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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (SAMUEL H. SMITH)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. GORDON DENLINGER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Will you please join me in prayer:

Father in heaven, creator of this new day, we come before You with hearts full of praise for all that You are and all that You have done. Father, You spoke and worlds came into existence, showing the wonder of Your majesty. And yet we read in Scripture that You care about us as individuals and that You know more about us than we know about ourselves. Father, thank You for caring about us, You created ones, and for Your mercies which are renewed to us each morning.

As we prepare to hear from Governor Corbett and to welcome the Senate and the Cabinet and many distinguished guests, Father, we pray Your blessing would be upon them and all who join us in this chamber.

Father, today is a busy and full day here in this place that You have called us to serve. Today we will face governing challenges and we will wrestle with the great issues of our time. Grant us, we pray, a measure of Your wisdom as we consider how best to move our beloved Commonwealth forward.

And we also ask for grace so that we might work with our fellow Representatives in a peaceable and decent manner. Though there are differences in viewpoint, in Your Word, Father, Your Word tells us that You place people in positions of authority, and recognizing this, help us to extend kindness and respect to all who serve here. Mindful of the great honor it is to serve here, help us always to recognize our utter dependence on You, on the hand of divine providence which guides not only the affairs of state but our individual lives, this day and every day.

With humble gratitude, I pray these things in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. 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 Monday, February 4, 2013, will be postponed until printed.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an immediate Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, the Appropriations Committee has the permission to meet. There will be no votes on the floor until they come back. So we are going to continue with some of the routine housekeeping, but the committee can go meet right now.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2 By Representatives O'NEILL, CLYMER, ROEBUCK, STURLA, FLECK, CARROLL, DAVIS, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, EMRICK, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARKINS, HESS, KAVULICH, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MAHER, MARSICO, MILLARD, MOLCHANY, MOUL, MURT, NEUMAN, O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, PEIFER, PETRI, QUINN, READSHAW, REESE, ROSS, SANTARSIERO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIMS, STERN and WATSON

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, establishing the Special Education Funding Commission; in reimbursements by the Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for definitions; and providing for the distribution of special education funding for student achievement and instruction of eligible students and for special education accountability.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 5, 2013.

No. 40 By Representatives DENLINGER, ADOLPH, MAHER, PEIFER, DUNBAR, GREINER, CALTAGIRONE, M. K. KELLER, HICKERNELL, AUMENT, SCHLOSSBERG, KORTZ, COHEN, CUTLER, MUNDY, KRIEGER, BAKER, FABRIZIO, F. KELLER, GRELL, FLECK, GROVE, MILLARD, MILLER, C. HARRIS and GINGRICH

An Act amending the act of May 26, 1947 (P.L.318, No.140), known as the CPA Law, further providing for certificate requirements, for equivalency practice for individuals and for equivalency practice for firms and entities.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 5, 2013.

No. 301 By Representatives SAYLOR, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, COHEN, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, CUTLER, EVERETT, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, LUCAS, MARSHALL, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, ROCK, SIMMONS, WATSON and GABLER

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 natural gas fleet vehicle tax credit; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 2013.

No. 302 By Representatives MOUL, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, COHEN, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GRELL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLER, PICKETT, QUINN, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, WATSON, GINGRICH and GABLER

An Act establishing the Keystone Transit Program; and providing a transfer of funds from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for a competitive grant program for the transition of small mass transit bus fleets to compressed natural gas.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2013.

No. 303 By Representatives WATSON, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, COHEN, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, QUINN, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, GINGRICH and GABLER

An Act establishing the Clean Transit Program; and providing a transfer of funds from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for a loan program for the transition of large mass transit bus fleets to compressed natural gas.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2013.

No. 304 By Representatives MARSHALL, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, QUINN, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, WATSON and GABLER

An Act requiring certain large mass transit agencies to purchase buses that meet certain criteria within a specific implementation schedule; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 2013.

No. 305 By Representatives DENLINGER, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, COHEN, CUTLER, EVANKOVICH, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HESS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, LONGIETTI, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, QUINN, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, WATSON and GABLER

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 natural gas corridor tax credit; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 2013.

No. 306 By Representatives PICKETT, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MILLER, MOUL, QUINN, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER and WATSON

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178), known as the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act, further providing for title of act, for short title, for definitions, for the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund and for biomass-based diesel production incentives; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2013.

No. 307 By Representatives EVANKOVICH, AUMENT, BAKER, CAUSER, CUTLER, DENLINGER, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, LAWRENCE, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, WATSON and GABLER

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, providing for the Clean Vehicles Program.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2013.

No. 308 By Representatives SAYLOR, AUMENT, BAKER, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, KORTZ, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, ROCK, SIMMONS, SWANGER and WATSON

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for definitions and for disposition of fees, fines and civil penalties; establishing the Keystone Vehicle Program; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2013.

No. 309 By Representatives GROVE, AUMENT, BAKER, COHEN, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GINGRICH, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, KORTZ, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, ROCK, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, WATSON and GABLER

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 natural gas vehicle tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 2013.

No. 505 By Representatives NEILSON, MURT, O'BRIEN, ROZZI, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLOSSBERG, COHEN, DAVIS, BISHOP, V. BROWN, MAHONEY, THOMAS, DAVIDSON, GIBBONS and FREEMAN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of ethnic intimidation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 506 By Representatives NEILSON, B. BOYLE, COHEN, STEPHENS, BIZZARRO, DAVIS, D. COSTA, WATERS, MURT, PETRI, WATSON, MATZIE, THOMAS, MCCARTER, DeLUCA and FARRY

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole power.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 507 By Representatives NEILSON, CLAY, BIZZARRO, YOUNGBLOOD, HAGGERTY, BAKER, MCNEILL, D. COSTA, MAHONEY, SANTARSIERO, MURT, FARINA, DEASY, MATZIE, GIBBONS, DeLUCA, GOODMAN and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of sexual offenders, further providing for period of registration, for registry and for verification by sexual offenders and Pennsylvania State Police.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 508 By Representatives NEILSON, FARRY, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, BIZZARRO, HAGGERTY, READSHAW, DEASY and PARKER

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for powers and duties of the commission; and establishing the Law Enforcement Line of Duty Death Reward Fund.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 509 By Representatives NEILSON, MURT, BIZZARRO, BROWNLEE, SCHLOSSBERG, CARROLL, CLAY, DAVIDSON, DeLUCA, FARINA, COHEN, D. COSTA, DAVIS, W. KELLER, GIBBONS, MAHONEY, ROZZI, DEASY, KINSEY, O'BRIEN, YOUNGBLOOD,

MATZIE, KAVULICH, READSHAW, MUNDY, SANTARSIERO, WHITE, DEAN, FREEMAN and PARKER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in safe schools, further providing for definitions and for policy relating to bullying.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 5, 2013.

No. 510 By Representatives NEILSON, ROZZI, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, D. COSTA, HAGGERTY, READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE, DAVIDSON, DEASY, MATZIE and PARKER

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to pay rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of certain perpetrators; and establishing the Law Enforcement Line of Duty Death Reward Fund.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 511 By Representatives DONATUCCI, BAKER, YOUNGBLOOD, KOTIK, O'BRIEN, SAINATO, D. COSTA, MILLARD, V. BROWN, KORTZ, SWANGER, COHEN, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, BROWNLEE, KINSEY, MOUL and MURT

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 512 By Representatives DELOZIER, BARRAR, AUMENT, BAKER, BOBACK, R. BROWN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GRELL, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, MAHONEY, MILNE, MURT, SWANGER and WATSON

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing a system for the use of volunteer health practitioners; providing reasonable safeguards to assure that health practitioners are appropriately licensed and regulated to protect the public's health; providing for applicability of workers' compensation and occupational disease law; and providing for limitation of civil damages.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 5, 2013.

No. 513 By Representatives STEVENSON, BAKER, HEFFLEY, M. K. KELLER, BROOKS, HENNESSEY, AUMENT, CUTLER, D. COSTA, GINGRICH, MARSHALL, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, BLOOM, MAJOR, TALLMAN, KORTZ, KAUFFMAN, FLECK, MACKENZIE, C. HARRIS, MOUL, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, MILLER, CLYMER, MARSICO, READSHAW, SWANGER, DeLUCA, HESS, ROCK, GRELL, WATSON, GILLEN and HARHART

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for settlement of small estates on petition and for estates not exceeding \$25,000.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 514 By Representatives STEVENSON, RAPP, CALTAGIRONE, MARSHALL, MILLARD, KORTZ, FLECK, CAUSER, MILLER, CLYMER, M. K. KELLER, GABLER, EVERETT, PEIFER, EVANKOVICH and HARHART

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for floatplane recreation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2013.

No. 515 By Representatives STEVENSON, BAKER, M. K. KELLER, CALTAGIRONE, CUTLER, GINGRICH, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MAJOR, MUNDY, KORTZ, HARKINS, FLECK, C. HARRIS, MOUL, CAUSER, PICKETT, CARROLL, MILLER, CLYMER, SWANGER, ROCK, GRELL and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for definitions; and providing for mailed notice in certain proceedings.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 2013.

No. 516 By Representatives STEVENSON, GODSHALL, M. K. KELLER, HENNESSEY, D. COSTA, DAVIS, MARSHALL, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, EVERETT, MAJOR, KORTZ, HALUSKA, FLECK, HAHN, LAWRENCE, CAUSER, PICKETT, CLYMER, SAINATO, V. BROWN, GABLER, PEIFER, EVANKOVICH and HARHART

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exceptions to operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 5, 2013.

