher learning, private and public schools, colleges, and long-term-care homes, nursing homes, to issue photo IDs. This would just allow our churches, our religious institutions, to offer the same service to their members.

The rules need to be suspended to consider this because this bill makes it most difficult for senior citizens, disabled citizens, folks who otherwise would not be able to get transportation to the polls to exercise their right to vote. All this would do is allow people who can get to church, allow people who are members of a religious institution to have the same ability and opportunity as all other Pennsylvanians. If they are going to be forced to have a photo ID, they need to have access to that photo ID. They need to be able to secure that photo ID, and they can do that at their church, at their local church, their local religious institution. This would cover that. This amendment is crucial to make this terrible bill just a little bit better to give people the ability to access their right to vote.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. I would ask the body to vote against this motion to suspend the rules.

The underlying bill makes it clear that you can have a number of photo identification cards that will suffice with respect to one person, one vote, and specifically, free photo IDs will be provided by PENNDOT for anyone that does not have a photo ID, any legal citizen of voting age.

The fact of the matter is, to add a religious institution identification card that is not comparable to the forms of identification— In fact, a religious institution identification card would not even make it clear if a person is in fact a citizen of this State or country. Many religions, we can only speak from our own personal experience but my own religious affiliation included, do not provide photo identification at all. I have no requirement to have a photo identification with respect to belonging to my church or to my particular religious affiliation.

This is an inappropriate addition. It is not necessary. It is superfluous, and I would ask that we do not suspend the rules with respect to this particular amendment. This was voted down in the Rules Committee. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—85

Barbin	DeLissio	Josephs	Payton
Bishop	DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston
Bradford	Dermody	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Brennan	DeWeese	Kortz	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kotik	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Evans, D.	Kula	Sabatina
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Longietti	Sainato
Burns	Frankel	Mahoney	Samuelson
Buxton	Freeman	Mann	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Galloway	Markosek	Santoni
Carroll	George	Matzie	Smith, K.
Cohen	Gerber	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Conklin	Gergely	Mirabito	Staback
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Mundy	Sturla
Costa, P.	Goodman	Murphy	Thomas
Cruz	Haluska	Myers	Vitali
Curry	Hanna	Neuman	Waters
Daley	Harhai	O'Brien, M.	Wheatley
Davidson	Harkins	Parker	White
Davis	Hornaman	Pashinski	Youngblood
Deasy			

NAYS—106

Adolph	Everett	Knowles	Quinn
Aument	Farry	Krieger	Rapp
Baker	Fleck	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Gabler	Maher	Reese
Bear	Geist	Major	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillen	Maloney	Rock
Bloom	Gillespie	Marshall	Saccone
Boback	Gingrich	Masser	Saylor
Boyd	Godshall	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Grell	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown, R.	Grove	Miccarelli	Simmons
Causar	Hackett	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Hahn	Miller	Stephens

Clymer	Harhart	Milne	Stern
Cox	Harper	Moul	Stevenson
Creighton	Harris	Mullery	Swanger
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Day	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tobash
Delozier	Hess	Oberlander	Truitt
Denlinger	Hickernell	Payne	Turzai
DiGirolamo	Hutchinson	Peifer	Vereb
Dunbar	Kampf	Perry	Vulakovich
Ellis	Kauffman	Petri	Watson
Emrick	Keller, F.	Pickett	
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Smith, S.,
Evans, J.	Killion	Quigley	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Toepel	Toohil
Marsico	Ross		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. On that question, does the gentleman, Mr. Hanna, seek recognition for a motion to suspend the rules? Are you seeking recognition for a motion to suspend the rules?

Mr. HANNA. Which amendment? I had offered two amendments in Rules. The gentleman from York, Mr. DePasquale, wanted to offer amendment No. A09161.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker was informed that you were seeking recognition to move to suspend the rules. I was asking if you were seeking recognition.

Mr. HANNA. I am not at this time. I would defer—

The SPEAKER. You are not seeking to move to suspend the rules?

Mr. HANNA. I am not. I would defer to the gentleman from York—

The SPEAKER. Would you turn your mike on. It was not on. Mr. HANNA. It is on, Mr. Speaker.

And I am deferring to the gentleman from York, who would like to offer amendment A09161 and move to suspend the rules to do so.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House concur in amendments inserted by the Senate?

On that question, is the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, seeking recognition to suspend the rules?

Mr. FRANKEL. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order to make a motion.

Mr. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules to offer amendment A09148.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, has moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of amendment A09148.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In the Senate amendments to HB 934, they allow for municipal government identification to be sufficient legitimate voter identification. My amendment very simply extends that logic, and it is logic, to the entire political subdivision, primarily to include school districts. So if we are doing municipal government IDs, it certainly makes sense to allow school districts who provide identification to their staffs and employees the same opportunity to utilize that as a legitimate form of identification.

Very simple; very logical. I cannot imagine there could be any objection. I would urge support to suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. We would ask the members of this body to vote against suspending the rules for amendment 9148.

