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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. Today the prayer will be offered by Pastor Jim Crosley, Harmony Grove Community Church, Dover.

PASTOR JIM CROSLEY, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, we are thankful to live in the home of the free and the land of the brave. We are thankful to serve as one nation, one House of Representatives under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. May we not focus on the things that divide us, but rather rally around our purpose to pursue life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Father, we are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy here in our nation. We are reminded of those freedoms as we vastly approach the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. When asked about the war, President Abraham Lincoln declared that my concern is not whether God is on my side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God's side is always right. As President Lincoln declared, so we pray this afternoon that our greatest concern is to be on Your side, for Your side is always right.

We know that it is not our party affiliation or where we live in this great Commonwealth that determines whether we are on Your side or not. We realize that man looks at the outward appearance, but You look at the heart. Though we may be citizens of this great State, our eternal citizenship is determined only through our faith in You, that You so loved this great State that You sent Your only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Our desire is to be on Your side as the House considers measures and bills this week. I pray for Your divine wisdom to be given to every man and woman in this chamber. Let the discussions that take place not be about them and their agenda, but, Father, may we strive to be on Your side, for Your side is always right.

God, I ask for Your divine guidance, Your blessing, Your understanding, and grace to be given to all who are listening this afternoon, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 5, 2013, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

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

Monday, April 8, 2013;
Tuesday, April 9, 2013;
Wednesday, April 10, 2013; and
Monday, April 15, 2013.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 350 By Representatives COHEN, B. BOYLE, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, P. DALEY, DAVIS, DiGIROLAMO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HAGGERTY, W. KELLER, MAHONEY, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MIRANDA, MURT, O'BRIEN, PAINTER, PARKER, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, SNYDER and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution commemorating the 101st anniversary of the minimum wage law.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 10, 2013.

No. 358 By Representatives MUSTIO, HARHART, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, MUNDY, GINGRICH, CLYMER, MARSHALL and COHEN

A Resolution directing the Department of Health to consider regulations in support of nanotechnology and other nontoxic means that control bacteria, mold, mildew, fungi, algae, viruses and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) causing noxious odors.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 10, 2013.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1313 By Representatives MOUL, KOTIK, SWANGER, METZGAR, KAUFFMAN, HELM, DeLUCA, GINGRICH, GROVE, V. BROWN, EVERETT and TALLMAN

An Act providing for local option small games of chance; and making a related repeal.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1485 By Representatives SCAVELLO, FRANKEL, SWANGER, TRUITT, COHEN, DONATUCCI, SCHLOSSBERG, CLYMER, MUNDY and MURT

An Act amending the act of June 13, 2008 (P.L.182, No.27), known as the Clean Indoor Air Act, further prohibiting smoking in public places; providing for local ordinances; and making a related repeal of the Fire and Panic Act.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, June 10, 2013.

No. 1486 By Representatives R. MILLER, BENNINGHOFF, GROVE, EVERETT, GINGRICH, SAYLOR, TALLMAN, DENLINGER, KILLION, GILLESPIE, LONGIETTI, STEVENSON, MOUL, REGAN, MURT and REED

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for authorization of excise tax in certain counties with tourist promotion agencies.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1493 By Representatives NEUMAN, DeLUCA, FREEMAN, WHITE, KOTIK, CALTAGIRONE, CUTLER, MCNEILL, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, O'BRIEN, SANTARSIERO, PASHINSKI, COHEN, GROVE, KORTZ, MOUL, M. DALEY, McGEEHAN, MUNDY, SNYDER, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, MULLERY, MIRABITO, PAINTER, HARHAI, BRIGGS, SABATINA, KULA, DERMODY, GINGRICH, D. COSTA, MILNE, HANNA and MURT

An Act providing for liability for false claims, for adoption of Congressional intent of the Federal False Claims Act, for treble damages, costs and civil penalties, for powers of the Attorney General and for qui tam actions.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1494 By Representatives WATSON, LAWRENCE, TOOHL, ROCK, ROZZI, TRUITT, MILLARD, GINGRICH, SWANGER, COHEN, PETRI, CLYMER, QUINN and KORTZ

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, providing for self-service storage facility insurance.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, June 10, 2013.

No. 1495 By Representatives MULLERY, KAVULICH, KORTZ, MILLARD, B. BOYLE, MOUL, V. BROWN, SWANGER, KIRKLAND, COHEN, CARROLL, DONATUCCI and FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, further providing for definitions, for right to render services and notice and for compensation for physical damage.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1496 By Representatives HALUSKA, HARHAI, CALTAGIRONE, P. DALEY, GAINEY, HAGGERTY, KORTZ and WHITE

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonstate service and for contributions for the purchase of credit.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1497 By Representatives DEASY, COHEN, BISHOP, V. BROWN, THOMAS, KOTIK, HARHAI, STERN, GIBBONS, FREEMAN, PASHINSKI, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, MAHONEY, MURT, SAINATO, D. COSTA, MIRABITO, DAVIS, DeLUCA, READSHAW, MOLCHANY and KORTZ

An Act providing for the establishment of a Cultural Development District Program for communities in this Commonwealth with arts and cultural centers which benefit the public; and establishing Commonwealth tax exemptions for residents and businesses within the designated cultural development districts.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, June 10, 2013.

No. 1498 By Representatives STEPHENS, R. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, D. COSTA, DEASY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, FARRY, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, HESS, KAMPF, KORTZ, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MATZIE, R. MILLER, MILNE, MURT, NEILSON, O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SIMMONS, SWANGER, THOMAS, TOEPEL, TRUITT, VEREB, WATSON and HACKETT

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sentences for offenses committed with firearms and for sentences for second and subsequent offenses.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1499 By Representatives CHRISTIANA, GODSHALL, DAVIS, GROVE, MUSTIO, GALLOWAY, WATSON, DUNBAR and FARRY

An Act providing for plumbing contractors licensure; establishing the State Board of Plumbing Contractors and providing for its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; establishing fees, fines and civil penalties; creating the Plumbing Contractors Licensure Account; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1501 By Representatives ELLIS, REESE, CALTAGIRONE, KILLION, EVERETT, MILLARD, KORTZ and DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further defining "eligible entity."

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, June 10, 2013.

No. 1502 By Representatives ELLIS, BIZZARRO, O'BRIEN, STEPHENS, KILLION, DENLINGER, C. HARRIS, GRELL, MILNE, TOOHIL, ROCK, GIBBONS, LAWRENCE and MURT

An Act amending the the act of October 24, 2012, (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for definitions and for occupations and establishment.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1503 By Representatives MALONEY, O'NEILL, PICKETT, DENLINGER, ROCK, SACCONI, BAKER, ROAE, EVERETT, SCAVELLO, METCALFE, SWANGER, CLYMER and MCGINNIS

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for official plans.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1504 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, GRELL, VEREB, D. COSTA, MCNEILL, YOUNGBLOOD, STEPHENS, SCHLOSSBERG, O'BRIEN, THOMAS, COHEN, GODSHALL, WHITE, WATSON, GINGRICH, MAHONEY, PAINTER, DeLUCA, QUINN, EVERETT, V. BROWN and DENLINGER

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in selection and retention of judicial officers, further providing for content of instruction and examination; and, in municipal police education and training, further providing for powers and duties of Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1505 By Representatives WHITE, FRANKEL, ROZZI, KORTZ, YOUNGBLOOD, PAINTER, McGEEHAN, SCHLOSSBERG, D. COSTA, O'BRIEN, THOMAS, TRUITT, GIBBONS, PASHINSKI, BIZZARRO, MULLERY, GOODMAN, V. BROWN and KIM

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for methods of voter registration, providing for electronic voter registration application and further providing for preparation and distribution of

applications; in changes in records, further providing for change of enrollment of political party; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of State.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1506 By Representatives TOBASH, HELM, BARRAR, HENNESSEY, GIBBONS, OBERLANDER, KORTZ, MARSHALL, GINGRICH, TALLMAN, GOODMAN, GILLEN and COHEN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for Keystone Exams.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2013.

No. 1507 By Representatives CUTLER, EMRICK, EVANKOVICH, RAPP, AUMENT, F. KELLER, KAUFFMAN, BLOOM, MOUL, TALLMAN, METCALFE, SAYLOR, GROVE, HICKERNELL, SWANGER, TRUITT, SACCONI, GINGRICH, REGAN, EVERETT, CLYMER, DENLINGER, MALONEY, PYLE, MACKENZIE, MAJOR, KNOWLES, GABLER, DUNBAR, ROAE, SCHLEGEL, CULVER, ROCK, BENNINGHOFF, MARSICO, KRIEGER, HELM, MENTZER, MCGINNIS, STEVENSON, HARPER, LAWRENCE, STERN, FEE, R. MILLER, MUSTIO, DAY, CHRISTIANA, OBERLANDER, JAMES and GREINER

An Act amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act, defining "political contributions"; further providing for maintenance of membership; providing for membership dues; and making related repeals.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1508 By Representatives CUTLER, HANNA, COHEN, KILLION, M. K. KELLER, KAUFFMAN, LONGIETTI, SAINATO, BROOKS, BENNINGHOFF, EVERETT, MILLARD, AUMENT, GABLER, HARHAI, NEILSON, MARSHALL, GIBBONS, ROCK, NEUMAN, PAYNE, SAYLOR, PETRI, MACKENZIE, MOUL, SONNEY, GROVE, MATZIE, D. COSTA, HICKERNELL, READSHAW, EVANKOVICH, CALTAGIRONE and WHITE

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1997 (P.L.508, No.55), known as the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, further providing for criteria for institutions of purely public charity.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 10, 2013.