No. 517 By Representatives WATERS, DEAN, SANTARSIERO, MCCARTER, K. BOYLE, O'BRIEN, HAGGERTY, CLAY, BISHOP, BROWNLEE, STURLA, SCHLOSSBERG, McGEEHAN, MUNDY, THOMAS, KINSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, KIRKLAND and COHEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, prohibiting certain assault weapons.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 518 By Representatives WATERS, BISHOP, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, V. BROWN, COHEN, ROEBUCK, KINSEY, BROWNLEE, BRIGGS, GAINNEY, KIRKLAND, SIMS, STURLA and SANTARSIERO

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general principles of justification, further providing for definitions, for use of force in self-protection, for use of force for the protection of property and for use of force by persons with special responsibility for care, discipline or safety of others.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 519 By Representatives WATERS, BROWNLEE, O'BRIEN, DONATUCCI, BISHOP, K. BOYLE, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, FRANKEL, V. BROWN, COHEN, ROEBUCK, KINSEY, BRIGGS, GAINNEY, KIRKLAND, SIMS, STURLA and SANTARSIERO

An Act providing for child firearm safety lock mechanisms; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 520 By Representatives WATERS, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, V. BROWN, COHEN, ROEBUCK, KINSEY, BROWNLEE, BRIGGS, GAINNEY, KIRKLAND, SIMS, STURLA and SANTARSIERO

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentences for carrying a firearm without a license.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 521 By Representatives WATERS, BROWNLEE, MCCARTER, BISHOP, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, V. BROWN, COHEN, ROEBUCK, KINSEY, BRIGGS, GAINNEY, KIRKLAND, SIMS, STURLA and SANTARSIERO

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 522 By Representatives WATERS, COHEN, ROEBUCK, KINSEY, BROWNLEE, BRIGGS, GAINNEY, KIRKLAND, SIMS and STURLA

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, further providing for antidrug and town-watch volunteer civil immunity; and adding crime prevention provisions relating to neighborhood watch groups.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 523 By Representatives BAKER, F. KELLER, GINGRICH, KAUFFMAN, CAUSER, TRUITT, PICKETT, STEPHENS, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, RAPP, CUTLER, D. COSTA, HARHART, MOUL, TAYLOR, AUMENT, READSHAW, KRIEGER, TOEPEL, MAJOR, HESS, C. HARRIS, GROVE, MILLARD, COX, WATSON, MILLER, SWANGER, DENLINGER, FARRY, BENNINGHOFF, MURT, GABLER, GRELL and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for verification of eligibility.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 5, 2013.

No. 524 By Representatives BAKER, M. K. KELLER, MICOZZIE, GINGRICH, PICKETT, CAUSER, HARHART, CUTLER, MAJOR, KORTZ, HESS, WATSON, READSHAW,

HENNESSEY, THOMAS, MILLARD, FRANKEL, CALTAGIRONE, SWANGER and MURT

An Act establishing the Community-Based Health Care Provider Access (CHCPA) Program in the Department of Health; providing for hospital health clinics and for a tax credit; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 5, 2013.

No. 525 By Representatives BAKER, O'BRIEN, V. BROWN, KAUFFMAN, HAGGERTY, GINGRICH, CAUSER, D. COSTA, BOBACK, DAVIS, MICOZZIE, KORTZ, HARHART, MOUL, TAYLOR, YOUNGBLOOD, TALLMAN, PETRI, CALTAGIRONE, HESS, WATSON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, MILLARD, MILLER, SWANGER, FLECK, OBERLANDER, MURT, GILLEN and BRADFORD

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for definitions; and providing for training of school employees in diabetes care and management, for diabetes care in schools, for possession and use of diabetes medication and monitoring equipment and for liability.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, February 5, 2013.

No. 526 By Representatives BAKER, STERN, MICOZZIE, GINGRICH, SWANGER, D. COSTA, PICKETT, STEPHENS, HESS, MILLARD, HICKERNELL, V. BROWN, TALLMAN, MOUL, HARHART, MURT, MILNE and DeLUCA

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors, for restriction of operating privileges and for suspension of operating privilege.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 527 By Representatives CLYMER, TALLMAN, HESS, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, FLECK, LAWRENCE, DENLINGER and MURT

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 5, 2013.

No. 528 By Representatives CLYMER, SWANGER, KAUFFMAN, METCALFE, LAWRENCE, SAYLOR, STERN, AUMENT, BAKER, RAPP, TALLMAN, HARHART, HICKERNELL, ROCK, COHEN, BENNINGHOFF, M. K. KELLER, FLECK, PICKETT, DENLINGER, COX, MILLER, MURT, GRELL and EVERETT

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for regulatory authority of Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, February 5, 2013.

No. 529 By Representatives CLYMER, MILLARD, HESS, CAUSER, KNOWLES, MACKENZIE, STERN, FABRIZIO, C. HARRIS, CLAY, ROCK, MAJOR, KORTZ, BOBACK, WATSON, READSHAW, HAHN, STEVENSON, O'NEILL, M. K. KELLER, FLECK, DENLINGER, MATZIE, GIBBONS, MOUL, GILLEN and MURT

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for arson and related offenses; and providing for sentences for arson of a historic resource.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

No. 530 By Representatives CLYMER, STERN, BROOKS, KORTZ, PICKETT, McGEEHAN, SCHLOSSBERG, RAPP, MUNDY, ROZZI, KAUFFMAN, MACKENZIE, HESS, CAUSER, TALLMAN, KNOWLES, D. COSTA, HENNESSEY, WATSON, EVERETT, ROCK, SANTARSIERO, NEILSON, HAHN, SACCONI, CALTAGIRONE, DiGIROLAMO, MALONEY, HICKERNELL, MOUL, FLECK, BARRAR, TOEPEL, READSHAW, MARSHALL, GODSHALL, V. BROWN, TRUITT, MILLARD, SABATINA, COHEN, LAWRENCE, C. HARRIS, M. K. KELLER, MAHONEY, GINGRICH, DeLUCA and MULLERY

An Act to promote the general welfare and stimulate the economy of the Commonwealth by requiring that all government agencies purchase only flags manufactured in the United States; and imposing a penalty.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 5, 2013.

No. 531 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BENNINGHOFF, AUMENT, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CUTLER, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DUNBAR, EMRICK, FLECK, GABLER, GINGRICH, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, M. K. KELLER, LAWRENCE, MAJOR, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MURT, O'NEILL, PICKETT, ROSS, SAINATO, SWANGER, TRUITT and WATSON

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for declarations of estimated tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 2013.

No. 532 By Representatives O'BRIEN, YOUNGBLOOD, CLYMER, BROWNLEE, SAINATO, V. BROWN, COHEN, DAVIS, FLECK, GOODMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, MOUL, MURT, PETRARCA, READSHAW, ROSS, ROZZI, SANTARSIERO, SCHLOSSBERG, SIMS, SWANGER and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the commencement of criminal prosecution for the offense of sexual abuse of children.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2013.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 187, PN 238

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 5, 2013.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 121, PN 577 (Amended)** By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for definitions, for general powers of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, for sales by Pennsylvania liquor stores, for shipment of wine into Commonwealth and for limited wineries.

LIQUOR CONTROL.**HB 290, PN 576 (Amended)** By Rep. PICKETT

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and providing for relationship to table games; in games of chance, further providing for games of chance permitted, for prize limits, for regulations of the Department of Revenue and for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance; in club licensees, further providing for reports by a club licensee and for distribution of proceeds; in enforcement, further providing for revocation of licenses and for enforcement by the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement; and abrogating regulations.

GAMING OVERSIGHT.**SENATE MESSAGE****RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
February 4, 2013

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, February 11, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, February 11, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker turns to leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who indicates there are no requests for leaves of absence.

The Speaker recognizes the minority whip, who also indicates there are no leaves of absence today.

The House will come to order.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee has returned to the floor. We will now proceed with the master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—201

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Emrick			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The SPEAKER. Two hundred and one members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 46, PN 31 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2006 (P.L.292, No.65), known as the Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Act, further providing for applicability of act.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 86, PN 64 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in regulation of medical professional liability insurance, repealing provisions relating to reports to commissioner and claims information.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 88, PN 529 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rights and immunities, further providing for leaves of absence for certain government employees.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 108, PN 99 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for expiration.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 118, PN 242 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definitions of "appropriate authority," "employee" and "employer," for protection of employees, for enforcement and for penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 185, PN 243

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definitions of "appropriate authority" and "public body," for protection of employees and for penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. CHRISTIANA called up **HR 41, PN 316**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2013 as "Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 46, PN 358**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2013 as "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. HANNA called up **HR 48, PN 430**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 8, 2013, as "Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and urging the National Institutes of Health to recognize "Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day" and to advance research relating to peripartum cardiomyopathy.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

YEAS—201

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-0

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 163, PN 160, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in prothonotary, clerks of courts, clerk of orphans' court, register of wills, recorder of deeds, further providing for how offices to be held.

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

Mr. SCAVELLO offered the following amendment No. A00073:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 15 and 16 (a.3) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (a.1) or any other law, the county commissioners of a county advancing from the fifth to fourth class may adopt a resolution providing that one person shall hold the offices of register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the orphans' court, unless local law applying to such counties shall otherwise provide.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 21 and 22 (b.1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) or any other law, the county commissioners of a county advancing from the sixth to the fifth class may adopt a resolution providing that one person shall continue to hold the offices of register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the orphans' court, unless local law applying to such counties shall otherwise provide.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by inserting after "belongs." The recombining of the offices that have been separated shall take effect in the year in which the offices are next up for election, at which time offices in the county shall be held in accordance with the subsection authorizing the combining of the offices or any other general law applicable to the holding of offices and to the classification of the county.

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

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Mr. Scavello, for a brief description of the amendment.

Mr. SCAVELLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What the amendment does, it just also includes the recorder of deeds in the splitting of offices and gives the county commissioners the option rather than it just being done by when the county grows. Some counties can handle it on their own. It just gives the county commissioners that tool so that they do not have to split the office.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 107, PN 95**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in professional and occupational licenses, further providing for definitions and for retention and certification.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **WHEATLEY** offered the following amendment No. **A00086**:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "a subsection" and inserting

subsections

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 19 and 20

(d) Military spouse.—The following shall apply:

(1) Notwithstanding any other law, entities listed under subsection (a) shall issue a license, certification, registration or permit to a military spouse to allow the military spouse to practice the military spouse's profession or occupation in this Commonwealth if, upon application to the entity, the military spouse satisfies all of the following conditions:

(i) Holds a current license, certificate, registration or permit from another state, and that state's requirements are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for a license in this Commonwealth.

(ii) Demonstrates competency in the profession or occupation through methods determined by the entity, including having completed continuing education units or having experience in the profession or occupation for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this subsection.

(iii) Has not committed any act in any state that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice that profession or occupation in this Commonwealth at the time the act was committed.

(iv) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the jurisdiction that issued the license.

(v) Pays any fees required by the entity from which the applicant is seeking a license.