Our good friends and colleagues in the Senate added to the voter identification cards municipal or county identification. That was an agreed-to addition and compromise. Keep in mind, the underlying bill allows a Pennsylvania driver's license; PENNDOT photo ID, including free photo IDs for any citizen that so desires; U.S. passport; U.S. military ID, active duty, retired military, their dependents, DOD (Department of Defense) civilians; ID card from an accredited university or college; ID card – all these are photo ID cards – issued by a PA care facility; an employee photo ID issued by a government entity. The compromise clearly sets forth what those photo identification requirements would be.

We would ask that there not be a suspension, given the compromise that has been reached with the Senate. This is also a superfluous addition that is not needed. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question of suspension of the rules, the Speaker recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we should suspend the rules for this amendment because all this amendment does is to make it possible for us to do what our jobs are; that is, to make it as easy as possible, to make access available to vote for all the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Now, this bill already contains a provision that allows municipalities to issue photo IDs for their employees. Now, this just extends it to school districts. It makes sense. This bill tries to prevent people from voting, keep them from voting. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to vote. If they have to get a photo ID, we ought to make that as easy as possible also.

This amendment would give public school employees the opportunity to get their ID where they work. It makes sense. It is the same line, it is the same view as having the municipalities offer the IDs. We should offer it. We should pass this amendment. We should suspend the rules so the whole body can consider it, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—87

Barbin	DeLissio	Kavulich	Petrarca
Bishop	DeLuca	Keller, W.	Preston
Boyle, K.	DePasquale	Kirkland	Quinn
Bradford	Dermody	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Brennan	DeWeese	Kotik	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kula	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Evans, D.	Longietti	Sabatina
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Sainato
Burns	Frankel	Mann	Samuelson
Buxton	Freeman	Markosek	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Carroll	George	McGeehan	Smith, K.
Cohen	Gerber	Mirabito	Smith, M.
Conklin	Gergely	Mundy	Staback
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Murphy	Sturla
Costa, P.	Goodman	Myers	Thomas
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Curry	Hanna	O'Brien, M.	Waters
Daley	Harhai	O'Neill	Wheatley
Davidson	Harkins	Parker	White
Davis	Hornaman	Pashinski	Youngblood
Deasy	Josephs	Payton	

NAYS—104

Adolph	Everett	Knowles	Rapp
Aument	Farry	Krieger	Reed
Baker	Fleck	Lawrence	Reese
Barrar	Gabler	Maher	Roae
Bear	Geist	Major	Rock
Benninghoff	Gillen	Maloney	Saccone
Bloom	Gillespie	Marshall	Saylor
Boback	Gingrich	Masser	Scavello
Boyd	Godshall	Metcalfe	Schroder
Brooks	Grell	Metzgar	Simmons
Brown, R.	Grove	Miccarelli	Sonney
Causer	Hackett	Millard	Stephens
Christiana	Hahn	Miller	Stern
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Cox	Harper	Moul	Swanger
Creighton	Harris	Mullery	Tallman
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Tobash
Day	Hennessey	Oberlander	Truitt
Delozier	Hess	Payne	Turzai
Denlinger	Hickernell	Peifer	Vereb
DiGirolamo	Hutchinson	Perry	Vulakovich
Dunbar	Kampf	Petri	Watson
Ellis	Kauffman	Pickett	
Emrick	Keller, F.	Pyle	Smith, S., Speaker
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	
Evans, J.	Killion		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Toepel	Toohil
Marsico	Ross		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. On that question, does the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Markosek, seek recognition for a motion to suspend the rules?

Mr. MARKOSEK. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may state his motion.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to make a motion to suspend the rules so I can offer amendment 09176.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Markosek, has moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of amendment A09176.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that motion, the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Markosek, is recognized.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, essentially what this amendment would do is it would exempt anybody 65 years or older from the bill. We have seen and we know that people that were born before the year 1930 have a very, very difficult time getting a birth certificate. So anybody born before then is at least 82 years old. And it would often seem, and we see it at all these various elections, that the clientele that comes in to vote now, the voters who are coming in are older and older as our population ages. We have people in their eighties, nineties, and even some over 100 years old who want to vote and make it a point to vote and come out and vote, but it is very difficult for them, obviously. Some take all day to get ready and to be presentable, and they want to see their friends, and it would be very, very bad for any of us in this room to have a situation where a senior citizen in our district would have a situation where they were turned away from the polls because they did not have a proper ID, because they could not get a birth certificate on time, in a timely fashion, and I think that would be just a very bad thing.

So this amendment corrects that situation, and essentially, anybody over 65 years of age would not have to worry about being turned away from the polls on election day.

So I would urge that we suspend the rules to vote on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. I would ask the members to please vote "no" to suspend the rules on amendment 9176.

The underlying legislation is no deterrent to the senior population vote at all. In fact, the underlying bill with concerns for senior voters with respect to transportation issues, that is a separate issue from voter identification. The underlying bill actually expands the opportunity for absentee voting for those that have transportation concerns with respect to voting. That is not a photo identification issue.