No. 1509 By Representatives SACCONI, BARRAR, BIZZARRO, AUMENT, JAMES, DUNBAR, CUTLER, SWANGER and BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1510 By Representatives P. COSTA, BOBACK, B. BOYLE, BROOKS, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, FARRY, FREEMAN, GOODMAN, HARKINS, J. HARRIS, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MURT, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROZZI, SWANGER, WATSON, WHITE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for required financial responsibility.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2013.

No. 1511 By Representatives COHEN, MAHONEY, MIRANDA, O'BRIEN and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealing provisions relating to Bible reading in public schools.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2013.

No. 1512 By Representatives BLOOM, CLYMER, DUNBAR, PICKETT, THOMAS, KORTZ, R. MILLER, ROCK, CUTLER, KAUFFMAN, GINGRICH, AUMENT, GROVE, MICOZZIE, DENLINGER, COX, TOOHL and LAWRENCE

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, providing for minimum educational requirements; further providing for postbaccalaureate certification; providing for baccalaureate certification basic skills assessment; and further providing for disqualifications.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2013.

No. 1513 By Representatives DUNBAR, DENLINGER, EVANKOVICH, GROVE, HENNESSEY, MAHER, MILLARD, PEIFER and REESE

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for delegation of taxing powers and restrictions thereon.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2013.

No. 1514 By Representatives HELM, BOBACK, SCHLOSSBERG, CALTAGIRONE, KIM, HESS, FRANKEL, HACKETT, KORTZ, GINGRICH, GABLER, M. K. KELLER and COHEN

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, for definitions, for unlawful discriminatory practices and for powers and duties of the commission.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 10, 2013.

No. 1515 By Representatives DEAN, K. BOYLE, YOUNGBLOOD, ROZZI, O'BRIEN, BROWNLEE, VITALI, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, DONATUCCI, COHEN, V. BROWN, SANTARSIERO, KAVULICH, McGEEHAN, ROSS, BRIGGS, FRANKEL, MOLCHANY, FABRIZIO, MUNDY, ROEBUCK, FREEMAN, MCCARTER and SIMS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for report of theft or loss of firearm.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 10, 2013.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1, PN 1162

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2013.

SB 441, PN 380

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 10, 2013.

SB 586, PN 560

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 10, 2013.

SB 732, PN 764

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, June 10, 2013.

SB 763, PN 782

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, June 10, 2013.

SB 797, PN 1148

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 10, 2013.

SB 798, PN 818

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 10, 2013.

SB 859, PN 1057

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, June 10, 2013.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker turns to leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. FLECK, from Huntingdon County for

the day; the gentleman, Mr. MICCARELLI, from Delaware County for the week; the gentleman, Mr. GODSHALL, from Montgomery County for the week. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The minority whip indicates he has no requests for leaves of absence at this time.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farina	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Farry	Longiotti	Reed
Bloom	Fee	Lucas	Reese
Boback	Flynn	Mackenzie	Regan
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Maher	Roae
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Mahoney	Rock
Bradford	Gabler	Major	Roebuck
Briggs	Gainey	Maloney	Ross
Brooks	Galloway	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marshall	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marsico	Saccone
Brownlee	Gillen	Masser	Sainato
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McCarter	Sankey
Carroll	Goodman	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Causser	Greiner	McGinnis	Saylor
Christiana	Grell	McNeill	Scavello
Clay	Grove	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Clymer	Hackett	Metcalfe	Schreiber
Cohen	Haggerty	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Hahn	Micozzie	Sims
Corbin	Haluska	Millard	Smith
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, D.	Snyder
Costa, P.	Harhai	Miller, R.	Sonney
Cox	Harhart	Milne	Stephens
Cruz	Harkins	Mirabito	Stern
Culver	Harper	Miranda	Stevenson
Cutler	Harris, A.	Molchany	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Moul	Swanger
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mullery	Tallman
Davidson	Helm	Mundy	Taylor
Davis	Hennessey	Murt	Thomas
Day	Hess	Mustio	Tobash
Dean	Hickernell	Neilson	Toepel
Deasy	James	Neuman	Toohil
DeLissio	Kampf	O'Brien	Truitt
Delozier	Kauffman	O'Neill	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Oberlander	Verab
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Painter	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Waters
DiGrolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Fleck Godshall Miccarelli

LEAVES ADDED—2

Bishop Kotik

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Fleck

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

If I could have the members' attention, I appreciate if the House would come to order. I appreciate the members clearing the aisles. I want to introduce some of the guests that are with us. I would appreciate your courtesy and attention. Thank you.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, I would like to welcome Doug and Eileen Dvorchak and their daughters, Arden and Anna. By the way, today is Arden's 10th birthday, and they are here today as the guests of Representative Aument. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome Christopher McCann, the winner of Abington High School's "There Ought To Be a Law" contest. In the gallery are additional contest participants from the school's honors American government and civics class, and their teachers are Jamie Farmington and Jim Garry. They are here today as the guests of Representative Dean. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House. Those of you in the gallery, too, stand up and give us a wave.

Also to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome guests of Representatives Stern, Gabler, and Santarsiero. The guests are Ashlee Fagans, Miss Teen Pennsylvania International 2013, from Hollidaysburg; Rachel Syktich, Miss Pennsylvania International 2013, from DuBois; and Marci McNair, Mrs. Pennsylvania International 2013, from Newtown. They are here with Jodi Cessna, the State director of these pageants, and Scott Cessna, the producer of the events. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome Dr. Ellery Schempp, an accomplished physicist. He is here with David Silverman and Brian Fields, who are located in the rear of the House, and they are here today as the guests of Representative Cohen. Will our guests please rise, back by the side door. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also in the rear of the House, we would like to welcome members of Bosnia's Parliament: Senad Sepic, Sasa Magazinovic, Predrag Kojovic, Hafeza Sabljakovic, Diana Cekic, Danijel Vidovic. They are here with staff from the International Republican Institute, and they are the guests of Representative Hahn. Will our guests please rise and accept my apologies for mispronouncing your names, no doubt. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also in the rear of the House, we would like to welcome Dr. Arthur Castelbaum and his wife, Debra. Dr. Castelbaum is affiliated with Reproductive Medicine Associates of Central Pennsylvania and is also the director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Pinnacle Health. They are here today as the guests of Representative Brendan Boyle. Will our guests please rise, over here by the door on the right. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also in the rear of the House, we would like to welcome members of Webelos Pack 1910, Den 1, and they are here today as guests of Representative Scavello. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Located in the well of the House, we would like to welcome guest page Alexis Miller. She is the guest of Representative Ellis. Welcome to the hall of the House.

And serving as an intern in Representative Regan's district office, we would also like to welcome guest page Adrienne Munroy. Welcome to the hall of the House.

CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL STATE ACADEMIC TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. I would like to invite Representative Kampf and Representative Milne to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to the Conestoga High School Academic Competition Team.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Mr. Kampf, for the purpose of presenting a citation.

Mr. KAMPF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I stand before you, I represent Tredyffrin Township. My colleague from Chester County represents Easttown Township, and those two townships make up the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, and behind me its high school, Conestoga High School. Their State Academic Team won the State championship in this chamber 2 months ago, so we are here to celebrate that victory. Actually, one of our colleagues from Chester County, who is seated in the front row, was the host of the State academic competition 2 months ago in the chamber, and the final was Henderson High School, State College High School, and Conestoga High School. Conestoga actually won the competition in the final tiebreaker, the very last question.

Now, they do all kinds of things with this kind of "Jeopardy!"-like team format, generally science and current events and history, but the last question was a baseball question, and it was, the first World Series was held in 1903. The Boston Americans won the series that year. What National League franchise was the other participant in the first World Series? You got it. The Pittsburgh Pirates.

All right. So anyway, I do not know if you know this, but the history of this competition actually started in this chamber. Representative Pitts – then Representative Pitts, now Congressman Pitts – started the State competition. We encourage all of you to encourage your local school districts to become a part of it.

The team behind me is Coach Michael Cruz, a social studies teacher; team captain Michael Bennett; team participants Dennison Richter, Suproteem Sarkar, Manasvi Ramanujam. I present to you the Conestoga High School State championship team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Chester, Mr. Milne, is recognized to add comments to the citation presentation.