(2) A military spouse who is not a resident of this Commonwealth and who is issued a license under this subsection shall have the same rights and obligations as a resident of this Commonwealth who is issued the same type of license.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Wheatley, for a brief description of the amendment.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this is an agreed-to amendment, and since 2007 the National Military Family Association has partnered with the Department of Defense's State Liaison Office to define and reduce the barriers to employment faced by military spouses. The primary goal is to make professional and occupational licenses held by military spouses portable from State to State. Mr. Speaker, that is the goal of amendment A00086.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment will give the Departments of State, Labor and Industry, Education, Banking, and Insurance the authority to recognize a license, certification, registration, or permit issued to a military spouse by another State.

Mr. Speaker, licensure by endorsement, as proposed by this amendment, will require some State agencies to recognize a license issued to a military spouse by another State. As of December 31, 2012, 27 States had enacted laws that make it easier for a military spouse to bring one State's license or certification to another State if the license is in good standing and certain conditions are met.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for the members' support on amendment A00086. Your support will make Pennsylvania the next State to show, through legislation, our commitment to military families. Mr. Speaker, this is an important amendment. It builds on the underlying intent of HB 107. With this amendment and HB 107, we show the courageous men and women in our Armed Forces, who volunteer to fight in the defense of our freedoms, that we are committed to helping with their transition from military to civilian life.

Thank you for your support, and I would ask my colleagues to vote "yes" on amendment A00086. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Carbon County, Mr. Heffley.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment, and I would ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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.)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 46, PN 31**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2006 (P.L.292, No.65), known as the Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Act, further providing for applicability of act.

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:

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-0

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 86, PN 64**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in regulation of medical professional liability insurance, repealing provisions relating to reports to commissioner and claims information.

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?

Is the gentleman, Mr. Micozzie, seeking recognition on this bill?

Mr. MICOZZIE. Yes.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Micozzie.

Mr. MICOZZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 86 eliminates the requirement for insurers and self-insurers to submit medical malpractice claims-related data to the Insurance Department. By repealing this section, the bill will also eliminate the requirement for the department to prepare and

submit an unnecessary and duplicative medical malpractice claims-related data report to— Mr. Speaker, could I have some quiet?

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order. Will members kindly hold the conversations down. I appreciate if the members would hold the conversations down, please. Will the members hold the conversations down, kindly. Thank you.

The gentleman, Mr. Micozzie, may proceed.

Mr. MICOZZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

All stakeholders agree that the report is archaic and less than informative. By eliminating the report, we will allow the department to better allocate its scarce resources.

HB 86 was unanimously reported from the House Insurance Committee. I urge your support of HB 86. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LETTER SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

On the question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Cambria County, Mr. Barbin.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of Chairman DeLuca, we would like to enter for the record and the members of the Insurance Committee the statement – a letter from the Insurance Commissioner, Michael Consedine, which states that the Mcare Annual Report will continue to be provided under the terms of this bill, and that report will be available for the General Assembly's review.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman deliver the letter to the clerk, and it will be noted in the record.

Mr. BARBIN submitted a letter for the Legislative Journal.

(For letter, see Appendix.)

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.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 108, PN 99**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for expiration.

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:

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Davidson	Heffley	Mullery	Taylor
Davis	Helm	Mundy	Thomas
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 118, PN 242**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definitions of "appropriate authority," "employee" and "employer," for protection of employees, for enforcement and for penalties.

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?

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 185, PN 243**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definitions of "appropriate authority" and "public body," for protection of employees and for penalties.

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.

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 19, PN 5**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for child exploitation awareness education.

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

The SPEAKER. The amendments that had been filed to this bill have been withdrawn.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR JOINT SESSION

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication in writing from the office of His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

The Governor

January 3, 2013

The Honorable Samuel H. Smith
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
139 Main Capitol Building
P.O. Box 202066
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2066

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati III
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol Building
Senate Box 203025
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025

Dear Speaker Smith and Senator Scarnati:

If it meets with the approval of the General Assembly, I am respectfully requesting a Joint Session of the General Assembly on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of addressing the Members for the annual budget address.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Tom Corbett
Governor

RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT GOVERNOR

Mr. TURZAI offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted:

In the House of Representatives
February 5, 2013

RESOLVED, That the Speaker appoint a committee of three to escort the Governor to the Hall of the House for the purpose of attending a Joint Session of the General Assembly.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker appoints as a committee to wait upon the Governor, the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Christiana; the lady from Monroe County, Mrs. Brown; the lady from Montgomery County, Ms. Daley.

The committee will proceed with the performance of its duties.

The House will be at ease for a few moments.

The House will come to order.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker gives permission for media access to the House floor to Sean Simmers, Harrisburg Patriot-

News/PennLive, for still photos. Additionally, media access is granted to Matt Rourke of AP (Associated Press) for still photos.

ARRIVAL OF SENATE

The SPEAKER. The Senate is now entering the hall of the House. Members and all guests will please rise.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the Senate is now present in the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. Actually, the Speaker is supposed to recognize you before you do that, but I think the message conveyed adequately. Thank you.

The Speaker requests the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Jim Cawley, to preside over the proceedings of the joint session of the General Assembly.

The President pro tem of the Senate, the Honorable Joe Scarnati, is invited to be seated on the rostrum.

The members of the House, the Senate, and all guests will please take their seats.

Members of the House, the Senate, and guests will please take their seats. Members of the House and Senate and guests, please take your seats. The House will come to order. The House will please come to order. I do not know; when it is just the House, we come to order a lot faster. It must be the Senate that is disrupting the order today. Members and all guests, please take your seats. The House will please come to order. Thank you.

The Honorable Jim Cawley will preside.

JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (JIM CAWLEY) PRESIDING

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This being the day and hour agreed upon by a concurrent resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives to hear an address by His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Tom Corbett, this joint session will please come to order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ESCORTING GOVERNOR

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The General Assembly will be at ease while it awaits the arrival of the Governor.

The General Assembly will come to order.

The Governor is entering the hall of the House. Members and guests will please rise.

The Chair recognizes the chair of the committee to escort the Governor, the gentleman from Indiana County, Senator White.

Mr. WHITE. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the General Assembly, as chairman of the committee to escort the Governor, I wish to report that His Excellency, the Governor, is present and prepared to address this joint session. Thank you.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks Chairman White and the committee.

Members of the General Assembly, I now have the honor and privilege of presenting His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Tom Corbett, who will now address this joint session. Governor Corbett.

FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET ADDRESS OF GOV. TOM CORBETT

The GOVERNOR. Thank you all. Thank you all. Thank you all very much. Okay. It is lunchtime. I know you all want to get to lunch.

Lieutenant Governor Cawley, thank you. President Pro Tem Scarnati, thank you. Speaker Sam Smith, thank you for allowing us to come into your House. Majority Leader Pileggi, Majority Leader Turzai, Minority Leader Costa, and Minority Leader Dermody, members of the House and the Senate, to the distinguished guests, and to my fellow Pennsylvanians, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today.

But before I do, I am going to go off script very early on. Would you all please join me in a moment of silence and would you please rise in a moment of silence.

In the past year we have lost eight of our service men and women from Pennsylvania, nine firefighters, five police officers, and two EMS (emergency medical services) people, who have served their Commonwealth and their country with great service, and I would ask you to join me in a moment of silence for them.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

The GOVERNOR. Thank you.

I have just had the pleasure to spend a few moments back in the Governor's Office with our three statewide row officers. Now, Treasurer McCord, everybody here has had an opportunity to see you, so I am not going to ask you to stand up. But I would ask Auditor General Gene DePasquale and Attorney General Kathleen Kane, our new Attorney General, to please stand up and be recognized by this audience.

Thank you all very much.

Today I stand here before you proud to have worked with you over the past 2 years to make Pennsylvania a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family.

The results that we have accomplished make me optimistic about our future. And I am pleased to say that I believe Pennsylvania's best days are ahead:

We are a State that is blessed with a wealth of natural resources, as we well know.

We are and always will be the Keystone State because of our unique location in this country and the world.

And we are, most of all, home to the hardest working people in the world.

Pennsylvania has unlimited potential.

Two years ago, I talked about creating a brighter future for all Pennsylvanians. And over the last 2 years we have worked together to make that a reality.

We have worked together to bring spending under control.

We have worked together to reduce taxes, putting more money in the pockets of our hardworking taxpayers and small business owners.

We have worked together and learned that our potential is, and continues to be, greater than any challenge we face.

Together we continue to seize every opportunity to create success which leads to success and more success. We did not create our success by raising taxes. We created it by expanding our opportunities.

With the leadership you have shown, we kept spending within our means. Our energy industry continues to expand providing tens of thousands of new jobs for hardworking Pennsylvanians in all regions of our State.

In the west, it promises thousands more new jobs when we succeed in attracting the new petrochemical plant and the hundreds of new businesses that will spring up around it.

In the north, it is delivering thousands of jobs as the economy expands. Last year we passed a law that further safeguards our environment, addresses the impacts of the new industry, and helps bolster our economy. For example, residents in Bradford County will see their property taxes reduced by 6 percent this year.

In the southeast, three refineries survived almost certain closure when their owners, and most of the industry, had given up on them. But we did not give up.

Working in a true bipartisan effort that is all too rare today and joining with elected leaders like Congressman Pat Meehan, Congressman Bob Brady, Senator Dominic Pileggi, Representatives Bill Adolph and Bill Keller, and Marcus Hook Mayor James Schiliro.

With business leaders like Brian McDonald, Gustavo Valverde, and Pat Killion.

And with union leaders like Jim Savage, Leo Gerard, and John DeFazio to find new owners and a new future for those refineries.

We were able to show new investors like Phil Rinaldi and Dave Marchak and Jeff Warmann the skill, the work ethic, and the limitless potential of the Pennsylvania worker.

And we were able to share with those new investors the vision of Pennsylvania's energy future as a world leader.

Please join me in applauding these new investors and these people who worked on this for showing their faith and commitment to Pennsylvania. They are in the back of the room to my right.

Today, those refineries still employ thousands and support thousands of more jobs, from the truckers who drive in and out with deliveries, to the lunch counters and small restaurants and small shops that will continue to thrive in the shadow of those plants.