In addition, when the Georgia voter identification law was challenged in Federal court, the court dismissed all claims because none of the plaintiff organizations could produce a single individual, including any senior, who did not have photo ID or could not easily obtain one. The Federal court in Indiana noted in the challenge there the inability of the plaintiffs to

produce anyone, including any senior, who was not able to vote because of the photo identification requirement.

The fact of the matter is, in addition to a license, anybody can get a photo ID from PENNDOT for free, and also, photo IDs issued by Pennsylvania care facilities, including long-term-care facilities as defined in the Health Care Facilities Act, as well as assisted living residences as defined in the Public Welfare Code and personal care home as defined in the Public Welfare Code are acceptable at any voting precinct.

The issue of transportation is a separate issue from voter identification or photo identification, and the ability to use an absentee ballot addresses that particular concern. The issue here is one person, one vote. And I would also indicate that after Indiana implemented it, there was an increase by 2 percent overall in the first election after the voter ID law went into effect.

In addition, the Senate voted down this particular amendment, our colleagues, on equal protection or constitutional grounds because it is treating one class of folks different from another class of folks.

So we would ask that there not be a suspension of the rules for the perspectives that have been articulated.

Thank you. Please vote "no."

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we need to adopt the Markosek amendment to protect our senior citizens, to make sure to protect their right to vote.

While this bill is a solution in search of a problem, it purports to protect from voter impersonation. The likelihood that a person 65 years or older is going to show up at the polls and pretend to be somebody else is highly unlikely. However, they are the ones who will feel the impact from this law the most, they are the ones who are the most likely not to have photo IDs, they are the ones who will find it the most difficult to obtain those photo IDs, and they are the ones who have been voting their whole lives and want to come up one more time and to vote. The least we can do is suspend the rules so this body can consider an amendment that protects their right to vote, Mr. Speaker. We need to vote to suspend the rules. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question of suspending the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. Again, we would ask that everybody vote against the suspension of the rules and make it clear we support the enfranchisement of every citizen in the State of Pennsylvania to be able to vote and to not have their vote diluted. It is one person, one vote, and that includes every senior citizen in this State. We want to make sure that there is enfranchisement and that there is the use of an absentee ballot if they cannot in fact get to the polls.

We would ask for a vote against suspension of the rules. We absolutely support the voting ability of every single citizen, including our senior citizens. Everybody needs to be able to participate in the political process and not to have their vote diluted. Please vote against suspension of the rules.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—91

Barbin	DeLuca	Josephs	Petrarca
Bishop	DePasquale	Kavulich	Preston
Boyle, K.	Dermody	Keller, W.	Quinn
Bradford	DeWeese	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Brennan	Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw
Briggs	Evans, D.	Kotik	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Fabrizio	Kula	Sabatina
Brownlee	Frankel	Longiatti	Sainato
Burns	Freeman	Mahoney	Samuelson
Buxton	Galloway	Mann	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	George	Markosek	Santoni
Carroll	Gerber	Matzie	Smith, K.
Cohen	Gergely	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Conklin	Gibbons	Mirabito	Staback
Costa, D.	Goodman	Mundy	Stephens
Costa, P.	Haluska	Murphy	Sturla
Cruz	Hanna	Myers	Thomas
Curry	Harhai	Neuman	Vitali
Daley	Harhart	O'Brien, M.	Waters
Davidson	Harkins	O'Neill	Wheatley
Davis	Harper	Parker	White
Deasy	Hennessey	Pashinski	Youngblood
DeLissio	Hornaman	Payton	

NAYS—100

Adolph	Evans, J.	Krieger	Rapp
Aument	Everett	Lawrence	Reed
Baker	Farry	Maher	Reese
Barrar	Fleck	Major	Roae
Bear	Gabler	Maloney	Rock
Benninghoff	Geist	Marshall	Saccone
Bloom	Gillen	Masser	Saylor
Boback	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Scavello
Boyd	Gingrich	Metzgar	Schroder
Brooks	Godshall	Miccarelli	Simmons
Brown, R.	Grell	Millard	Sonney
Causar	Grove	Miller	Stern
Christiana	Hackett	Milne	Stevenson
Clymer	Hahn	Moul	Swanger
Cox	Harris	Mullery	Tallman
Creighton	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Culver	Helm	Mustio	Tobash
Cutler	Hess	Oberlander	Truitt
Day	Hickernell	Payne	Turzai
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Vereb
Denlinger	Kampf	Perry	Vulakovich
DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Petri	Watson
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Pickett	
Ellis	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Smith, S., Speaker
Emrick	Killion	Quigley	
Evanovich	Knowles		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Toepel	Toohil
Marsico	Ross		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. On that question, does the gentleman from Dauphin County, Mr. Buxton, seek recognition for a motion to suspend the rules? The gentleman is recognized to make his motion.

Mr. BUXTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended to consider amendment A09177.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Dauphin County has moved for a suspension of the rules for the immediate consideration of amendment A09177.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Mr. Buxton.