Mr. MILNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to add my congratulations to the Conestoga High School State winning championship team for the Pennsylvania State academic competition this year.

I really want to commend and recognize the individual team members that made up this academic team. I think they are to be commended. When you think about the nature of a team like this, they have just spent all day in intellectual pursuits in classes and then they are willing to go an additional round after school, nights, weekends, continuing to invest in their academic pursuits to be the best team they can be in the academic competition, and I think that speaks well about the team members and their interests and their focus.

I also think it brings great credit upon this school that they have won the State championship for the academic competition. And I will give you a little sense about the kind of talent pool that these students have come out of, a little sense about Conestoga High School that they represent, for this high school really has an honorary role of scholastic distinctions that is really quite extraordinary. For example, it is a school of excellence, as recognized by the United States Department of Education. Conestoga was one of the first five public high schools to be recognized in the national secondary school recognition program.

Among the class of 2013, of course the current graduating class, there were 35 national merit semifinalists and 39 national merit commended students, and no wonder that this has really coalesced into a couple of recent ratings where based on this kind of evidence and some other measures, this school has been rated as the number one open enrollment high school in all of Pennsylvania. So you are speaking about a very talented student body, which I think is really personified by the team that we have up here. It is a very, very creative group, a very talented group, and it gives you the sense of the kind of intellectual capacity that this team has.

I would also like to, I think, provide a special word of thanks to Coach Michael Cruz up here. My mom, who is a retired math teacher from another high school in the area, for many years was the academic coach for that academic team, so I can well appreciate the role that the coaches had in preparing this team for success all season throughout the tournament, helping them prepare questions and strategy and be ready for all the tournaments and competition.

So again, I salute the coach and salute the team, in particular, for their dedication, their interest, their focus, and extend my congratulations to the Stoga Generals for winning the State Academic Championship for 2013.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The House will be at ease for a couple of minutes.

The House will come to order.

PETER CONZOLA PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. I would like to invite Representative Hahn to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation.

Go now while they are kind of quiet.

Ms. HAHN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to welcome to the hall of the House Peter Conzola, a junior at Bethlehem Freedom High School and a gold medalist at the 2013 PIAA Swimming and Diving

Championships, which were held in March at Bucknell University.

Peter was the top seed going into the AAA 100-yard backstroke competition and won the event in a time of 48.80 seconds. It was his third gold medal of the season, as he won the butterfly and backstroke events at the District 11 championships, where he earned the Dennis A. McGinley AAA Swimmer of the Meet Award.

His coach says Peter's goal is to be known as the fastest backstroke swimmer in Pennsylvania, and he has his senior year ahead of him to continue to prove it, and I hope to invite him back next session for that to give him another citation.

So please join me in welcoming to the hall of the House gold medal-winning swimmer Peter Conzola and his parents, Joe and Anne.

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease for a minute or two.

The House will come to order.

STATEMENT BY MR. COHEN

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, under unanimous consent relative to some of the guests that are with us today.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Ellery Schempp, a renowned physicist, was introduced by Speaker Smith a few minutes ago. I would like to note that the reason he is here is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court case in which he was a lead plaintiff. The case was *Abington v. Schempp*. In that case the U.S. Supreme Court, by an 8-to-1 vote, said that school prayers were inappropriate for our public schools anywhere in the United States. That case will celebrate its 50th anniversary a week from today.

I would note for the record that Dr. Schempp spent the first 8 years of his life in my legislative district, and then he fatefully moved with his family to Abington and got in the famous litigation with Abington Township. If he had stayed in my district, history might have been at least a little bit different.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the lady, Ms. BISHOP, from Philadelphia County for the day, and the gentleman, Mr. KOTIK, from Allegheny County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 343, PN 1899**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 15, 2013, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. HAHN called up **HR 349, PN 1947**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Bushkill Township, Northampton County.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

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

STATEMENT BY MS. BOBACK

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. Boback, under unanimous consent relative to one of the resolutions just adopted.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, I thank everyone for endorsing the resolution on Elder Abuse Awareness Day. I am proud to sponsor HR 343, which does commemorate June 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Pennsylvania, although the whole month of June is dedicated to raising awareness of elder abuse across our entire country.

Elder abuse comes in many forms: physical; emotional; verbal; self-neglect; and becoming more common, financial exploitation.

In 2012 alone, it is estimated that over 18,500 cases of elder abuse were reported in Pennsylvania, and that number does not account for many cases that were not reported at all.

Once again, thank you for your support of this very important resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MS. HAHN

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Northampton County, Ms. Hahn, under unanimous consent relative to one of the resolutions just adopted.

Ms. HAHN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank my colleagues for supporting HR 349, which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Bushkill Township, Northampton County. The township has actually been in existence since 1763 but was incorporated in August of 1813.

Delaware Indians first inhabited Bushkill Township, followed by the early settlers who were mostly German farmers. They loved the soil and produced many fine farms, some of which still exist today.

Bushkill Township is home to more than 6500 residents as well as the great historical site at Jacobsburg, which I encourage you all to visit.

Thank you again for supporting HR 349. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Chester County, Mr. Hennessey, rise?

Mr. HENNESSEY. I would like to submit remarks for the record on HR 343.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will submit the remarks to the clerk, and they will be noted in the record.

Mr. HENNESSEY. All right. Thank you.

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

I want to thank the lady from Luzerne County for sponsoring HR 343.

Luzerne County is home to one of the 30 elder abuse task forces in the Commonwealth. The PA Department of Aging has teamed up with Temple University Institute on Protective Services and the local area agencies on aging to combat elder abuse across Pennsylvania. Elder abuse task forces typically consist of the local AAA, the district attorney's office, local/State law enforcement, local banking institutions, and victim advocate associations. These task forces have led to a more proactive approach to investigating and prosecuting perpetrators of elder abuse across the State, but still it is estimated that only one out of five cases of elder abuse are actually reported to authorities.

I urge all my colleagues to post the elder abuse hotline on the Web sites and have it readily available in their offices. The elder abuse hotline is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-490-8505.

RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask for the members' attention, please. I have several meetings I need to announce.

First of all, I would like to announce the Rules Committee will meet immediately. They will meet in the Appropriations conference room. So I would ask members of Rules to please report immediately to the Appropriations conference room.

Next, Appropriations will meet at 1:50. The Appropriations Committee will meet at 1:50 in the majority caucus room.

Our Republicans will then caucus at 2 p.m. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 2 o'clock for caucus, and then we would be prepared to come back on the floor at 3:30.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Appropriations conference room.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 1:50 in the majority caucus room.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 2 o'clock. Democrats will caucus at 2 o'clock. Thank you.

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Mr. Metcalfe, for a committee announcement.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I could have the attention of the State Government Committee members, there will be a State Government Committee voting meeting at 3 o'clock in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building to consider HB 1478, HB 1482, and amendments, and any other business that may be brought before the committee.

So at 3 p.m., Mr. Speaker, at room 205, Ryan Office Building, there will be a voting meeting for the Pennsylvania House State Government Committee to consider the legislation I just mentioned and any other business that might be brought up before the committee, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. There will be a State Government Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in room 205, Ryan Office Building.

YORK COUNTY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENVIROTHON TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. I may throw the timing off a little bit of those committee announcements. A group that was visiting in the Senate first has just arrived in the House, and I would like to invite Representatives Saylor, Grove, and Ron Miller to the rostrum for presenting a citation to the York County Envirothon Team.

The gentleman from York County, Mr. Saylor, may proceed.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. If I could, just one second. Could I have the members' attention. I appreciate your courtesy.

The gentleman, Mr. Saylor, may proceed.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of the 2013 York County Senior High School Envirothon Team for its recent statewide victory.

Over the course of 2 days in May, Michael Renga of Red Lion, Mariah Henry of Seven Valleys, Collin Inners of York, Jessica Piccone of Felton, and Morgan Straub of Dover joined 56 other teams from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Juniata College to test their knowledge of our environment and how humans interact with their natural surroundings.

The York team won the competition the same way the tortoise beat the hare. They were not tops in each of the five categories – soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues – but their consistency won the day just as it does in the workplace and everyday life.

The questions were not easy, such as, what documents were posted on-site about all the timber harvesting operations in Pennsylvania, and the best practices for livestock grazing? While each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, they now advance to the North American Envirothon at the University of Montana, where they will compete with teams from across Canada and the United States in the continent's largest school natural resource education competition, for a chance to win additional scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating these young men and women on their great achievement and wish them well as they move on to the national competition representing Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Just a reminder, Rules immediately and then Appropriations and caucus.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Seeing no further business, this House stands in recess until 3:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

HB 1275, PN 1638

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1276, PN 1639

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1277, PN 1999 (Amended)

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1278, PN 2000 (Amended)

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1279, PN 2001 (Amended)

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1280, PN 1643 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1281, PN 1644 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and for the fiscal year July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1282, PN 1645 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the State Gaming Fund to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1075, PN 1914 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in kinship care, further providing for scope and for definitions; and providing for family finding.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1076, PN 1915 By Rep. ADOLPH

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1319, PN 1700 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for powers of an authority.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1325, PN 1706 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for definitions, for official plans and for permits.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1363, PN 1962 By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of November 26, 2008 (P.L.1672, No.135), known as the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, further providing for definitions, for initiation of

action, for appointment of conservator, for powers and duties of conservator, for incurring indebtedness and for sale of property.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 492, PN 1424 By Rep. TURZAI

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for petitions to deny parole upon expiration of minimum sentence.