I would like to read a letter to you that I received from one of the business owners who could not be here today. In that letter he says:

"Dear Governor Corbett,

"Two years ago, when the refineries said they were going to close, they might just as well have announced I was going to close. Those plants are the heart of our community. Mine is a small business. How was I going to be able to keep my doors open, pay my bills, and keep my staff employed?

"Before the announced closing, I was thinking about expanding my business and with the dreadful announcement, I was wondering how I was going to keep my business afloat. That year of uncertainty was hard. By saving the refineries, you saved my business and dozens of others as well.

"I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you Governor for all that you and your team did for the refinery workers and small businesses in the region. Working with Monroe Energy and Braskem" and others "has enabled business owners like me to continue our dreams of being entrepreneurs while providing for our families and contributing to our communities.

"Few think about the ripple affect the closing would have had on small businesses in our town, but you did. Thank you for understanding and taking action."

This is signed by Mario Giambone, the Italiano's Authentic Eatery. Some of you may know that area.

While this letter was written to me, it was meant for all of you.

Getting that letter, now, that is what this is about. That is what makes our job worthwhile.

I will never forget the look on the faces of some of the employees when I visited Braskem one day in July. When they were told that their jobs would be there tomorrow, they broke into spontaneous applause.

With tears welling in the eyes of many, truly many, they knew it was more than a job. It was being able to continue providing for their families and for their loved ones.

The spontaneous show of emotion in that moment affirmed my belief that anything is possible when we put aside our differences and work together for the good of all Pennsylvanians.

But is this not really why we are all in government? Is this not why we are here, to work together to help people? I believe so.

And we have succeeded, not only by preserving jobs like those at the refineries or by creating new jobs, but maybe more importantly, by preparing people for existing jobs with some of the work that you did last year.

I am talking about people like Greg Vasquez. Greg and his wife, Teresa, live in Dillsburg, in York County, with their son, Kyle, and daughter, Rachel.

A Marine Corps veteran, Greg worked for 30 years in the printing industry until the day in August of 2011 when he was laid off. He found another job.

Different industry, but the same story:

Greg was laid off last summer. And around that time we, working together, Republicans and Democrats, passed legislation creating the Keystone Works Program. This program is built around a worker's ambition, not bureaucratic rules.

Keystone Works provides on-the-job training to allow displaced workers to train for open positions.

Here is the great innovation: Those trainees do not have to give up their unemployment benefits while learning a new job or skill.

Greg became a trainee at Schugt Manufacturing in York.

Dave Schugt was the first businessman to put the Keystone Works Program in place at his plant. And Greg was the first worker to enroll.

Today, I want to introduce you to two pioneers: Greg Vasquez and his new employer, Dave Schugt.

They are here today because they, their families, and I want to thank the General Assembly and its prime sponsors, Representative Stan Saylor and Senator John Gordner, for passing Keystone Works. Dave and Greg, would you please stand in the back of the room. Thank you. Thank you, Greg. Thank you, Dave.

But even as we celebrate this progress, there is more work to be done. There are promises to be kept.

I would like to share with you my experience on a recent visit that I made to Vision for Equality, a social service agency in Philadelphia. I met with families who had adult sons and daughters with severe intellectual disabilities.

Because of their conditions, they face challenging lives. And it became even more challenging because they had "aged-out" of the services that the State provides for children.

They were put on a waiting list – a waiting list that delays their access to the help that would allow them to work, to live at home, to enjoy a full measure of life's experiences.

But these families would not let these disabilities and the waiting list stand in the way of their dreams.

Brittany Stevens is here today with her mother, Harlena Morton. Harlena wakes up at 4:30 every morning. She makes sure that Brittany has physical therapy. She makes sure that Brittany has a lunch ready for later in the day.

All Brittany wanted was a chance to work, to have the same opportunity as the rest of us. She might have needed our help, but because we gave her that help last year, she is ready to chart her own course.

A course fueled by courage, passion, and an independent spirit. Because of our commitment last year, Brittany is now off the waiting list.

Her story and those of so many parents and sisters and brothers are tales of everyday heroism shown by the families and friends of our neighbors with special needs.

That waiting list is a powerful metaphor for what has gone wrong in our society.

We need to act now and we must not turn our backs for all the other Brittany's who are out there currently on the waiting list. That is why I am counting on the General Assembly to join with me to make certain we pass this next round of funding for expanded services for people with intellectual disabilities.

Please join me in a round of applause for Brittany and her mother, Harlena. Thank you, Harlena. Thank you, Brittany.

We are now at a turning point. Because we are regaining our financial footing, we now have a chance to fulfill our obligation to help more moms and daughters like Harlena and Brittany.

We now have it within our grasp to create more jobs for people like Greg; we now have the opportunity to make every young person's job search a local one; and it is now within our power to make Pennsylvania's products, and not our young people, our greatest export.

But great challenges must be met if we are to continue strengthening our Commonwealth and fulfill the promise of a brighter future for all Pennsylvanians.

Now is not the time to be timid in our approach. Now is not the time to cling to old ideas and the status quo. Now is not the time to make small changes and expect big results.

Now is the time to be truly innovative. Now is the time to embrace new ideas. And now is the time to be bold. Pennsylvanians deserve this from us now.

Every one of us here has come here to make things better for all Pennsylvanians, at least I believe that. Nobody in this room ran for office on a promise to keep Harrisburg the way it is. Nobody displayed a campaign bumper sticker that read: "Vote for me – I want to keep Harrisburg the same." No one ran on the promise to bind Harrisburg to the status quo. We all come from different backgrounds, various philosophies, but we share the common goal of a better Pennsylvania.

Our job is not to explain why things cannot be better. Our obligation is to make things better. We ran on the promise to change Harrisburg. Leave it to the historians to write our history. Our job is to make that history – now.

And so let me talk about education. Public education is entering an era of transformation. Ageless subjects – math, reading, and science – have seen new strides in how we teach those subjects.

We have moved beyond the age of the blackboard as new technologies tie every classroom to the world and they have the potential to link every young life to a bright future.

My budget works to provide our public schools with enrichment funding to help them achieve academic excellence at all grade levels. It provides for enhanced learning opportunities, career-focused training, and most importantly, a safe learning environment.

For the past 2 years, the Commonwealth has invested more Pennsylvania tax dollars in basic education than at any time in our history. Let me repeat that. For the past two years, we have spent more Pennsylvania tax dollars for basic education than any time in our history.

It is true that we no longer have one-time Federal stimulus dollars, money that should never have been put toward school operating costs.

Yet once again this year, we will be putting a record amount of State funding into basic education, \$5.5 billion, starting with early childhood programs and going all the way through grade 12.

Children enter this world as students. From the time a child opens their eyes, the world offers a wealth of learning. Those formative years, the ones before kindergarten, are crucial.

Pennsylvania currently spends more than \$348 million each year in early childhood programs. My budget reaffirms that commitment.

I propose adding another \$6.4 million toward our Pre-K Counts and the Head Start Supplemental Assistance programs. This money gives an additional 3,200 children, and their families, access to quality full- and part-day programs as well as summer kindergarten readiness programs.

Why do I want to spend more on these programs? Because every child in Pennsylvania deserves an equal start in life, and I intend to see that promise kept.

And as we lay this foundation, we must also continue to expand funding for K-through-12 education. This budget adds nearly \$100 million to be distributed to our school districts. That is over and above last year's record funding levels.

We intend to maintain full funding levels for State and State-related universities as well. That is \$1.58 billion that will go towards these institutions. At the same time, the leaders of these universities have promised to work to keep tuition increases as low as possible for our students.

Our commitment allows schools to plan their budgets for the coming year and make the best use of their resources. Their commitment should allow students and their families to plan their own budgets.

Some of these university presidents are here with us today. So please join me in offering our thanks for their commitment to hold costs down while lifting up the cause of available higher education. They are sitting in the back. Thank you, gentlemen.

Our message to our college students today is that both my administration and the leaders of your State and State-related

schools are committed to making the dream of higher education attainable.

Finally, I recently unveiled, as you know, the "Passport for Learning" Block Grant Program, an unprecedented \$1 billion program enriching our public schools over the next 4 years.

It provides maximum flexibility for school districts in four general areas.

One is called "Ready by 3." The funds can go toward supporting and enhancing a quality kindergarten program that meets our academic standards and enhances elementary reading and mathematics through grade 3.

The second program acknowledges that every child learns differently at his or her own pace. And when it comes to education, one size does not fit all. Schools can establish customized learning plans that allow our students to learn at the pace and the manner that best suits them.

Science, technology, engineering, and math remain critical to the continued advancement of our students, our State, and our nation. That is why they comprise the third area to receive a share of this new revenue. The grant will provide funding to invest in programs and equipment that support science and math in grades 6 through 12.

There is a fourth component to this block grant. It is one that earlier generations did not anticipate and which our generation dare not disregard.

Children cannot learn if they do not feel safe. Pennsylvania schools continue to make great strides in safety. This grant ensures that local schools can invest in the necessary safety and security measures to make certain that when our children sit down at their desks, the only thing they need to think about is how bright their futures will be.

Senator Scarnati has already made this issue a top priority, and I look forward to working with him to help make our schools safer.

I can think of no better use for the proceeds created by getting us out of a business we should never have been in in the first place than to put those dollars toward the essential responsibilities of State government.

That is why I have proposed that, as we phase the Commonwealth out of the liquor business, we put the money toward education.

Selling liquor is not a core function of government. Education is.

We need to put our liquor system into private hands.

Pennsylvanians have waited too long for the day they could buy beer or wine at the grocery store or choose from a greater variety of offerings at privately owned liquor stores.

This is our opportunity and our children's opportunity.

We also have another opportunity to make things right for the future.

The entire system of State pensions has become a mountain of debt, and the avalanche could bury our economic growth, swallow up benefits for our elderly, education for our children, and transportation for our economy.

We cannot let that happen. We cannot allow hardworking teachers and State employees to be threatened by the loss of their pensions. Nor can we allow the burden of saving those pensions to snowball into a nightmare of economic hardship for our children.

Resolving our pension crisis will be the single most important thing we do for decades to come.

I will not, will not allow any cuts to any benefits for our retirees.

Let me repeat that: no cuts to any retiree benefits. They earned their retirement. They earned their guaranteed security.

Nor will I allow any pension dollars already earned by any current employee to be diminished in any way.

Through meaningful pension reform, this budget will provide another \$140 million in pension savings for school districts across the State.