Mr. BUXTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a very simple amendment. What this amendment would do is require the posting of a sign prior to entering every polling place in Pennsylvania that photo ID requirements are needed to vote. It only requires a posting of a sign on the outside of each polling place.

Now, we are going to hear that there is approximately \$4 million available to educate Pennsylvania voters on what this REAL ID Act is all about. We believe that that is woefully insufficient in trying to put on a voter education program in this State. This amendment would alert every voter as they are going into their polling place that photo IDs are required and, further, that there is information on the inside of the polling place for individuals who may require obtaining a photo ID.

I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. On the question of suspension of the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

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

The amendments in the Senate have required that in this upcoming primary that there is, well, there is a requirement to produce photo ID. If anybody does not have photo ID, that that is not in any way an infraction of the underlying law, that it will take effect for the first election after September. It is important to be able to get the Federal funds of \$4 million with respect to public education from the Federal government, that it has to be in a Federal election. Therefore, it makes sense for us to utilize the timetable that is set forth in this bill, that it would be applicable to the general election.

And I would say that in many ways the amendment really is superfluous and that we vote against suspension of the rules with respect to amendment 9177. It would also be an impediment to receiving the Federal funds with respect to public education.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Buxton, for the second time.

Mr. BUXTON. Mr. Speaker, I failed to indicate during my original presentation that my amendment also rolls back this provision of the photo ID until 2013. It is also a piece of this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Is the gentleman, Mr. Dermody, seeking recognition on the motion to suspend the rules?

Mr. DERMODY. I am, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, you just heard a very important point about what this amendment does, why we should suspend the rules. It postpones the effective date of the implementation of this bill until 2013, which is very important. To suggest that we can educate voters about what is going to happen to them with voter ID in this primary makes no sense whatsoever.

If you have studied at all or looked all around the country what is happening with these primaries, you are not generating a whole lot of turnout. That may have something to do with the Presidential candidates that are out there, but the turnout is not there, and I do not believe the turnout will be here in Pennsylvania. That means in November with one of the most important elections this country has ever seen, if it is anything like the last Presidential election, it was record turnout, people will show up there and will have no idea that they need an ID to vote.

It is important that we go through this education process, and \$4 million certainly is not enough, but having it done in 2 months is not enough either. This suspension of the rules will allow us to consider an amendment that will push that back to 2013 so we have the opportunity to educate Pennsylvania voters on what they are going to be up against in order to exercise their right to vote. That is crucial, and believe me, it will not happen in this primary, not with the turnout and not with what is going to happen in November when we have the huge turnout in this Presidential election. That is why we need to suspend the rules to consider this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—85

Barbin	DeLissio	Josephs	Payton
Bishop	DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston
Bradford	Dermody	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Brennan	DeWeese	Kortz	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kotik	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Evans, D.	Kula	Sabatina
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Longietti	Sainato
Burns	Frankel	Mahoney	Samuelson
Buxton	Freeman	Mann	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Galloway	Markosek	Santoni
Carroll	George	Matzie	Smith, K.
Cohen	Gerber	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Conklin	Gergely	Mirabito	Staback
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Mundy	Sturla
Costa, P.	Goodman	Murphy	Thomas
Cruz	Haluska	Myers	Vitali
Curry	Hanna	Neuman	Waters
Daley	Harhai	O'Brien, M.	Wheatley
Davidson	Harkins	Parker	White
Davis	Hornaman	Pashinski	Youngblood
Deasy			

NAYS—106

Adolph	Everett	Knowles	Quinn
Aument	Farry	Krieger	Rapp
Baker	Fleck	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Gabler	Maher	Reese
Beaer	Geist	Major	Roae

Benninghoff	Gillen	Maloney	Rock
Bloom	Gillespie	Marshall	Saccone
Boback	Gingrich	Masser	Saylor
Boyd	Godshall	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Grell	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown, R.	Grove	Miccarelli	Simmons
Causer	Hackett	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Hahn	Miller	Stephens
Clymer	Harhart	Milne	Stern
Cox	Harper	Moul	Stevenson
Creighton	Harris	Mullery	Swanger
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Day	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tobash
Delozier	Hess	Oberlander	Truitt
Denlinger	Hickernell	Payne	Turzai
DiGirolamo	Hutchinson	Peifer	Vereb
Dunbar	Kampf	Perry	Vulakovich
Ellis	Kauffman	Petri	Watson
Emrick	Keller, F.	Pickett	
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Smith, S., Speaker
Evans, J.	Killion	Quigley	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Toepel	Toohil
Marsico	Ross		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. On that question, does the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla, seek recognition for the purpose of making a motion to suspend the rules? The gentleman indicates he does not.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. On the question, is the lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Josephs, seeking recognition for a motion to suspend the rules? The lady may make her motion.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask for a suspension of the rules on amendment 9146. What that amendment would do—

The SPEAKER. The lady will suspend.

Let me put the motion before us, and then you will be recognized.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Sorry.

The SPEAKER. The lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Josephs, has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of amendment A09142.

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Excuse me, Mr. Speaker. I think it is 9146.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker apologizes. Let me restate the motion that the lady put forth.

The lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Josephs, moves for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of amendment A09146. That is correct; I apologize.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. The lady is recognized on the motion.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment, amendment 9146, would allow seniors, and they would be the only people to have this kind of identification, to use their Medicare cards. I am interested to hear folks from the other side of the aisle say that seniors do not mind this, trying to get photo ID from the PENNDOT people or whatever. I do not know what kind of seniors he has in his district—

The SPEAKER. The lady will suspend.

The question before the House is whether or not we should suspend the rules. It should not elaborate into a debate on the merits of the amendment that would be the subject of the suspension.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Well, I would like to have the rules suspended, because many, many seniors do not have the kind of ID that is required in this bill. Not only do I need the rules suspended for that reason, but also, seniors who try to get the correct photo ID may find it takes 4 to 5 months to get their birth certificate. These seniors, if they were born before 1930, they may not have a birth certificate.

It is interesting to me we keep saying that after Indiana or somebody passed this kind of bill, participation went up. Well, the next election was a Presidential. Of course it went up.

I can only tell you that the seniors in my district do not like this bill. It is really, really unpopular. Most of them do not have ID that is required by this bill. Most of them would be very happy, if not all of them would be very happy, something that is already in their possession, something that has been vetted already, their Medicare card. There is no reason in the world why that cannot be used unless you just do not want seniors to vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question of suspension of the rules, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. The underlying bill of photo voter identification would be eviscerated by the suspension of rules for this amendment. In fact, this particular amendment was defeated by our colleagues over on the other side of the Capitol. I would oppose suspension of the rules for this particular amendment.

In fact, the underlying bill allows for a Pennsylvania driver's license; a PENNDOT photo ID card for any citizen, and that is free of charge; passport; military ID; ID card from an accredited college or university; and for our seniors, ID card issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including a long-term-care facility as defined in the Health Care Facilities Act, as well as assisted living residences and personal care homes as defined in the Public Welfare Code, and certain employee photo IDs issued by government entities.

The fact of the matter is, this is not a photo ID. It eviscerates the bill. It is also superfluous. Please vote against suspension. It is not needed. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, all the gentelady is trying to do here is to suspend the rules so we can once again have the opportunity to

protect senior citizens' right to vote. All she is saying is that you can show a Medicare card. Now, they had to show proper ID to get the Medicare card. They have gone through all the rigmarole they have to go through. Now that they have it, they should not be forced to go through it again. It would simply allow them to show their Medicare card and be able to exercise their right to vote. This makes sense for our senior citizens. It makes sense for us doing our job here protecting citizens' rights to vote.

We should suspend the rules and vote "yes" on Representative Josephs's amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—85

Barbin	DeLissio	Josephs	Payton
Bishop	DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston
Bradford	Dermody	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Brennan	DeWeese	Kortz	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kotik	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Evans, D.	Kula	Sabatina
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Longietti	Sainato
Burns	Frankel	Mahoney	Samuelson
Buxton	Freeman	Mann	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Galloway	Markosek	Santoni
Carroll	George	Matzie	Smith, K.
Cohen	Gerber	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Conklin	Gergely	Mirabito	Staback
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Mundy	Sturla
Costa, P.	Goodman	Murphy	Thomas
Cruz	Haluska	Myers	Vitali
Curry	Hanna	Neuman	Waters
Daley	Harhai	O'Brien, M.	Wheatley
Davidson	Harkins	Parker	White
Davis	Hornaman	Pashinski	Youngblood
Deasy			

NAYS—106

Adolph	Everett	Knowles	Quinn
Aument	Farry	Krieger	Rapp
Baker	Fleck	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Gabler	Maher	Reese
Bear	Geist	Major	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillen	Maloney	Rock
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Brooks	Grell	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown, R.	Grove	Miccarelli	Simmons
Causer	Hackett	Millard	Sonney
Christiana	Hahn	Miller	Stephens
Clymer	Harhart	Milne	Stern
Cox	Harper	Moul	Stevenson
Creighton	Harris	Mullery	Swanger
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Day	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tobash
Delozier	Hess	Oberlander	Truitt
Denlinger	Hickernell	Payne	Turzai
DiGirolamo	Hutchinson	Peifer	Vereb
Dunbar	Kampf	Perry	Vulakovich
Ellis	Kauffman	Petri	Watson
Emrick	Keller, F.	Pickett	
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Smith, S.,
Evans, J.	Killion	Quigley	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B. Marsico	Micozzie Ross	Toepel	Toohil
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Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. DePasquale, or excuse me. Is the gentleman from York County, Mr. DePasquale, seeking recognition for the suspension of the rules?

Mr. DePASQUALE. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state his motion.

Mr. DePASQUALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to suspend the rules to offer an amendment. It is 09161.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from York County, Mr. DePasquale, moves for a suspension of the rules to allow for the immediate consideration of amendment A09161.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. DePasquale.

Mr. DePASQUALE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I offer this suspension motion so that we can add this amendment, which I believe is necessary to make this law actually have real – actually what would be a positive effect for the law.