RULES.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 920, PN 1059 By Rep. TURZAI

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

RULES.

HB 1141, PN 1399 By Rep. TURZAI

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for reopening of the school district annual budget.

RULES.

HB 1377, PN 1938 By Rep. TURZAI

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.595, No.259), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to establish, operate and maintain restaurants, as herein defined, creating a revolving fund for this purpose, to be known as The State Restaurant Fund; and providing additional duties for the State Treasurer and the Department of Health in connection therewith," further providing for inspection authority and for definitions; and making editorial changes.

RULES.

HB 1414, PN 1939 By Rep. TURZAI

An Act amending the act of July 20, 1979 (P.L.183, No.60), entitled "An act regulating the terms and conditions of certain leases regarding natural gas and oil," further providing for validity of leases and guaranteeing a royalty; adding definitions; providing for apportionment; further providing for commencement of guaranteed royalty; providing for payment information to interest owners and for accumulation of proceeds from production; and making editorial changes.

RULES.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 360 By Representatives SAINATO, BARRAR, READSHAW, COHEN, SCHLOSSBERG, LONGIETTI, CALTAGIRONE, YOUNGBLOOD, GIBBONS and MENTZER

A Resolution urging the President of the United States and Congress to support the adoption of H.R. 1014.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 10, 2013.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 681, PN 1150

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 10, 2013.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bills numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the titles were publicly read as follows:

SB 196, PN 716

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, further providing for definitions, for financial assistance and for annual report.

SB 679, PN 654

An Act designating a portion of State Route 3031 in Richland and Conemaugh Townships, Cambria County, as the Lieutenant Colonel B.D. "Buzz" Wagner Memorial Highway.

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 526, PN 1156**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for sanitation standards.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 470, PN 1157**, entitled:

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, further providing for the Special Education Funding Commission.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1247, PN 1589**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain Project 70 land situate in Piney Creek Springs, Woodbury Township, Blair County, owned by the Commonwealth in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on certain land situate in Woodbury Township, Blair County, being conveyed to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 920, PN 1059**, entitled:

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

On the question,
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Bill was agreed to.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 390, PN 401**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 13, 1988 (P.L.1190, No.146), known as the First and Second Class County Property Tax Relief Act, further providing for conditions of deferral or exemption.

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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English			

NAYS—1

Day

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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Fleck			

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1076, PN 1915**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	English	Knowles	Pickett
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Baker	Evans	Krieger	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Kula	Rapp
Barrar	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Farina	Longietti	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Farry	Lucas	Reed
Bloom	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Regan
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Carroll	Goodman	McGinnis	Santarsiero
Causer	Greiner	McNeill	Saylor
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Cutler	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Swanger
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mundy	Tallman
Davidson	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Davis	Hennessey	Mustio	Thomas
Day	Hess	Neilson	Tobash
Dean	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
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Denlinger	Keller, F.	Parker	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Payne	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Peifer	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Petrarca	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petri	Youngblood
Emrick	Kirkland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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 1325, PN 1706**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for definitions, for official plans and for permits.

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?

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

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill, and it is kind of technical, but I just want to sort of explain it the best I can and then explain why I will be voting against it.

This deals with on-lot sewage systems as opposed to the public systems that many of us in suburbia and the city have, the on-lot systems, and it also deals with multiple systems linked together. So you are dealing with a situation where you are dealing with multiple on-lot sewage systems linked together, and you are also dealing with a situation where these on-lot sewage systems linked together are in the watershed, are in the watershed of an exceptional value or high-quality watershed. In other words, they are in the area of streams which have heightened value in the Commonwealth. That is the situation you are dealing with.

Mr. Speaker, what this bill— And by way of background, exceptional value streams are those streams designated in the Commonwealth that have a higher value than normal streams and the Commonwealth has chosen to protect them because of the high value they have, and the standard for exceptional – and these are the streams we love to trout fish and hike near and enjoy because of their pristine beauty. And because they have this exceptional value designation, the rule as determined, as set out in the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law is that if you want to develop in that area, you cannot degrade the water quality of these exceptional value streams. That is called the antidegradation provisions.

What this bill proposes to do is to cancel those antidegradation provisions so that if this bill is enacted, then these exceptional value streams could be degraded in value.

Mr. Speaker, that is why a number of groups have opposed this legislation, and I actually care enough about this issue to put glasses on. This is what the Chesapeake Bay Foundation said. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation opposes this legislation. It said, and I quote, in a letter dated May 14: "...It is essential that placement of such systems" – and they are talking about the on-lot systems – "in areas where there are High Quality and Exceptional Value...waters," it is essential that it "adhere to the antidegradation requirements.... Antidegradation requirements" that this bill would cancel "are important methods to ensure that the Commonwealth's most pristine waterways..." are protected. It said, "As such..." Chesapeake Bay Foundation "...would like to offer its objections to the passage of HB 1325 before the

House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee" and "suggests a no vote to move this important piece of legislation...." It also says, "House Bill 1325...would remove new development with on-lot" sewage "systems from an important component of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law...."

Mr. Speaker, this is also opposed by PennFuture. PennFuture in an e-mail dated May 15 said, quote, "House Bill 1325 would harm the Department of Environmental Protection's...ability to protect the waters of the Commonwealth and is likely illegal," illegal "under federal law."

Mr. Speaker, I also have a letter from someone who is prominent in southeastern Pennsylvania. I believe he is from Mr. Adolph's district, Mr. James Schmid. He is a consulting ecologist. He says in an e-mail he sent last night; he quoted previous things he had written, "If enacted, either of these bills," and one of which is HB 1325, "effectively would eliminate any possible reconsideration of Special Protection that should be afforded to qualifying streams under the Clean Streams Law...." He would recommend a "no" vote on this.

Mr. Speaker, it is possible now without this legislation to have developments, to have these community systems in exceptional value watersheds, and it is possible, if done correctly, to develop in these exceptional value watersheds. It is possible. In fact, there is a technical guidance document by the Department of Environmental Protection currently under consideration which outlines how it is possible to develop with these on-lot systems in exceptional value watersheds, doing things like reducing the housing density, increasing riparian buffers, using advanced technology for the removal of nitrogen. So it is possible to develop under current law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on this legislation because it is important that we do not, A, pass illegal legislation, which it is suggested that this would be violative of the Federal law, but more importantly, not reduce the protection we now have for the dwindling exceptional value on high-quality streams in Pennsylvania. So I would urge a "no" vote. Thank you.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Mr. Scavello.

Mr. SCAVELLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I see this a little differently than the prior speaker. My county, I would say 90 percent of my streams are exceptional value, and they are an exceptional value because we in Monroe County care about our streams. We take every precaution possible to maintain those streams and we are very proud of it. And you know, those streams are checked; we have groups that go out there and check the streams on a regular basis. And it is not just the folks on the environmental side but also the construction folks on the other side, because the pristine streams in our area make it attractive for folks to visit our area. As a matter of fact, in Monroe County our tourism industry is the number one industry.

I could understand this type of legislation, not putting this piece— If we are going to go and punish people, let us punish the folks that are not maintaining their streams, that have degradation in their streams, and maybe there you would want to put some protections, but to pick on people that are doing the job – and that is what this does, it puts burdens on folks within our communities that really— It is really literally robbing from them.

Now, we have adopted 150-foot setbacks from streams and wetlands without really looking at the science. The science did not dictate it, and here we are going to address something else now. The scientific studies in northeastern Pennsylvania show that water quality has actually improved over the past several decades despite an increase in residential and commercial development within special protection watersheds. Scientific tests on our waterways consistently show nitrate levels well below the minimum standards for drinking water. The guidance will have a detrimental economic impact on the citizens in northeast Pennsylvania should we not support this.

I truly would appreciate the members for their positive vote.

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

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

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The chamber needs to stop this end run on water safeguards and vote down HB 1325.

Water is precious and growing more precious every day. HB 1325 would affect our most pristine streams, the exceptional and high-quality waters of the Commonwealth, and not in a good way. We should not be attempting shortcuts and end runs when we are dealing with these streams. This measure, HB 1325, attempts to skirt protections by having on-lot systems reviewed by the DEP deemed approved in regards to State and Federal guidelines that are designed to protect our water resources.