What we need to do, going forward from this time, is to create a new 401(k)-style retirement benefit for our future employees consistent with the retirement packages currently enjoyed almost universally by private-sector employees.

My plan also suggests some adjustment in the way future benefits are calculated for current employees in order to maintain the solvency of our pension system and guarantee all current and future employees a worry-free retirement.

The surest way to guarantee the solvency of our pensions is to make certain that our pension systems can deliver what they promise. We can do that with very little disruption, but only if we act now.

The longer we wait, the longer we wait, the more disruptive the solution will become. So please, let us act now.

With some imagination, some cooperation, we can find a way to preserve pensions and allow the next generation of State employees and teachers a chance to shape their futures.

I know many of you are going to be interested in this next subject.

Pennsylvania sits within a day's drive of 60 percent of the nation's population. Every year, nearly half a trillion dollars' worth of goods and services move through our State transportation system.

Transportation is the bloodstream of our economy. If it fails, our economy fails.

However, as you know, the average bridge in our State is 51 years old. More than 4,000 of them are now deemed structurally deficient. In rural areas, some roads have been essentially cut in half because failing bridges have been closed to traffic, interrupting emergency services and threatening public safety.

Each day, 1 1/2 million Pennsylvania students, 1.5 million students travel in school buses across those very same bridges and roads. In addition, our mass transit system has staggered under growing demand, aging infrastructure, and a lack of funding.

Mass transit is crucial to sparing our highways from congestion and providing a reliable, environmentally friendly, and affordable means of moving around a region.

Yet our customary way of funding transportation has fallen short of our needs.

Travel patterns have changed.

Cars have become more fuel-efficient.

People buy less at the pump.

And coupled with rising construction costs and a lack of serious action from the Federal government, this drop in revenue threatens our roads and bridges and with them our safety and our livelihoods.

I am proposing two adjustments to the way that we provide our transportation needs.

I am calling on the legislature, on you, to pass a 17-percent reduction in the flat liquid fuels tax paid by consumers at the pump.

Second, I am asking the General Assembly to begin a 5-year phaseout of an artificial and outdated cap on the tax paid by oil and gas companies on the wholesale price of gasoline.

This cap was put in place at a time when the experts assumed that the price of gasoline, a gallon of gasoline, would never go beyond \$1.25. It has gone to more than triple that in the recent years.

This is not a new tax, nor am I proposing to increase the rate of the existing tax.

I am simply saying that the time has come to apply it to the full value of what the company is selling. It is time for oil and gas companies to pay their fair share of the cost of the infrastructure supporting their industry.

Our most costly option, our most costly option would be to do nothing. It will cost us in repairs, it will cost us in rebuilding, and it could cost us in tragedies that we might have avoided.

This budget also makes it clear that we are committed to providing Pennsylvanians with the best health-care options at the most affordable price for the taxpayers.

As we planned our budget, we took great care to analyze the requirements of the Affordable Care Act and its impact on the lives of Pennsylvanians.

In 2009, at a White House reception for Senate Democrats, President Obama said, and I quote: "As we move forward on health reform it is not enough for us to simply add more people to Medicare or Medicaid to increase coverage in the absence of cost controls and reform."

He went on to conclude, "Another way of putting it is, we can't simply put more people into a broken system that doesn't work."

He was right.

We cannot afford to expand a broken system. And right now, without expansion, the cost to maintain our current Department of Public Welfare programs without expansion will increase by \$400 million. The main driver in that cost increase is Medicaid and long-term care.

Washington is asking us to expand Medicaid as part of the Affordable Care Act without any clear guidance or reasonable assurances.

So today, I sent a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius advising her of our position.

We need to work together to provide access to greater and affordable health care for all Pennsylvania families.

However, Washington must provide a clear answer about what this expansion would cost the taxpayers of our State.

The Federal government must authorize real flexibility and innovative reforms that empower us to make the program work for Pennsylvania.

We also should not permit the Federal government to take away millions of dollars from our hospitals as leverage to implement their one-size-fits-all policies.

So at this time, without serious reforms, it would be financially unsustainable for the taxpayers, and I cannot recommend a dramatic Medicaid expansion.

In the last 2 years, we have transformed the State's health and human services programs, making them more efficient and better able to respond quickly to the needs of all Pennsylvanians.

This budget reaffirms this commitment to helping individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. It seeks to help senior citizens, children, and low-income families.

Earlier, I mentioned the need to serve more Pennsylvanians who have been on waiting lists. When I think of young people with intellectual or physical challenges, I really do not think of them anymore as disabled. I see them as, quite frankly, differently-abled.

I think of youngsters like a little girl that I know named Chloe Kondrich from Allegheny County. I have known Chloe since she was 3 years old. I know her mother and her father and her grandparents.

In fact, some of you in this room may know her grandfather, Ted Kondrich, who served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 1990.

I visited with Chloe this past Wednesday and in fact just earlier today in my office. She is a bright 9-year-old who takes theater classes, plays baseball, and is in the fourth grade at Eisenhower Elementary School.

One other thing about Chloe: She was born with Down syndrome.

Right now, she can expect the aid and support of our many programs for children as well as the love of her parents.

Chloe has a wonderful life. She adores her brother, Nolan, and he adores her.

Along with the love of her family, Chloe receives the benefits the State has for children with special needs.

As her dad has told me, "You want your kids to be healthy and happy, and safe and productive members of the community." And he said, "She's on track to do all that."

But we know that Chloe eventually will become a young adult. She will age out of that benefit system.

Her mom and dad will, like all of us, someday grow old and be unable to support her.

I am determined, I am determined that by the time Chloe, and the thousands of young people with disabilities, have reached adulthood, they will be able to step into a full and active life as citizens of this State.

These young people and their families have waited long enough. We will find a way to erase this waiting list.

So I have asked Chloe and her family to be here today so I could make that promise to her and her family in person.

And I hope you in the General Assembly will help me keep that promise. Chloe. If she does not put a smile on your face, I do not know what will.

My budget will dedicate \$40 million to provide critical services to an additional 3,000 men, women, and children with physical and intellectual disabilities. This will allow them to live independently in their homes and communities.

It means we will help more people with autism and Down syndrome and serve more people living with physical disabilities.

When it comes to children, we must spare no effort.

My budget proposes that we assist more than 210,000 low-income families and enable 1,400 children now on waiting lists to receive child-care assistance.

This budget includes more than \$8 million in additional resources to provide health-care coverage to more than 9,300 additional children through our CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) program.

At the same time we also need to reach those in rural and underserved areas of our State.

We do have many great hospitals in this State and local clinics that provide first-rate health care for our citizens.

But not everyone can reach those clinics.

Some of our health clinics actually get very few visitors, but we know there are people out there who need their services.

So if they cannot reach us, then we need to reach out to them.

And I am proud to join with Senator Ted Erickson in proposing to invest \$4 million in the creation of the Community-Based Health Care Program to bring care to those citizens.

This budget will also expand the Primary Health Practitioner Loan Repayment program. It will assist us in recruiting more physicians, dentists, and other health-care practitioners to work in rural areas and in communities that lack sufficient medical care.

Right now, Pennsylvania has the fourth highest percentage of seniors in the United States and their number is growing. In 17 years, one Pennsylvanian out of four will be 60 or older. That might include a couple of you here in this room, including me.

That is nearly 1 million more senior citizens who will depend on the services funded by our State lottery.

As a result of changes in the management of the lottery, changes publicly discussed over 9 months and explained in public hearings both last April and last month, we can meet the future needs of our seniors.

Because of these changes, in this budget alone, we are now able to add \$50 million for our senior programs.

This money will expand care for older Pennsylvanians in their homes and in their communities.

It will help to modernize programs at centers.

It will, in short, keep the promise that we made to older Pennsylvanians the day the lottery sold its first ticket.

And as we work to honor our commitment to older Pennsylvanians, we must not forget our obligations to another one of Pennsylvania's precious resources – our agricultural community.

A few weeks ago, a record number of people visited the Pennsylvania Farm Show, including some of you. I hope the milk shakes were pretty good. They were making a bit of history, while exploring an industry that is at once part of our future as well as a vital tradition.

Our agriculture exports now approach \$1.7 billion annually.

Farming in Pennsylvania is a business but it remains, inherently, a family business.

Centuries ago families who left their native countries began farming the fields of Williams Penn's colony. Today, their descendants and many others do the same.

Every time that a plow cuts into the soil of Pennsylvania, it deepens the roots of our heritage. We must keep it that way.

That is why we worked together last year to end the inheritance tax on family farmland.

The value of land for housing and commercial centers is, as we know, very high. The value of the tradition and contribution of agriculture on that same land is beyond calculation.

No farming family should have to bury their father or mother and their way of life at the same time. Nor should we lose our farmland to uncontrolled development.

That is why my budget contains more than \$35 million to fund the nation's best farmland preservation program.

It offers \$10 million to continue a system of tax credits for the Resource Enhancement Protection Program that rewards our farmers for the best environmental and management practices.

This budget also continues funding for four more agricultural programs: \$17 million to fund the State Food Purchase Program providing critical help to Pennsylvanians who are at risk of having too little to eat; the PennVET program at the University of Pennsylvania; the agricultural research program at Penn State; and in keeping with a pledge I made when I first sought this office, we are increasing our commitment to county fairs by putting forward \$2.5 million to fund them.

We understand that any event that brings our farming people together results in progress.

One of the other great challenges that we know we face every day that we continue to confront as Pennsylvanians is the threat of crime.

Public safety remains a top priority in my administration. Without safety society cannot long endure.

That is why, once again, I have announced plans for new cadet classes at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. Over the next fiscal year we plan to train 290 new State troopers to protect and defend our citizens and our rule of law.

We will also add 90 new civilian dispatchers, freeing our troopers to get out on the roads and into our communities, where they are most needed.

Much of that expansion has been made possible by enhancing our justice system.

You know, it costs \$34,000 a year, \$34,000 to keep a man or woman in prison. That is \$34,000 that does not reach our schools, pave our roads, or care for our poor.

While prisons are necessary, they are not necessarily the only answer.

Our Justice Reinvestment Initiative gets eligible offenders out of the system and works to reintroduce them as productive citizens. It will also save us \$139 million.

This money is being moved to the front end of the justice system – victim services, local policing, county-based offender treatment, improved probation services.