The reason why I think the suspension is critical, to enable this amendment to get in would move the date back for implementation, which would give the Department of State a whole year to train the workers at the Department of State to make sure that beginning next year, they could more effectively implement the law, would add a more transparent process to this, also for the financial impact would give a much more—The impact would be spread out over many more months, so it would not necessarily have such a negative impact on, say, education in this year's budget.

I also believe it is critical that we not have our first test case this November, which may be the largest turnout in Pennsylvania history, and if we do not have trained workers from the Department of State, not only will this potentially impact people that do not have an ID there but could also impact people that have an ID but are stuck in very long lines because they have never even had a trial run with the workers before. And you may even have people with ID stuck in very long lines, stuck in those very long lines, but if they are an hourly employee or on third shift and they are just stuck in that line, they may have to leave just to get to work. I know many constituents of mine in York, they have to commute to

Baltimore to go to work, and if they are an hourly worker, the long lines that may make an impact in this legislation without this change will make those lines even longer, because there will have been no trial run prior to the implementing of this law, which will be the highest turnout probably in the history of Pennsylvania.

So again, Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to offer this motion to suspend the rules for this critical amendment, which will make the implementation of this law much smoother, much more transparent, and much more fiscally responsible.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Turzai.

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

I would ask the members to oppose the suspension of the rules for amendment 9161.

In the first instance, Federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funding of \$4 million has been set aside to provide for the required educational campaign to educate voters about the requirements, and it has to be in a Federal election year, which is this year of 2012.

Second, the amendments from the Senate have indicated that in the primary, while photo ID is, quote, unquote "required," there are no infractions if the photo ID is not present. It will not be required until essentially the November election, before which significant education will occur.

In addition, please understand that if somebody should show up without photo ID, they can cast a provisional vote and have 6 days subsequent to that to, through e-mail, fax, in person, or by mail, provide the necessary voter identification.

This is an unnecessary amendment, and I would ask that we not suspend so that we can move to the concurrence vote. Please vote "no."

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if we pass this motion to suspend the rules, it would delay the implementation of this bill until December 31, 2012, and as we have already stated, this bill is going to take time for the people to understand the impact and to comply with.

As has been stated, we need to educate the workers at the polls. We have already talked about they have to train workers, but we need to educate the voters. And we already know and we have already talked about how this primary election, the turnout will be light, how in the general election the turnout will be probably the heaviest in history. It will create chaos at the polls to implement this without the time to properly educate the voters and educate the workers.

And what does it do to the Independent voters? Independent voters will not be there for sure at the primary, but they will be there at the general election. It will create chaos. This gives the Department of Elections, it gives all our counties the time to comply with this law, to work with this law, to make sure they can implement it in a fair fashion, a fair way that treats all the voters similarly, and allows everybody, every citizen, every registered voter, the right to vote.

We should suspend the rules so we can delay implementation of this until we have the time to properly educate our voters, train our workers, and give all our voters the opportunities they deserve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—85

Barbin	DeLissio	Josephs	Payton
Bishop	DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	DePasquale	Keller, W.	Preston
Bradford	Dermody	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Brennan	DeWeese	Kortz	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kotik	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Evans, D.	Kula	Sabatina
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Sainato
Burns	Frankel	Mahoney	Samuelson
Buxton	Freeman	Mann	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Galloway	Markosek	Santoni
Carroll	George	Matzie	Smith, K.
Cohen	Gerber	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Conklin	Gergely	Mirabito	Staback
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Mundy	Sturla
Costa, P.	Goodman	Murphy	Thomas
Cruz	Haluska	Myers	Vitali
Curry	Hanna	Neuman	Waters
Daley	Harhai	O'Brien, M.	Wheatley
Davidson	Harkins	Parker	White
Davis	Hornaman	Pashinski	Youngblood
Deasy			

NAYS—106

Adolph	Everett	Knowles	Quinn
Aument	Farry	Krieger	Rapp
Baker	Fleck	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Gabler	Maher	Reese
Bear	Geist	Major	Roe
Benninghoff	Gillen	Maloney	Rock
Bloom	Gillespie	Marshall	Saccone
Boback	Gingrich	Masser	Saylor
Boyd	Godshall	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Grell	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown, R.	Grove	Miccarelli	Simmons
Causar	Hackett	Millard	Sonney
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Creighton	Harris	Mullery	Swanger
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Dunbar	Kampf	Perry	Vulakovich
Ellis	Kauffman	Petri	Watson
Emrick	Keller, F.	Pickett	
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	Smith, S., Speaker
Evans, J.	Killion	Quigley	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Toepel	Toohil
Marsico	Ross		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. On that question, is the gentleman, Mr. Hanna, again seeking recognition for a motion to suspend the rules?

Mr. HANNA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state his motion.