Mr. Speaker, the Environmental Protection Agency is not going to sign off on this ruse and neither should we. When you have something valuable like our exceptional waters, you treat them accordingly. You do not jeopardize them with quick, dangerous fixes. The Environmental Hearing Board already told the DEP once in the Pine Creek Valley Watershed case that it has to do a better job safeguarding these streams. We need to tell the DEP that cheap and easy is not good enough.

Mr. Speaker, I represent an area where the vast majority of residents have on-lot systems. I do not want to jeopardize new homes, new construction, or the dreams of countless households and entrepreneurs. However, I also do not want to jeopardize these streams, which add countless value to the residents and businesses wanting to build nearby. We know, or at least we should know, that protecting resources is far less expensive than treating them after they have been contaminated.

Let us make a statement today for homeowners, for sportsmen, for taxpayers, and the Commonwealth's waters and vote down HB 1325. We must do better.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—118

Adolph	Fee	Lawrence	Pyle
Aument	Flynn	Longiotti	Rapp
Baker	Gabler	Lucas	Reed
Barbin	Gibbons	Mackenzie	Reese
Barrar	Gillen	Maher	Regan
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Major	Roae

Bloom	Gingrich	Maloney	Rock
Boback	Greiner	Marshall	Saccone
Brooks	Grell	Marsico	Sainato
Brown, R.	Grove	Masser	Sankey
Burns	Hackett	McGinnis	Saylor
Carroll	Hahn	Mentzer	Scavello
Causer	Haluska	Metcalf	Simmons
Christiana	Harhart	Metzgar	Smith
Clymer	Harper	Micozzie	Snyder
Cox	Harris, A.	Millard	Sonney
Culver	Heffley	Miller, R.	Stephens
Cutler	Helm	Milne	Stern
Day	Hennessey	Moul	Stevenson
Delozier	Hess	Mullery	Swanger
Denlinger	Hickernell	Murt	Tallman
DiGirolamo	James	Mustio	Taylor
Dunbar	Kampf	Neuman	Tobash
Ellis	Kauffman	O'Neill	Toepel
Emrick	Kavulich	Oberlander	Toohil
English	Keller, F.	Payne	Truitt
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Turzai
Everett	Killion	Petrarca	Vereb
Farina	Knowles	Pickett	Watson
Farry	Krieger		

NAYS—80

Bizzarro	Deasy	Kinsey	Petri
Boyle, B.	DeLissio	Kirkland	Quinn
Boyle, K.	DeLuca	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Dermody	Kula	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Mahoney	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Evans	Markosek	Ross
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Matzie	Rozzi
Caltagirone	Frankel	McCarter	Sabatina
Clay	Freeman	McGeehan	Samuelson
Cohen	Gainey	McNeill	Santarsiero
Conklin	Galloway	Miller, D.	Schlossberg
Corbin	Gergely	Mirabito	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Goodman	Miranda	Sims
Costa, P.	Haggerty	Molchany	Sturla
Cruz	Hanna	Mundy	Thomas
Daley, M.	Harhai	Neilson	Vitali
Daley, P.	Harkins	O'Brien	Waters
Davidson	Harris, J.	Painter	Wheatley
Davis	Keller, W.	Parker	White
Dean	Kim	Pashinski	Youngblood

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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 1319, PN 1700**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for powers of an authority.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	English	Knowles	Pickett
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Baker	Evans	Krieger	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Kula	Rapp
Barrar	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Farina	Longietti	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Farry	Lucas	Reed
Bloom	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Regan
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roae
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Major	Rock
Bradford	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Briggs	Gainey	Markosek	Ross
Brooks	Galloway	Marshall	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marsico	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Saccone
Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Sainato
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McGeehan	Sankey
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Causer	Greiner	McNeill	Saylor
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Clay	Grove	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Clymer	Hackett	Metzgar	Schreiber
Cohen	Haggerty	Micozzie	Simmons
Conklin	Hahn	Millard	Sims
Corbin	Haluska	Miller, D.	Smith
Costa, D.	Hanna	Miller, R.	Snyder
Costa, P.	Harhai	Milne	Sonney
Cox	Harhart	Mirabito	Stephens
Cruz	Harkins	Miranda	Stern
Culver	Harper	Molchany	Stevenson
Cutler	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Swanger
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mundy	Tallman
Davidson	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Davis	Hennessey	Mustio	Thomas
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Delozier	Kauffman	Oberlander	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Painter	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Parker	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Waters
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Donatucci	Killion	Peifer	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Petrarca	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petri	Youngblood
Emrick	Kirkland		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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 1363, PN 1962**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 2008 (P.L.1672, No.135), known as the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, further providing for definitions, for initiation of action, for appointment of conservator, for powers and duties of conservator, for incurring indebtedness and for sale of property.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	English	Knowles	Pickett
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Baker	Evans	Krieger	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Kula	Rapp
Barrar	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Farina	Longietti	Readshaw
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Conklin	Hahn	Millard	Sims
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Delozier	Kauffman	Oberlander	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Painter	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Parker	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Payne	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Peifer	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Petrarca	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petri	Youngblood
Emrick	Kirkland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 492, PN 1424**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for petitions to deny parole upon expiration of minimum sentence.

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

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

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

Mr. VEREB. Mr. Speaker, it is a technical amendment offered by the Senate.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	English	Knowles	Pickett
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Baker	Evans	Krieger	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Kula	Rapp
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Cohen	Haggerty	Micozzie	Simmons
Conklin	Hahn	Millard	Sims
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Cox	Harhart	Mirabito	Stephens
Cruz	Harkins	Miranda	Stern
Culver	Harper	Molchany	Stevenson
Cutler	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Swanger
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Davidson	Helm	Murt	Taylor
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Emrick	Kirkland		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 492, PN 1424

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for petitions to deny parole upon expiration of minimum sentence.

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND
RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES**

HB 1478, PN 1930

By Rep. METCALFE

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Transportation, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to grant and convey to the Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority, or its assigns, two permanent utility and access easements from lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Ft. Loudon Historical Site situate in Peters Township, Franklin County, for purpose of groundwater withdrawal; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to accept a conveyance of real property from the County of Lackawanna Transit System Authority, certain lands situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a public solicitation for proposals, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 1482, PN 2002 (Amended)

By Rep. METCALFE

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey to Gettysburg Foundation, or its successors or assigns, certain land situate in Gettysburg Borough, Adams County; to grant and convey to the Scranton School District, or its successors or assigns, certain lands situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County; to grant and convey to Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem, or its successors or assigns, certain land situate in the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County; and to grant and convey to La Salle University, or its successors or assigns, certain land and improvements situate in the 17th Ward (formerly 49th Ward), City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, known as the Ogontz Armory; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Transportation, to grant and convey to the City of Lock Haven certain lands situate in the City of Lock Haven, Clinton County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1414, PN 1939**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 20, 1979 (P.L.183, No.60), entitled "An act regulating the terms and conditions of certain leases regarding natural gas and oil," further providing for validity of leases and guaranteeing a royalty; adding definitions; providing for apportionment; further providing for commencement of guaranteed royalty; providing for payment information to interest owners and for accumulation of proceeds from production; and making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1437, PN 1884**, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund and the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **BARRAR** offered the following amendment
No. **A01736**:

Amend Bill, page 89, by inserting between lines 15 and 16
For the Civilian Air Patrol.
State appropriation..... 200,000
Amend Bill, page 178, line 19, by striking out all of said line and
inserting
State appropriation..... 142,701,000

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the
gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Barrar.

Mr. **BARRAR**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would allocate \$200,000 to the
Civil Air Patrol, and that money, the revenue to fund that,
would come out of the Public Welfare budget, the supplemental
grant program.

I would ask the members to support this. The Civil Air Patrol
plays a very important part of our emergency management
scheme here in Pennsylvania. Over the past couple years, the
Civil Air Patrol has done a lot of good work for the State, and it
is important that they get some kind of line item in the budget
because they also get matching Federal funds that will help
them this year.

I ask the members to vote "yes" on this amendment. 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
Delaware County, Mr. Adolph.

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

I rise to support the Representative's amendment, and
I would appreciate a "yes" vote on this. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	English	Knowles	Pickett
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Baker	Evans	Krieger	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Kula	Rapp
Barrar	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Farina	Longietti	Readshaw
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Briggs	Gainey	Markosek	Ross
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Conklin	Hahn	Millard	Sims
Corbin	Haluska	Miller, D.	Smith
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Cox	Harhart	Mirabito	Stephens
Cruz	Harkins	Miranda	Stern
Culver	Harper	Molchany	Stevenson
Cutler	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Swanger
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mundy	Tallman
Davidson	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Davis	Hennessey	Mustio	Thomas
Day	Hess	Neilson	Tobash
Dean	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Deasy	James	O'Brien	Toohil
DeLissio	Kampf	O'Neill	Truitt
DeLozier	Kauffman	Oberlander	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Painter	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Parker	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Payne	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Peifer	Wheatley
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Emrick	Kirkland		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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

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

The **SPEAKER**. It is the Speaker's information that the
gentleman, Mr. Barrar, has withdrawn the other amendment that
had been filed? The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

Ms. **V. BROWN** offered the following amendment
No. **A01668**:

Amend Bill, page 23, line 5, by striking out all of said line and
inserting
State appropriation 6,463,000
Amend Bill, page 80, lines 20 through 23, by striking out all of
said lines and inserting
For sickle cell anemia services,
including camps for children with
sickle cell anemia. This appropriation
includes at least \$60,000 for education
and awareness.
State appropriation 1,260,000

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the lady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Vanessa Brown.