And some of it will be reinvested into our budget, our schools, and our communities.

Yes, we need to be tough on crime but we need to be smarter about preventing it.

Justice reinvestment – thank you, Senator – justice reinvestment actually does both.

So I want to thank you all for working with me to bring about these important changes last year in the way we address public safety.

In particular, I would also like to acknowledge Senator Stewart Greenleaf and Representative Ron Marsico for all their hard work in ensuring that Justice Reinvestment became a reality. And, Senator Ferlo, I know you also. Thank you.

Over the past 2 years, we have worked together to reform and remake Pennsylvania.

We, working together, eliminated a \$4.2 billion budget deficit without raising taxes.

We took the first steps toward reforming our Tax Code to attract new businesses, as we have down in the southeast and southwest and across the State, and jobs which has already resulted in more than 100,000 new private-sector jobs in Pennsylvania in the last 2 years.

We, working together, Republicans and Democrats, saved the unemployment compensation system, saved three refineries, and are close to winning a \$4 billion petrochemical plant out in western Pennsylvania.

We ended the inheritance – give yourself a round of applause – we ended the inheritance tax on family farms, while preserving more farmland.

We passed the most comprehensive environmental and safety regulations on gas drilling in the nation. This progress is even more remarkable when we see what has happened at the Federal level.

Washington has driven the nation to the edge of the fiscal cliff and it seems intent on keeping us there with its inability, or unwillingness, to address exactly the kinds of issues that we have solved here in Pennsylvania.

We solved our own fiscal cliff before it even had a name.

Over the past 2 years, we have saved the average Pennsylvania, two-income family of four more than \$2,500 in State taxes by holding the line on spending.

Meanwhile, as we know, the Federal government is raising the payroll tax by 2 percent, costing the average family an additional \$1,000 each year.

If we keep the faith with one more round of reforms, we can move from a time of recovery to an era of growth and prosperity.

We can make certain that our pension plans are sound and that hardworking employees, when they retire, will receive the pensions we promised and they earned.

At the same time, we can free up hundreds of millions of dollars to care for Pennsylvanians in need and to educate our young.

We can begin a program to rebuild our roads and bridges, a program not for this moment alone, but for future generations, so Governors and legislators years from now will not face a crumbling infrastructure.

We can make certain, we can make certain our workers, our economy, and our public safety are protected for our lifetimes and those beyond.

We can bring Pennsylvania into the 21st century by giving choice and convenience to consumers of spirits, wine and beer, and at the same time generating \$1 billion for our schools.

And we can do all of this without abandoning the basic principle that I know Majority Leader Turzai and I agree on: that we spend no more than we have.

I believe, I believe we are this close to forever changing Pennsylvania for the better.

Even in the hardest times, we believed in better days.

We knew that our work ethic, our resources, and our unique geography placed us in the center of the New Industrial Revolution as surely as our ideals placed us in the center of the American Revolution.

We now have it within our grasp at this moment to use our enterprise, our imagination, and our faith in ourselves to forge a new Pennsylvania. This is not just our goal, this is our responsibility.

So thank you. May God bless you, our Commonwealth, and the United States of America. Thank you all.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair asks the members of the House and visitors to please remain seated for just a moment while the members of the Senate leave the hall of the House.

The business for which this joint session has been assembled having been transacted, the session is now adjourned.

THE SPEAKER (SAMUEL H. SMITH) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.
Members and all guests will please take their seats.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 546 By Representatives TURZAI, DERMODY, CALTAGIRONE, SACCONI, ROZZI, MUSTIO, D. COSTA, GINGRICH, DeLUCA, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW and DEASY

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in employees' retirement system, further defining "compensation"; further providing for retirement board; providing for tax qualification; and further providing for employees eligible for retirement allowances and for amount of retirement allowances.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 5, 2013.

MOTION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the proceedings of the joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives held this 5th day of February 2013 be printed in full in this day's Legislative Journal.

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

STATEMENT BY MR. ADOLPH

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph, for remarks relative to the Governor's budget presentation today.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I realize there is a lot going on today and I understand the members have an awful lot of visitors that they want to talk to, but I would appreciate a couple minutes that we are allowed to speak today in response to the Governor's budget address.

Before I approached this podium today, I was reflecting on the last 2 years and the struggles that this General Assembly had and the challenges that we had to overcome to get a final budget passed on time with no new taxes. Those challenges often traced back to unsustainable spending from the previous administration and subpar economic circumstances. Those factors forced us to take a much more measured and cautious approach as we began the budget process.

Many Pennsylvania residents were frustrated and did not understand why we needed to change course from the path set by the previous administration. It was evident that continuing down the same road would have led to higher taxes, fewer jobs, and a stifled economy here in Pennsylvania.

Resetting our budget baseline was the story of the past two budgets. We had to iron out the crippling effect of years of spending growth beyond any controls of inflation or population growth. We also had to readjust our State budget to eliminate the distortion caused by the spending of over \$7 billion of Federal stimulus funds as if they were a recurring revenue source. I know some of my colleagues are tired of hearing me talk about Federal stimulus money, but you cannot talk about the spending without mentioning where that spending came from.

Today we are starting from a better place. Many challenges still remain, but the starting point for these budget negotiations are in a better place because of this administration and because of the majority members of the House and the Senate. We understood how dangerous and unsustainable the course was. We also are starting at a better place this year, because here in Pennsylvania we recognized the importance of making Pennsylvania more economically competitive and the need to create an environment conducive to job growth. We took steps to keep our tax structure competitive, we implemented tort reforms like the Fair Share Act to change civil liability rules that often scared businesses away, and we encouraged new industries to come to Pennsylvania and worked to save the existing jobs so Pennsylvania residents had family-sustaining jobs.

One of the great stories that we heard today from the Governor, and it is an amazing story, because this General Assembly, in a bipartisan effort, saved 2200 jobs, good jobs, in southeast Pennsylvania – they tell me over 10,000 jobs indirectly – and we took steps to make that happen. We would never have had that type of an investment if we did not discipline ourselves over the last 2 years.

What is the result of these efforts? Today there are over 100,000 more private-sector jobs in Pennsylvania compared to when Governor Corbett first took office. Our efforts to improve our economy are working.

Another initiative of this legislature and the Governor that is directly responsible for creating jobs is the continuation and the commitment to the phasing out of the capital stock and franchise tax. Time and time again we heard from businesses we are not coming to Pennsylvania. Why? We cannot afford that punitive tax called the capital stock and franchise tax. Companies were paying tax here in Pennsylvania even when they were working at a net operating loss. I can tell you as a small businessman, you cannot do that. We should not be taxing businesses out of the State and taxing businesses from coming into Pennsylvania. I applaud the Governor and I applaud this General Assembly for keeping our promises to make Pennsylvania competitive so businesses will want to come here.

All of you know how difficult this economy has been on individuals, small businesses, and especially our local governments. It is a remarkable achievement to see this type of job growth during such a difficult economic time.

Like all budgets presented to the General Assembly, this proposal serves as a blueprint for negotiations that will unfold over the next several months. But at first glance, there are some very bright spots in this proposal.

The Governor talked about the additional \$90 million in support for basic education making this proposed amount the most State tax dollars for education ever. This investment will surely continue to return huge dividends in preparing our students to enter an ever-changing workforce. We will also do a great service to our younger children by providing an additional \$4.5 million for pre-K education programs and give the opportunities for these students to get a head start on learning.

I am also very encouraged by the fact that we are not looking at any proposed decreases to higher education. There is no question that the State support for higher education makes higher education affordable and accessible for our working families. These initiatives pursued by this administration and this General Assembly to focus on tying the postsecondary education to a career track that results in a job upon completion of their education is a laudable effort and one that we should support. This provides us with a better return on our investment and on a taxpayer's investment in higher education and better serves the employers of Pennsylvania.

I am also glad we continue the efforts this chamber advocated for last year to reduce the waiting list for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. An additional \$20 million to help further reduce the waiting list is an effort we can all stand by and stand for. We owe these residents of Pennsylvania that promise.

In addition to these components of the budget proposal, there are certainly some items that we need to address in negotiations. I remain committed to providing funding to support the programs in the Department of Health for specific diseases that many Pennsylvanians suffer from – ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), epilepsy, diabetes, and others – in which an investment in prevention and research will ultimately provide for a significant return on investment.

Pennsylvania residents should also be glad to know that this proposal takes public safety seriously and provides for three new State trooper cadet classes and puts 290 more troopers on our roads and highways.

What should even be more encouraging is that we can do all of this in a responsible way that increases spending at a rate well below the taxpayer bill of rights index and provides for responsible and sustainable budget growth.

While we are beginning budget negotiations at a much better place, we still must be cautious about the pitfalls that caused problems in the past. We must be careful on not counting on revenue that we do not have. We must also continue to ensure that our budget only grows at responsible levels that we will be able to sustain.

We should also remember that passing a responsible budget on time is the most important thing we do as State legislators. We need to be vigilant in our review of proposals to tie other major policy issues to a budget in a way that could cause uncertainty about the foundation of a budget we ultimately must enact.

I look forward to working in a bipartisan manner to craft a budget that helps Pennsylvania to continue along the path of growth and prosperity we have set over the past 2 years, and I look forward to working with Chairman Markosek and the rest of my colleagues of this House to put together another on-time budget with no new taxes. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MARKOSEK

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, first, let me just say how really wonderful it is to work with Chairman Adolph, his great committee, and his very professional and helpful staff. You know, in the parlance of the Super Bowl and a football coach, if you ever listened at the end of the game when they are interviewing, the winning coach says, "Well, you know, the other team was pretty good and they were well coached," and Representative Adolph's staff is well coached, and I am very proud and pleased to serve with him as we move through this very difficult budget year.

Governor Corbett's proposed budget is full of misguided policies, missed opportunities, and failed promises. Do not be fooled by the small politically motivated funding increases peppered throughout his budget to appeal to special interests. These small increases do not come close to rectifying the draconian cuts of his previous budgets. And do not be fooled by flat funding. It is just another way of saying he is locking in the harmful budget cuts of his previous budgets.