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I would wish to suspend the rules for the consideration of amendment A09228.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Clinton County, Mr. Hanna, has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of amendment A09228.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Clinton County, Mr. Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment A09228 simply adds to the list of acceptable IDs the permit to carry a firearm. Mr. Speaker, the permit to carry a firearm is issued by the highest law enforcement official in each of our counties. It carries a photo. It carries a birth date. It carries all of the information that is on any of the other IDs that are valid under this bill, and for that reason I wish to suspend the rules so that we could add a permit to carry a firearm as an acceptable means of identification under this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I know we are not allowed to use props on the floor of the House, but I have my permit here if anyone would like to examine it. It clearly indicates all of the necessary information that is required for the other IDs that are being accepted under this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge a "yes" vote on suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, the Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Turzai.

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

Amendment 9228 is superfluous. In fact, you have to have an ID to get that ID. So if you have the ID, you could be using it at the polls, so it is not needed.

I would ask that we not suspend the rules so that we can get to the concurrence with the Senate amendments. Please vote "no."

The SPEAKER. On the question of suspending the rules, the Speaker recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we are suspending the rules to allow an amendment that once again makes sense. The county sheriff, in most cases, issues the permit to carry a firearm. It is a photo ID. And yes, you may have to show an ID to get the permit, but you certainly may not have a driver's license at the time you have shown up to vote but you will have your permit to carry your firearm with your picture on it and you should be allowed to vote if you have that.

Issued by the county; a perfect ID with a picture. It makes sense. I do not understand why there would be any opposition to suspending the rules to consider having a firearm permit with a photo ID sufficient to allow you to exercise your right to vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—88

Barbin	DeLissio	Hornaman	Pashinski
Bishop	DeLuca	Josephs	Payton
Boyle, K.	DePasquale	Kavulich	Petrarca
Bradford	Dermody	Keller, W.	Preston
Brennan	DeWeese	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Briggs	Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw
Brown, V.	Evans, D.	Kotik	Roebuck
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Kula	Sabatina
Burns	Frankel	Longietti	Sainato
Buxton	Freeman	Mahoney	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Galloway	Mann	Santarsiero
Carroll	George	Markosek	Santoni
Cohen	Gerber	Matzie	Smith, K.
Conklin	Gergely	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Mirabito	Staback
Costa, P.	Goodman	Mundy	Sturla
Cruz	Haluska	Murphy	Thomas
Curry	Hanna	Murt	Vitali
Daley	Harhai	Myers	Waters
Davidson	Harkins	Neuman	Wheatley
Davis	Harper	O'Brien, M.	White
Deasy	Heffley	Parker	Youngblood

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Adolph	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Aument	Farry	Lawrence	Reed
Baker	Fleck	Maher	Reese
Barrar	Gabler	Major	Roe
Bear	Geist	Maloney	Rock
Benninghoff	Gillen	Marshall	Saccone
Bloom	Gillespie	Masser	Saylor
Boback	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Scavello
Boyd	Godshall	Metzgar	Schroder
Brooks	Grell	Miccarelli	Simmons
Brown, R.	Grove	Millard	Sonney
Causar	Hackett	Miller	Stephens
Christiana	Hahn	Milne	Stern
Clymer	Harhart	Moul	Stevenson
Cox	Harris	Mullery	Swanger
Creighton	Helm	Mustio	Tallman
Culver	Hennessey	O'Neill	Taylor
Cutler	Hess	Oberlander	Tobash
Day	Hickernell	Payne	Truitt
Delozier	Hutchinson	Peifer	Turzai
Denlinger	Kampf	Perry	Vereb
DiGirolo	Kauffman	Petri	Vulakovich
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Pickett	Watson
Ellis	Keller, M.K.	Pyle	
Emrick	Killion	Quigley	Smith, S., Speaker
Evankovich	Knowles	Quinn	
Evans, J.			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Boyle, B.	Micozzie	Toepel	Toohil
Marsico	Ross		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Lawrence County, Mr. Gibbons. The gentleman, Mr. Gibbons, waives off.

The question is, will the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Mike O'Brien.

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

One million equals zero; 2.5 million equals zero; 4.3 million equals zero; 11 million equals zero. You may think that I am doing a recitation in some theoretical mathematics, but no, I am not. When the Secretary of State appeared before the Appropriations Committee, when she was asked what the price of implementing this program would be, she said, \$1 million. In the transportation budget, there is \$2.5 million set aside for the implementation of this program. The Senate fiscal note said \$4.3 million. And an independent research group put the price tag at \$11 million. Interestingly enough, when the question was put to the Secretary of State, how many cases of voter fraud have been reported, the answer was zero – zero cases of voter fraud.

Now, I have to tell you, Mr. Speaker, I am shocked. I am absolutely shocked that as I stand here in this bastion of fiscal conservatism, I am standing and I am watching money be thrown away – money be thrown away. As we have spent the past year and a half trying to seek out waste, fraud, and abuse, we choose, we choose to waste the people's money for no return – no return, zero, zip, none, butkis.

This, Mr. Speaker, is a truly irresponsible, irresponsible piece of legislation. It proves nothing. It solves nothing. It simply makes certain people – certain people – feel good because they have been able to drive a bogeyman out from underneath the bed.