Ms. V. BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is for the sickle cell anemia services, including camps for children with sickle cell anemia. This will appropriate \$60,000 for education and awareness, and I ask all members for a positive vote. Thank you.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support the gentelady's amendment. I believe that this amendment will go a long way in helping Pennsylvanians deal with sickle cell anemia. So please vote "yes" on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House adopt the amendment?

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would agree with my colleague from Delaware County that we should support the amendment.

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

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

Mr. WATERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to stand up in support of this amendment.

I was just at a national convention where people from all over the country, State Reps and State Senators from all over the country, spoke very highly of Pennsylvania in having support in place for sickle cell anemia and the research and the education that this amendment supports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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Baker	Evans	Krieger	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Kula	Rapp
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Boback	Flynn	Maher	Regan
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roae
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Cruz	Harkins	Miranda	Stern
Culver	Harper	Molchany	Stevenson
Cutler	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Swanger
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mundy	Tallman
Davidson	Helm	Murt	Taylor
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Delozier	Kauffman	Oberlander	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Painter	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Parker	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Payne	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Peifer	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Petrarca	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petri	Youngblood
Emrick	Kirkland		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A01660:

Amend Bill, page 45, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation	57,800,000
Amend Bill, page 70, by inserting between lines 21 and 22	
For continuation of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Solar Program.	
State appropriation	25,000,000

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

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

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is a \$25 million appropriation for the continuation of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Solar Program.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, we have funded this program by a previous piece of legislation in 2008 in the amount of \$100 million. This program is for rebates for homeowners and small businesses who install solar panels on their roofs.

Mr. Speaker, this has become one of the most popular programs in Pennsylvania history, the demand for these rebates far outstripping the supply. Mr. Speaker, regrettably, that \$100 million appropriation has run out. The Department of Environmental Protection has announced that at the close of this year there will be no more money for this program.

Mr. Speaker, this \$25 million appropriation will allow this program to continue, and there are some very good reasons to allow it to continue. First of all, the installation of solar panels on the roofs in our districts of homes and small businesses means jobs. The guy who comes to your house and puts a solar panel on your roof, the plumber or electrician, you cannot outsource that to India, Mr. Speaker. You cannot do it. These are good local jobs. So one is jobs. Two, it is helping us keep our air clean and helping combat climate change because solar is a very good source of electricity coming from very clean sources that do not pollute the environment. And it also promotes energy independence, Mr. Speaker. It is so important for this country to be independent of Middle Eastern oil, energy from foreign countries whose interests are not aligned with ours. Locally grown energy helps that.

Mr. Speaker, this is a popular program. This is a program our constituents want. This is one of the most popular environmental programs in the history of Pennsylvania, and I would ask for a "yes" vote on this amendment.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I understand where the gentleman from Delaware County is coming, as far as the amendment is. However, the amendment transfers \$25 million from the CFA debt account. Mr. Speaker, adopting this amendment would cause the Commonwealth to default on debt payments, causing catastrophic financial consequences. Our bond ratings would be in jeopardy. Obviously, everyone in this General Assembly understands the projects that the Commonwealth Financing Authority finances – water programs, water and sewer programs, economic development programs. Obviously, taking \$25 million away from our \$82 million debt line would be catastrophic and is not a fiscally responsible amendment.

I would ask for a "no" vote regarding this amendment as a result of where he is taking the money from. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment? Those in favor of the amendment will vote "aye"—

Is the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, seeking recognition for the second time on the amendment?

Mr. VITALI. I am.

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

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, I am going to disagree with the previous speaker with regard to financial problems this might cause. The CFA delivers many projects in tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, new moneys each year, for various projects. It is not covering debt every year. Just think about the common sense aspects of this argument. Each year

this agency issues grants in tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars – millions of dollars, Mr. Speaker. This would be, simply, a fractional, a fractional reduction of what this program puts out. We are not dealing with debt. We are just dealing with rather than giving out maybe \$80 million in a given year, simply lessening that amount, Mr. Speaker.

So I do not agree, respectfully agree, with the gentleman's argument that this would jeopardize us at all. It is a huge grant program; we all know how big this grant program is. What we are saying is, instead of giving a huge amount of money, we are giving a huge amount of money minus \$25 million.

So I would ask you not to accept the argument that has previously been asserted. It is \$25 million for— These are grants to individuals. These are grants to your constituents. These are grants— This amendment provides grants to homeowners in your district. As you knock on doors and look up on the roofs, these are the people who are getting these grants, not the big grants that would otherwise be issued by the CFA.

So this is not about jeopardizing any debt. This is just about reducing by a very modest amount, modest amount, what a large grant program is giving out, and I would ask for a "yes" vote.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Adolph, for the second time.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Real quick, Mr. Speaker.

The gentleman is absolutely incorrect as far as the debt payment. This is an \$82 million line item. He is taking \$25 million away from it. These are bonds that we have to pay back. This is a fiscally irresponsible amendment, regardless of where the money is going.

I urge the members to vote "no." Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—91

Barbin	DeLissio	Keller, W.	Parker
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kim	Pashinski
Boyle, B.	Dermody	Kinsey	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	Donatucci	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Evans	Kortz	Readshaw
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Costa, P.	Haggerty	Miranda	Sturla
Cruz	Haluska	Molchany	Thomas
Daley, M.	Hanna	Mullery	Vitali
Daley, P.	Harhai	Mundy	Waters
Davidson	Harkins	Neilson	Wheatley
Davis	Harper	Neuman	White
Dean	Harris, J.	O'Brien	Youngblood
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Adolph	Fee	Mackenzie	Reed
Aument	Gabler	Maher	Reese
Baker	Gillen	Majoy	Regan
Barrar	Gillespie	Maloney	Roae
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Marshall	Rock
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
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Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A01661**:

Amend Bill, page 45, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	79,800,000
Amend Bill, page 71, by inserting between lines 22 and 23	
For the establishment of a surveillance system to collect, analyze and disseminate health data related to unconventional gas operations, the performance of a standard epidemiological evaluation of a community surrounding an area of intense unconventional gas operations in comparison to a control area and the conduct of a study of the long-term health impacts of unconventional gas operations.	
State appropriation.....	3,000,000

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

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

Mr. **VITALI**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a \$3 million appropriation from the same source, and I am sure the gentleman from Delaware County will not object to this because it has just been brought to my attention, he has a \$10 million deduction from the CFA. So this is just a \$3 million deduction from the CFA, and it is going to be used for a very important purpose.

Mr. Speaker, Marcellus drilling, there is a lot of anecdotal evidence from citizens in areas of high, intense drilling – rashes, sickness, diseased animals. Many health complaints have come about with regard to Marcellus drilling. In the Act 13 legislation we passed, prior to its passage, there was an important provision deleted with regard to a health registry, because – and the purpose of that was to really get at, are there health problems associated with Marcellus drilling? And if there are, what can we do about it to make it safer?

So what this amendment does is takes \$3 million and gives it to the Department of Health to find out, is there a problem? Let me be— I am not suggesting there is a problem. I am not suggesting there is not. But I have talked to enough doctors right now that I am convinced it is a very legitimate question to ask. It is a very legitimate area to explore. And based on the results of a previous hearing we had and the testimony of physicians and their recommendations, we have attempted through this amendment to set up the following: one, a surveillance system in the Department of Health, and what this surveillance system would do would be three things. It would collect, it would analyze, and it would disseminate health-related data from Marcellus drilling – a surveillance system.

The second thing it would do is an extension of that. So once you start to collect this data, these health complaints and analyze them, we are going to do that over a period of time so it would authorize a long-term study. In other words, the information collected year after year after year would become part of a long-term study to see what health effects there are of drilling. So one, the surveillance system; two, the long-term study.

The third thing this would do would be, as recommended by Dr. Bernard Goldstein, a very respected professor at the University of Pittsburgh, is an epidemiological study of an area of intense drilling as opposed to a control area. You do a study of health effects in an area where a lot of drilling is occurring, and then you look at a control area where there is not drilling, and see what the difference is.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very important thing for us to know going forward. No one is stopping drilling, we know this is happening, but we do need to protect, first and foremost, the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And before we can protect the health of Pennsylvanians, we need information. We need to know what the problems are, where they are coming from, and then we can decide what we have to do to prevent them. Our citizens, our citizens are worth this, Mr. Speaker.