In the Governor's first budget several years ago, he indicated that Pennsylvania was now open for business. Now this budget indicates that Pennsylvania is for sale. As policymakers, we should be concerned about lottery privatization, especially the generous compensation terms granted to British-based Camelot that reduces money available to fund programs for our seniors. Every dollar in Camelot's pocket is one less dollar for seniors. At first glance, an increase of \$58 million for senior programs may seem like a winning ticket, until compared with the \$110 million increase for lottery-funded senior programs in last year's budget, and he wants to spend 30 percent more on lottery advertising to do it. Let us remove the "For Sale" sign from Pennsylvania.

As policymakers, we should be concerned about liquor privatization. You know, if we had a business in Pennsylvania that employed 5,000 reasonably paid employees with very decent benefits and they announced that they were leaving the State, I guarantee that everybody in this room, the Governor, our Congressmen, our U.S. Senators, the Senators across on the other side of the rotunda, the chamber of commerce, everybody would be fighting, breaking down the doors to get to press conferences saying we need to keep them here. We cannot afford to lose those good-paying jobs with those good benefits, and yet here we have the Governor that is saying, go ahead; leave; we do not need those good, high-paying jobs; we will replace you with big box-type facilities that will pay minimum wage. That is wrong; that is wrong, banking on one-time funds from selling these stores that may not come to fruition anyway for temporary education funding over 4 years.

Just 2 years ago Governor Corbett criticized using temporary Federal money for public schools. Instead of a quick sale for a short-term chunk of money, we can increase the profitability of the liquor stores, adding to a recurring revenue stream, simply by modernizing the liquor laws. Let us take down the "For Sale" sign here in Pennsylvania.

As policymakers, we should be concerned about education. What are the long-term consequences of seriously underfunding our public schools? What will it mean to future generations and Pennsylvania's ability to compete in the global economic marketplace? Governor Corbett only increases the basic

education subsidy, the largest appropriation in the education budget for our classrooms, by \$90 million, which is only about 1.7 percent. This is a tiny increase after previous years of deep cuts. This so-called increase only brings total funding to \$5.49 billion, which is far less compared to the \$5.8 billion in 2010-11, the last budget prior to Governor Corbett taking office.

And for the third year in a row, Governor Corbett proposes to eliminate funding to items impacting children in the classroom: reimbursement for charter schools, education assistance program, and intermediate units.

Relative to higher ed, only under this Governor would the phrase "flat funding" be something as important to higher education worthy of a press conference. He actually pulled in here presidents of many of our universities and community colleges last week to have this grand announcement that we are going to have flat funding for higher education. Support for public institutions of higher education remains significantly lower, 5 to 19 percent, than before the Governor took office.

As policymakers, we should be concerned about State pensions. Governor Corbett's proposed pension solution involves tinkering with retirement plans for current employees and is sure to be mired in the courts; basing his budget on these theoretical pension savings, savings that could be overturned; burdening our future generations with debt by reducing the employer contribution requirement in the short-term; changing to a different style of retirement plan will cost money in order to run two pension systems, pension retirements, at the same time; breaking promises to our teachers and other public servants by creating false choices. State employees have consistently, consistently paid their fair share into their retirement funds. School districts could plan for their increased pension costs. Back in 2010 we passed Act 120. School districts were planning for these additional costs, but they were blindsided by \$1 billion in cuts to the education funding in Corbett's first two budgets.

As policymakers, we should be concerned about corporate favors. Governor Corbett continues to fail to suspend the phaseout of the capital stock and franchise tax, fails to close the Delaware loophole, fails to enact a real severance tax on Marcellus Shale, and fails to enact a tax on harmful smokeless tobacco. Instead, Governor Corbett proposes even more corporate favors by irresponsibly setting a plan in place to reduce corporate tax rates over 10 years when he will no longer be in office and have to find a way to pay for it.

As policymakers, we should be concerned about health-care expansion. We are missing out on a huge opportunity to provide health insurance to half a million uninsured Pennsylvanians and have the Federal government pay 100 percent of the costs for the first 3 years. If you do the math, it does not make sense for us not to do it. A relatively small State investment equates to tens of billions of Federal dollars infused into the State's economy. The longer Governor Corbett drags his feet, the more Pennsylvanians stand to lose. In order to get 3 full years of 100 percent Federal matching funds, we need to act now in the 2013-2014 budget. He has left it out of his budget and has yet to come to the table for a discussion. Members, do not let politics get in the way of doing what is right for the health of Pennsylvanians and what makes financial sense.

And finally, as policymakers, we should be concerned about transportation funding – and I think most of you know there is nobody on the House floor, I do not think, that has been more involved with transportation issues over the last 4 or 5 years than I have – but Governor Corbett's failure to adequately

address Pennsylvania's crumbling transportation infrastructure – highways, bridges, and mass transit – in a timely fashion. We have been waiting for over 1,000 days for him to act on his own commission's recommendations, and today he presents a plan to us that is woefully short of the \$4.5 billion needed to fuel our economy. His proposed solution does not even get us halfway there. In basketball parlance, it is the equivalent of him shooting an air ball when we need a slam dunk.

Our crumbling infrastructure requires a comprehensive, substantial, and – and I emphasize this last point – bipartisan funding plan. We all, both sides of the aisle, have huge transportation needs in all of our districts. There should not be a reason when we come up with a plan that we should not have 100 percent of the votes in this room and over in the Senate to fund transportation, because we and all of our constituents would benefit from such a plan. Every day of inaction costs us another \$1 million. Finding a solution is critical for the safety and quality of life of all of our citizens.

And as I said in the beginning, Governor Corbett's proposed budget is full of misguided policies, missed opportunities, and failed promises: selling off valuable assets; tiny increase in education funding after previous years of huge, deep, draconian cuts; tinkering with retirement plans for current employees that is sure, is sure to end up in court and burden our future generations with debt; continuing his corporate favors; missing out on a huge opportunity to provide health insurance to uninsured Pennsylvanians and have the Federal government pay the costs; failing to adequately address Pennsylvania's crumbling transportation infrastructure.

This proposed budget is a baleful and dreadful attempt to fool the people of Pennsylvania and a woebegone, gimmick-laden plan that creates many long-term and incomplete negative choices for all of our neighbors in Pennsylvania.

Let us all work together in removing the "For Sale" sign in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

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

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

To the citizens of Pennsylvania and to my fellow colleagues here in the House of Representatives, let me start off with this significant point: More than 100,000 family-sustaining, private-sector jobs have been added to the Pennsylvania economy since Governor Corbett took office in January 2011. The State of Pennsylvania has, without a doubt, weathered a difficult national economy better because of the leadership and the initiatives of this legislature along with Governor Corbett.

Over the past 2 years, there has been real leadership and real governance and a delivery to the citizens of Pennsylvania; fiscal discipline, enhanced private-sector job creation, real integrity in government, and educational improvements for our children. It is actually an exciting record of accomplishment. There has been real change, positive change, because it has required leadership, and the people of Pennsylvania do not expect the status quo.

In terms of fiscal discipline, we have held the line on taxes, provided real predictability and stability for those who make use of State expenditures by having budgets done on time, and we prioritized where hard-earned tax dollars should be focused. As Governor Corbett said, over the past 2 years we have spent more than any time in Pennsylvania's history hard-earned tax dollars on public education K through 12, ever. And in addition, the Governor has made sure that those individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental health concerns, have been truly taken care of.

Let us talk about this particular balance of respecting taxpayers and their hard-earned dollars and providing for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

In this budget, the Governor proposes spending on mental health services \$690 million and for intellectual disabilities just at the State centers, \$120 million; intellectual disabilities with respect to autism intervention and services, over \$15 million; intermediate care facilities, \$150 million for intellectual disabilities; community-based programs, \$150 million more; community waiver programs, \$1 billion – all of it for those citizens with intellectual disabilities, and that is above and beyond the amount we spend on medical assistance. The fact of the matter is, in this 2013-14 proposed budget, the Governor has asked taxpayers to put forward \$11 billion, \$11 billion, to make sure the neediest in terms of our elderly and our disadvantaged are in fact taken care of.

With respect to education, the proposed expenditure on education in full is \$11.3 billion. Basic education – which does not include money above and beyond from any privatization program – basic education, through our tax dollars, \$10 billion; higher education, \$1.2 billion; and the public library subsidy, over \$50 million. Those are significant expenditures that show real care and concern for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

What I like to remind folks when I am talking to them is that the taxpayers, through our fiscal stewardship work, our custodial responsibilities, are in fact funding these expenditures, and we must never forget that and we must in fact thank them. We collect in tax revenue over \$11 billion from the income of the citizens of Pennsylvania. We collect over \$9 billion from sales transactions from the citizens of Pennsylvania every time they go to a store and make a purchase. We take over \$2.5 billion from the corporate net income tax from the employers in Pennsylvania. We must understand, in being good fiscal stewards, that we have to balance what we are taking in taxes, the revenue side, with prioritized responsible spending on the other side of the balance sheet. Real compassion, real concern, but respectful of the people that are in fact footing the bill.

It is a tough job, but in the past 2 years, like small businesses, like families, we have lived within our means. We have increased spending, but we have kept it under the rate of inflation. That is appropriate. The past administration increased spending by almost 50 percent, while the rate of inflation was just over 20 percent. It was unsustainable. And a budget was never passed on time so that there was never an element of predictability or stability or real governance or real decisions or real leadership. This budget absolutely is consistent with real leadership and real responsibility and a thoughtful approach to governance, and we are hoping, as was the last budget, that it will be a bipartisan effort.

In terms of private-sector job creation, no administration and no legislature has done more to make employers want to stay here, expand here, relocate here, or start up here. Lawsuit abuse reform; sprinkler mandate repeal; changing the building code for real housing starts, which is a driver in the economy; not one but two unemployment compensation reforms that allowed those who were in tough times to make sure they had a hand up, but at the same time, tightened eligibility, made sure we cap benefits to reduce our debt, and put in a real job search requirement.

We allowed for infrastructure upgrades, which had been talked about for the better part of 10 years. Economists project that for every \$10 million invested from the private sector in natural gas infrastructure alone will add hundreds of jobs created in the Commonwealth, and it will allow for 11,000 miles of older gas pipes to get replaced, according to the Public Utility Commission.

Public-private partnerships, we have talked about those for years, in terms of transportation in particular. Those are now implemented and are being made use so that there is financing not just from the State, but the risk is shared by the private sector.