It is flawed, and I urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I urge nonconcurrency on this, and although I agree conceptually what the gentleman from Philadelphia has said regarding this bill, I think it is much worse than what he is making out. It is not simply to chase out a bogeyman. It is not simply to waste tax dollars. I believe this is a purposeful attempt to suppress the Democratic vote using tax dollars – using tax dollars – and that is wrong and that is insidious and that is why all right-thinking people, Democrat and Republican, have to reject this legislation. We should not be using tax dollars to suppress the vote of anyone.

Mr. Speaker, this is not just my opinion. Mr. Speaker, the county commissioners, the people who are actually here to administer elections, people who are known for their conservatism, their stability, people for their impartiality, listen to what they said. This is a letter dated March 18, 2011. First of

all, they say, we oppose any requirements for voter ID beyond what is now law. But then they go on to say this: "...We find no evidence" – no evidence – "– substantiated by a search of case records and...information from the counties – that it is an issue. And so we believe a requirement to present ID at all elections is a solution to a problem that does not exist." They describe, the county commissioners describe this legislation – I will repeat – "a solution to a problem that does not exist." This is the county commissioners. This is not the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), who also opposes this; this is the county commissioners – "a solution to a problem that does not exist."

Mr. Speaker, I am a member of the State Government Committee where this bill moved through, and I have sat through many hearings and I have interrogated many people, so-called experts, legislators, and none, none of those people could adequately describe a problem here. None could adequately describe a problem that needs to be addressed.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I have studied this statistic before, but I asked my staff, just out of curiosity, let us look at the convictions over the past number of elections for someone who goes to a polling place to attempt to misrepresent who they are. And we looked at 4 elections – 2004, '06, '08, and '10 – and there were 20 million votes cast in those 4 elections, 20 million votes cast. And you know how many, you know how many convictions there were for someone trying to misrepresent who they were? Four; 4 out of 20 million, Mr. Speaker. The facts back up that this is simply a problem that does not exist, Mr. Speaker.

You know, Mr. Speaker, we have heard of the costs anywhere from \$1 to \$11 million for a problem that does not exist. Think of all the things we could be spending money on. We are cutting basic ed. We have schools in the city of Chester that cannot make their bills. We are cutting health-care programs. We are causing the parents of students who send their kids to schools of higher education to pay more tuition. Mr. Speaker, we need this money, and we should not be squandering it on a cynical political attempt to suppress the Democratic vote and to try to influence this year's Presidential election to defeat Barack Obama. That is what this is all about. This is model legislation. This is promulgated by ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council), a conservative group, and it is being done nationwide. Why? It is being done by Republicans universally. Why? To influence the Presidential election. And those of you who support this ought to be ashamed of yourselves for participating in this despicable action, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this ranks up there, Mr. Speaker, this ranks up there with the other cynical acts we have done in this legislature to influence the legislative process unfairly. We have been called on it by our Pennsylvania Supreme Court with regard to redistricting. They told us we are acting contrary to law. This congressional redistricting, just as bad. This is just another attempt by those who think they can abuse power, misuse tax dollars, to— And it only feeds into the cynicism that the public has about elections. By voting for this, you are just feeding the cynicism the public has about politicians specifically and the legislative process, and I urge a "no" vote. Thank you.

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, we are not intending on being here all night to do this, to debate on this particular piece of legislation, and it would be our intention at this point to go over the bill for the remainder of the day. We will bring it up promptly tomorrow for continuation of the debate, and there will be no further votes this evening.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Frankel, seek recognition?

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An announcement, actually. If I could have the attention of the Democratic members. We will caucus tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the morning. If Democratic members could please report to caucus tomorrow at 10 a.m. Thank you.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 1106;
HB 1841;
HB 1842;
HB 1852; and
HB 2125.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

HB 1057;
HB 1602;
HB 1832; and
HB 1833.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1077**, **PN 3047**, entitled:

An Act providing for ultrasound test requirements to determine gestational ages of unborn children; establishing the right to view ultrasound image and ultrasound video of unborn child and the right to observe or hear the fetal heartbeat; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Health and for duties of physicians performing abortions; requiring certain reports to be filed with the Department of Health; imposing administrative sanctions and criminal penalties; and providing for remedies.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1077 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1523, PN 3045**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1523 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2105, PN 2968**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to VARHA, Inc., certain lands situate in the Borough of Polk, Venango County.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 2105 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 9, PN 1838**, entitled:

An Act requiring identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits; prohibiting issuance of access devices to certain persons; and providing for the offense of possession of access device by certain persons.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 9 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2027, PN 2776**, entitled:

An Act designating State Route 422, from its intersection with State Route 724 in the Borough of Sinking Spring, Berks County, to the west end of the Borough of Robeson, Berks County, as the Kyle D. Pagerly Memorial Highway.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 2027 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 2027 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 469 be removed from the tabled calendar and recommitted to the Rules Committee.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Seeing no further business before the House, the Speaker recognizes the lady, Ms. DeLissio, from Philadelphia County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 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 6:06 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.