This is only \$3 million. An appropriation in this amount was recommended – of \$2 million – was recommended by Dr. Avila, former Secretary. This amount is less than what the chairman of this Appropriations Committee has deducted for his own purposes. Mr. Speaker, the CFA can afford this \$3 million appropriation. We better darn well afford it if we care about the citizens of this State, Mr. Speaker. With all this drilling and all this money being made by big business, this is the least we can do to protect the citizens of Pennsylvania. We have to do it, we should do it, and I ask for a "yes" vote.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this amendment. Obviously, this causes a problem for the debt service and CFA, causes the Commonwealth to default on its payment. This amendment is fiscally irresponsible.

I believe the gentleman from Delaware County was referring to a reserve of \$10 million that we use to net the payment out. We are using it toward other expenses in our budget. We need \$82,800,000. This would lower that line item by \$3 million and put us in default. I understand that there is a Senate bill, SB 555, and I would think that the legislature should first consider this Senate bill in order to study this.

So I ask that everyone vote "no" on this amendment that would jeopardize our payment to CFA.

Thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski
Boyle, B.	Dermoddy	Kirkland	Petrarca
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. **A01662**:

Amend Bill, page 45, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	42,059,000
Amend Bill, page 65, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	13,078,000
Amend Bill, page 65, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	43,412,500
Amend Bill, page 68, line 5, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	2,789,000
Amend Bill, page 68, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	93,399,500
Amend Bill, page 69, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	3,452,000
Amend Bill, page 69, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	4,380,000
Amend Bill, page 69, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	866,000
Amend Bill, page 69, line 27, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	87,000
Amend Bill, page 69, line 30, by striking out all of said line and inserting		

State appropriation.....	655,000
Amend Bill, page 70, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	49,000
Amend Bill, page 70, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	1,012,000
Amend Bill, page 70, line 11, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	147,000
Amend Bill, page 70, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	246,000
Amend Bill, page 70, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	2,914,000
Amend Bill, page 70, line 21, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	33,000
For flood control projects.	
State appropriation.....	3,480,000

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

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

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important functions of this House is to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth. The Department of Environmental Protection is charged with enforcing all of the laws we have with regard to clean air, clean water, but regrettably over the years, this department has been cut from perhaps a high point of around \$200 million in 2006 down to this year's budget, which is \$124 million.

What this amendment would do – well, let me say this. Former DEP Secretary John Hanger indicated that this level of funding needs to be at a minimum of \$170 million, a minimum of \$170 million in order to carry out its mission in any satisfactory fashion. What this amendment does is increase the appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection from the \$124 million where it currently is to the \$170 million figure, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, once again, the gentleman is taking \$3.4 million from the CFA debt to be put into various DEP lines. I would just like to bring to your attention that we are increasing the Environmental Protection line items this year to the tune of \$4.4 million, a 3.5-percent increase – \$2.7 million for the environment protection operations, and also \$1.1 million for environmental program management; an additional \$400,000 in sewage facilities planning grants.

So for all those reasons, Mr. Speaker, but mainly, mainly, for the danger of taking \$3.4 million from the CFA debt service, which would put us in default, so I would ask the members of this General Assembly to vote "no." Thank you.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. McCarter.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this amendment for a number of different reasons, but let me confine it to really two.

If we look at the list of the areas in which the transfer of funds would take place for many of these different programs, whether it be the Delaware River Basin Commission or the Chesapeake Bay Commission, each of these particular areas has a specific need and a very strong one that has been reduced or cut out of the budget in the past. And let me speak to just two of them very briefly.

Number one, flood control projects. Anyone from the eastern part of the State today, if you go on AccuWeather right now will see very quickly that there are flood warnings and flood watches up all across the eastern part of the State. These are critical to many of our local communities for the support that has been taken out of the budget in prior years, and so we would love to see that particular money restored.

The second area deals with West Nile virus issues. Now, again, why talk about West Nile? West Nile, as you all know, is a very, very dangerous disease. West Nile, anecdotally, we now know, is going to increase pretty significantly because of the loss of another environmental friend that we have, that being bats. Ninety-eight percent of all the bats in Pennsylvania have already been decimated by white-nose syndrome. As a result, pesticide use is going to have to increase dramatically to take care of the need to try to keep West Nile virus from spreading exponentially.

Now, where does that money come from? Well, it is going to come out of the same area that we lose for agricultural needs because of the loss of bats as well. We all know that bats eat dramatically the number of insects that are out there. Six hundred million bats, by a simple colony of a hundred bats in your backyard, but they are gone. So now the need is going to be there dramatically to have to deal with that problem, and we need the extra few hundred thousand dollars as an example in this one program to deal with West Nile. That is something I think all of us as members here should take note of.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the chance to address this, and I urge you to support this amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Barbin	DeLissio	Kim	Parker
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski
Boyle, B.	Dermody	Kirkland	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	Donatucci	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Evans	Kula	Readshaw
Briggs	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Farina	Mahoney	Rozzi
Brownlee	Flynn	Markosek	Sabatina
Burns	Frankel	Matzie	Sainato
Caltagirone	Freeman	McCarter	Samuelson
Carroll	Gainey	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Clay	Galloway	McNeill	Schlossberg
Cohen	Gergely	Miller, D.	Schreiber
Conklin	Gibbons	Mirabito	Sims
Costa, D.	Goodman	Miranda	Snyder
Costa, P.	Haggerty	Molchany	Sturla
Cruz	Haluska	Mullery	Thomas
Daley, M.	Hanna	Mundy	Vitali
Daley, P.	Harhai	Neilson	Waters

Davidson	Harkins	Neuman	Wheatley
Davis	Harris, J.	O'Brien	White
Dean	Kavulich	Painter	Youngblood
Deasy	Keller, W.		

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Adolph	Fee	Lucas	Rapp
Aument	Gabler	Mackenzie	Reed
Baker	Gillen	Maher	Reese
Barrar	Gillespie	Major	Regan
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Maloney	Roae
Bloom	Greiner	Marshall	Rock
Boback	Grell	Marsico	Ross
Brooks	Grove	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Hackett	McGinnis	Sankey
Causer	Hahn	Mentzer	Saylor
Christiana	Harhart	Metcalfe	Scavello
Clymer	Harper	Metzgar	Simmons
Corbin	Harris, A.	Micozzie	Smith
Cox	Heffley	Millard	Sonney
Culver	Helm	Miller, R.	Stephens
Cutler	Hennessey	Milne	Stern
Day	Hess	Moul	Stevenson
Delozier	Hickernell	Murt	Swanger
Denlinger	James	Mustio	Tallman
DiGirolamo	Kampf	O'Neill	Taylor
Dunbar	Kauffman	Oberlander	Tobash
Ellis	Keller, F.	Payne	Toepel
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Toohil
English	Killion	Petri	Truitt
Evankovich	Knowles	Pickett	Turzai
Everett	Krieger	Pyle	Vereb
Farry	Lawrence	Quinn	Watson

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A01663:

Amend Bill, page 45, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	57,800,000
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Amend Bill, page 70, by inserting between lines 21 and 22
For transfer to the Clean Air Fund.

State appropriation	25,000,000
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. VITALI. I will be withdrawing that amendment.
The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER. Any others you would like to withdraw before I call them up? I believe I have three more, which one of them, I believe, is a duplicate of another.

Mr. VITALI. 1664 I will withdraw.

The SPEAKER. 1664 you will withdraw?

Mr. VITALI. Correct.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Mr. VITALI. 1665 I will withdraw. 1756 I will withdraw.

The SPEAKER. And then I have one other one; 1799, I believe, is the last one.

Mr. VITALI. Let me get a little bit into that. I may withdraw that too, but let me get a little bit into that debate. But I want to go with that for a bit.

So I would like to call up 1799.

The SPEAKER. And the others are withdrawn. I am just trying to—

Mr. VITALI. Yes, yes.

The SPEAKER. Thank you. I appreciate that.

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. A01799:

Amend Bill, page 45, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	32,800,000
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Amend Bill, page 51, by inserting between lines 23 and 24
For the purchase of as much of the
Clarence Moore Tracts as possible,
including oil, gas and mineral rights, in
the Loyalsock State Forest in Bradford,
Lycoming and Sullivan Counties.

State appropriation	50,000,000
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment would do would be to divert \$50 million to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of attempting to obtain as much land as possible in the Clarence Moore Tract of Loyalsock State Forest. Mr. Speaker, this area in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties has been the area of much controversy because it is an area of incredible beauty. Loyalsock State Forest is the home of Old Logger's Path, one of the most noteworthy hiking paths in Pennsylvania. Loyalsock State Forest also contains Rock Run, an exceptional value stream. We had the benefit of being able to visit that recently and saw firsthand the scenic beauty of this area, but there is a problem here, because right now this area is under development threat from Anadarko company.