And with respect to employer taxes, we have changed how we compute the corporate net income tax so that businesses located in Pennsylvania are no longer punished by taxing their assets or their payroll, the people they employ, but in fact encourage more businesses to stay here with this single sales factor. And yes, the Governor is correct that job-crushing capital stock and franchise tax, we continue to phase it out, and at the end of this budget, we will make sure that it is gone so that we no longer are carrying two significant taxes on businesses.

With respect to welfare reform and LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) reform, we brought integrity back to the systems so that people who in fact need the assistance are getting it but that the fraud and abuse continues to be whittled away, that taxpayer dollars are in fact being spent where they should be spent. And you know the Governor has been a champion of human service block grants to allow counties more opportunity and flexibility to deliver human services, and the pilot program, in which 20 Pennsylvania counties wanted it, is now well beyond that number, and the Governor seeks to increase it.

In terms of integrity in government, PennWATCH (Pennsylvania Web Accountability, Transparency and Contract Hub), every expenditure for every branch of government will be online, and we here in the House reduced per diem expenditures by almost \$2 million over the prior session and we are going to continue to reduce it further with commonsense reforms to be more like the private sector, eliminating car leases and contributing to health insurance plans like our constituents do.

And in terms of education improvement, we talked about the increased dollars on public education, but in addition, we doubled the educational improvement tax credit, one of the most important school choice programs, and as a component part of that, we made sure that \$50 million of that is geared to opportunity scholarships available to children living within the State's lowest achieving public school districts.

Just important legislation; now we need to build on this. We need to move Pennsylvania further into the 21st century, and we have that opportunity with a structurally sound budget, a

responsible budget, but in addition, providing, like every State around Pennsylvania, the ability to purchase wine and beer in grocery stores in a convenient manner so that when you go shopping for your groceries, you can in fact pick up a bottle of wine. And I suggest that moving to letting the private sector, like almost every State in the nation, you will double the number of jobs and they will be family-sustaining jobs because the private sector in the end is best at bringing product and service to market.

We do need public pension reform, particularly going forward. The citizens want to make sure that government employees have retirement packages like they do. We are not in any way being shortsighted. We know that to bring stability we have to make changes going forward.

And with respect to transportation investments, it is true that \$6.8 billion is already being spent in Pennsylvania annually, of Federal and State dollars, but we need to make sure that we look at additional ways, including nontax increase ways, to make sure that we continue to do our best by roads, bridges, and mass transit, particularly if real reforms are brought to mass transit that need to be brought to the table.

Now, I want to say this about transit. The Democrats, whom we work with on so many initiatives, certainly have an opportunity to be shaping public policy with us as team players. Naysayers, that approach does not govern, does not lead. True partners in being bold, in thinking out of the box, in moving Pennsylvania forward, we invite each and every one of our colleagues from the other side of the table to be part of that effort. Keep in mind, under the past administration, when our colleagues controlled the House for 4 years, there were no increases other than borrowing to help out any transportation.

Now, we have an opportunity to make great strides, moving Pennsylvania to a private-sector approach with real convenience for our citizens in terms of purchasing beer, wine, and spirits; we have an opportunity to think outside the box to improve transportation, while maintaining our responsibility to the taxpayers; and we have a real opportunity to move forward and make Pennsylvania more like the private sector in terms of its public pensions, without renegeing on our promises to existing retirees and our employees. I ask each and every one of you to rise to that challenge.

We had an exciting first 2 years of this Governor's administration, and I think it will be a bold, challenging, exciting, and rewarding opportunity to make Pennsylvania's citizens lives better in these 2 years and with this budget.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

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

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we all heard the Governor's speech here today, and in the days and the weeks to come, all of us will take a much closer look at the numbers, but the first impression many of us have is disappointment.

The Governor had a chance today to show bold leadership, but he did not do that. He is proposing a budget that falls short in many areas. He offers a slight increase in funding for basic education but does nothing to undo or even acknowledge the damage done by the education cuts of his first two budgets.

Now, we have heard today talk about what happened in the previous administrations when we passed a late budget. I was here for those budgets and we did pass a late budget, but we passed a late budget because Governor Rendell and the House Democrats, when we were in the majority, would not leave until we took care of public education. Because what happened the last 2 years is property taxes have gone up throughout this Commonwealth and we did not hear a word today about property taxes, and they have gone up in every school district because of these cuts that are now etched in stone and will remain there as a result of this budget. So I am proud to say we stood by and we stood here and we waited and we stayed until we could pass a budget that adequately funded public education in this Commonwealth.

The Governor had a chance today to take a big step for funding our schools and supporting education. He could have led from the front. He did not do that. He offered a gimmick on transportation funding, lifting the cap on one tax while lowering another, but the net effect of that is to raise less, far less, than what is needed to address the State's broken highways, deficient bridges, and our aging transit systems. For 2 years the Governor has paid lip service to the need to fund transportation. For the last couple of months, he has been promising a comprehensive, bold plan. What we got today is not anywhere close to adequate. It is hard to believe, really, it is hard to believe that this is the best he can do, but apparently it is. He had a chance to lead on transportation, but he did not do it.

And on taxes, he talked about in his speech the need for oil and gas companies to pay their fair share, and it is clear that certainly his policies do not follow through on that. Governor Corbett's first two budgets cut corporate taxes by billions of dollars. Now, as we have heard, he wants to continue the work of killing off the capital stock and franchise tax and then start in on reducing the corporate net income tax. Now, we would feel better about these proposals if he was talking about closing tax loopholes that allow the biggest corporations in the world to get away with paying almost no taxes in Pennsylvania. He is not talking about doing that.

What about the jobs? You know, I thought we all were told that if we have these huge corporate tax cuts, if we have these tax credits, the corporations will be here and provide all of these jobs. Well, where are they? Where are the jobs? We are hearing this talk about 100,000 new private-sector jobs. One, there are already 4 million private-sector jobs created nationally, if that is an accurate number; it is 100,000 here.

Our unemployment rate has gone up. Over the last 5 months our unemployment has gone up every month. We were below the national average for the last 8 years before this administration took office. We are above the national average in unemployment right now. We are above the national average. Governor Corbett had a chance for bold leadership on jobs. He could have turned around his bad performance of the last 2 years. Instead, what we got were giveaways to the richest corporations in the world who took the money and put it in their pockets.

Now, we talked about human services and how we are funding human services at certain amounts of money. Now, it is a big State, may sound like a lot of money. Understand that over the last 2 years, human services have been cut by 20 percent. There have been thousands of layoffs from our counties that provide services to the most vulnerable among us, and we are

taking a minutia step forward in trying to help correct those wrongs and what happened to all those families who were devastated by these budget cuts.

What we got today were more layoffs. We will have 5,000 more loss of jobs if we sell the State stores. So while the corporations got away with the biggest tax cut in history in Pennsylvania, middle-class families still struggle and our unemployment rate goes up.

And he could have put his mark on the Medicaid program by accepting Federal funds that would provide health coverage for more than half a million uninsured Pennsylvanians. Other States have done this, other States with Republican Governors. This Governor is still trying to fight a pointless political battle that was settled last year by the Supreme Court. As a result of this decision, hundreds of millions of tax dollars will go from Pennsylvania to the Federal government and they will be used to give health care to people in other States, but not in Pennsylvania. And the thousands of people who would be employed in a better-run, financially sound Pennsylvania health-care system will not get that chance. As a result of Tom Corbett's decision, our State's hospitals and our health-care providers will continue to struggle with the cost of uninsured patients and uncompensated care. Some hospitals may not survive. We had hoped for some commonsense leadership from Tom Corbett on the issue of Medicaid. We did not get it, and, Mr. Speaker, I really think that Tom Corbett does not get it.

To sum up, Mr. Speaker, we expected much more here today. We expected more leadership from this Governor on all of these issues, and we did not get it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. VITALI

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali, rise?

Mr. VITALI. To follow the previous speakers on the budget, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is recognized under unanimous consent.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations...." President Obama uttered those words in his inaugural address.

As I listened to Governor Corbett's budget address, I am bitterly disappointed that he continues in his 2-year tenure to even utter the words "climate change." Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania produces a full 1 percent of the world's greenhouse gases and for the Governor of this State to not even mention the word "climate change" in his 2 years in office is simply unthinkable.

Superstorm Sandy ravaged the east coast with damages up to \$60 billion. Governor Christie gets it. Governor Christie lobbied for increases in renewable energy, increases in solar energy. Mr. Speaker, we in Pennsylvania need to do the same thing.

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) scientist James Hansen indicated that we needed to get to a level of 350 parts per billion of CO₂ in the atmosphere to stabilize the Earth's climate. We will not get there on natural gas. We need to promote renewable energy.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor needs to take a leadership role in the promotion of renewable energy and the combatting of climate change. He needs to sponsor bills that will do these things, and I urge him to do so.

Thank you.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 48 designates February 8, 2013, as "Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. Peripartum cardiomyopathy is a form of heart failure during pregnancy or postpregnancy.

I introduced this resolution on behalf of Heather Moore, a constituent who developed the disease when she became pregnant with her son at age 29.

By the time doctors realized what was happening, her son, named Ty Steven, did not survive because of the late diagnosis. She suffered multiorgan failure and a stroke and spent 3 months in the hospital on a heart pump. She was even the first name on the area's heart transplant list for weeks.

Luckily, Heather has recovered, but she can never get her son back. Heather's doctors told her she cannot have more children, even though she is otherwise healthy, because the risk of peripartum cardiomyopathy grows with each pregnancy.

The exact cause of this disease is unknown. Diagnosis is not always made right away, as some conditions associated with pregnancy – like fatigue, swelling of the ankles, and shortness of breath – are also symptoms of peripartum cardiomyopathy and can mask its presence.

I wanted to sponsor this resolution because it is important that the public, health-care professionals, and patients learn more about the disease so that we can protect mothers and their babies.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, rise?

Mr. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, I think you will be relieved.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman seeking to make an announcement?

Mr. FRANKEL. Right, yes, just an announcement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. FRANKEL. I would like to announce that the Democrats will meet in the Democratic caucus room to have a review and discussion about the budget. So I would ask that all Democrats convene in the Democratic caucus room at 2 p.m., 2 p.m. in the Democratic caucus room for all Democrats. 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 19;
HB 107; and
HB 163.

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 34 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.

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 gentleman, Mr. Farina, from Lackawanna County, who moves that this House do adjourn until Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 1:46 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.