Mr. Speaker, there is an area in question, the Clarence Moore Tract of about 25,000 acres in the heart of Loyalsock, and if fully developed, this would really degrade, degrade this beautiful State Forest to the point where its uniqueness and its

specialty would just be lost. It is important we do everything that we can to preserve this.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, this amendment, should I have chosen to proceed with this, would have allowed the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to proceed. But I think there is a time to fight and I do not think this is the time. So therefore, I will be withdrawing this amendment at this time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. HARHAI offered the following amendment No. A01740:

Amend Bill, page 23, line 5, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation..... 4,781,000

Amend Bill, page 23, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation..... 6,210,000

Amend Bill, page 108, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation..... 7,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Harhai.

Mr. HARHAI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is for the family centers in the State, which number roughly around 60, and it increases the amount from about \$4.7 million to \$7 million. Thank you.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this year's budget calls for an appropriation of \$3.2 million. The gentleman's amendment— I understand what these community centers do. However, increasing the funding by 100 percent is not appropriate at this time and we would be double funding this. I appreciate the gentleman's concern, and during the budget process we will take this under consideration, but at this time an increase of \$3.7 million for this line item we would not be able to support.

So I would appreciate a "no" vote on this. Thank you very much.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-90

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS-90' in four columns: Barbin, Bizzarro, Boyle, B., Boyle, K., Bradford, Briggs, Brown, V., Brownlee, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Clay, Cohen, Conklin, Costa, D., Costa, P., Cruz, Daley, M., Daley, P., Davidson, Davis, Dean, Deasy, DeLissio, DeLuca, Dermody, Donatucci, Evans, Fabrizio, Farina, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Gainey, Galloway, Gergely, Gibbons, Goodman, Haggerty, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harkins, Harris, J., Kavulich, Keller, W., Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Kortz, Kula, Longietti, Mahoney, Markosek, Matzie, McCarter, McGeehan, McNeill, Miller, D., Mirabito, Miranda, Molchany, Mullery, Mundy, Neilson, Neuman, O'Brien, Painter, Parker, Pashinski, Petrarca, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Roebuck, Rozzi, Sabatina, Sainato, Samuelson, Santarsiero, Schlossberg, Schreiber, Sims, Snyder, Sturla, Thomas, Vitali, Waters, Wheatley, White, Youngblood

NAYS-108

Table listing names of members who voted 'NAYS-108' in four columns: Adolph, Aument, Baker, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bloom, Boback, Brooks, Brown, R., Causer, Christiana, Clymer, Corbin, Cox, Culver, Cutler, Day, Delozier, Denlinger, DiGirolamo, Dunbar, Ellis, Emrick, English, Evankovich, Everett, Farry, Fee, Gabler, Gillen, Gillespie, Gingrich, Greiner, Grell, Grove, Hackett, Hahn, Harhart, Harper, Harris, A., Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hess, Hickernell, James, Kampf, Kauffman, Keller, F., Keller, M.K., Killion, Knowles, Krieger, Lawrence, Lucas, Mackenzie, Maher, Major, Maloney, Marshall, Marsico, Masser, McGinnis, Mentzer, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Micozzie, Millard, Miller, R., Milne, Moul, Murt, Mustio, O'Neill, Oberlander, Payne, Peifer, Petri, Pickett, Pyle, Quinn, Rapp, Reed, Reese, Regan, Roae, Rock, Ross, Saccone, Sankey, Saylor, Scavello, Simmons, Smith, Sonney, Stephens, Stern, Stevenson, Swanger, Tallman, Taylor, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Truitt, Turzai, Vereb, Watson

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Table listing names of members who were 'EXCUSED-5' in four columns: Bishop, Fleck, Godshall, Kotik, Miccarelli

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. PAINTER offered the following amendment No. A01742:

Amend Bill, page 50, line 30, by striking out all of said line and inserting
State appropriation..... 3,000,000
Amend Bill, page 121, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting
State appropriation..... 18,171,000

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Painter.

Mr. PAINTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I rise in support of the amendment.

HB 1437 cuts \$1 million from funding for our State heritage area programs. Mr. Speaker, my district lies in the Schuylkill River Valley. My constituents live in a string of communities in that valley. It is an important historic and natural area. This funding provides recreational and wellness opportunities for the 3.5 million people who live in the Schuylkill River Valley and the millions more of Pennsylvanians who benefit from the heritage area programs – the 11 other heritage area programs across the State.

I ask the members to vote "yes" on this amendment and restore the \$3 million funding for our heritage areas.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Montgomery County's amendment takes \$1 million from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, which is badly needed. Mr. Speaker, I understand the gentleman's concern, and for those in this General Assembly, last year this line item had zero. We are appropriating \$2 million for the heritage parks. So going from zero funding to \$2 million, I think we have struck a balance, and I ask for a "no" vote on the gentleman's amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-90

Table listing names of members who voted 'Yes' in two columns: Barbin, Bizzarro, Boyle, B., Boyle, K., Bradford, Briggs, Brown, V., Brownlee, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Clay, Cohen, Conklin, Costa, D., Costa, P., DeLissio, DeLuca, Dermody, Donatucci, Evans, Fabrizio, Farina, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Gainey, Galloway, Gergely, Gibbons, Goodman, Haggerty, Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Kortz, Kula, Longietti, Mahoney, Markosek, Matzie, McCarter, McGeehan, McNeill, Miller, D., Mirabito, Miranda, Molchany, Parker, Pashinski, Petrarca, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Roebuck, Rozzi, Sabatina, Sainato, Samuelson, Santarsiero, Schlossberg, Schreiber, Sims, Snyder, Sturla.

Table listing names of members who were absent or did not vote: Cruz, Daley, M., Davidson, Davis, Dean, Deasy, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harkins, Harris, J., Kavulich, Keller, W., Mullery, Mundy, Neilson, Neuman, O'Brien, Painter, Thomas, Vitali, Waters, Wheatley, White, Youngblood.

NAYS-108

Table listing names of members who voted 'No': Adolph, Aument, Baker, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bloom, Boback, Brooks, Brown, R., Causer, Christiana, Clymer, Corbin, Cox, Culver, Cutler, Day, Delozier, Denlinger, DiGirolamo, Dunbar, Ellis, Emrick, English, Evankovich, Everett, Farry, Fee, Gabler, Gillen, Gillespie, Gingrich, Greiner, Grell, Grove, Hackett, Hahn, Harhart, Harper, Harris, A., Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hess, Hickernell, James, Kampf, Kauffman, Keller, F., Keller, M.K., Killion, Knowles, Krieger, Lawrence, Lucas, Mackenzie, Maher, Major, Maloney, Marshall, Marsico, Masser, McGinnis, Mentzer, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Micozzie, Millard, Miller, R., Milne, Moul, Murt, Mustio, O'Neill, Oberlander, Payne, Peifer, Petri, Pickett, Pyle, Quinn, Rapp, Reed, Reese, Regan, Roae, Rock, Ross, Saccone, Sankey, Saylor, Scavello, Simmons, Smith, Sonney, Stephens, Stern, Stevenson, Swanger, Tallman, Taylor, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Truitt, Turzai, Vereb, Watson.

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Table listing names of members who were excused: Bishop, Fleck, Godshall, Kotik, Miccarelli.

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

Mr. DALEY offered the following amendment No. A01696:

Amend Bill, page 23, line 5, by striking out all of said line and inserting
State appropriation 5,023,000
Amend Bill, page 70, by inserting between lines 21 and 22
For mine safety programs at the Mining Technology and Training Center.
State appropriation 1,500,000

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Pete Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Mining Technology and Training Center of southwestern Pennsylvania, which is located in Washington and Greene Counties, officially opened its doors in 2008. The facility encompasses a large area complete with a 40,000 square foot underground training mine. This facility provides training, education, and research in underground coal mining. The program trains both union and nonunion individuals from basic underground mining all the way to foreman and assistant mine foreman skills levels. Mr. Speaker, this facility also boasts mine rescue training, self-containment, self-rescue training, and mine fire brigade training.

The facility is an independent entity which works closely with both mining programs at West Virginia University and Penn State University and offers training through the State Department of Environmental Protection at no cost to the State. It is not funded by any organized labor and thus far has been sustained by Federal grants and State funding through the county redevelopment assistance program.

Mr. Speaker, this program has proved practical, beneficial, and useful; however, its Federal funding is expiring very soon and other grant avenues for funding have been exhausted. With 35 active underground coal mines in the Commonwealth and upwards to 5,800 underground coal mining jobs, Mr. Speaker, it is still a major player in coal production. We in Pennsylvania rank third in the nation in coal production. Given the developing technologies which continue to become more advanced, we need to maintain a program and center such as this which can be utilized by companies for both union and nonunion workforces to keep individuals safe while operating efficiently and effectively.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this program is under a 501(c)(3) and we believe that it would not be appropriate at this time to be funded under this particular bill. We will be offering, subsequent to this, a nonpreferred amendment that will put the responsibility of continuing funding with the crucial project to the State and will keep another asset open and available for use and will continue to keep our mining industry not only one of the most productive but one of the safest.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, I am going to withdraw this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SAMUELSON offered the following amendment No. **A01809**:

Amend Bill, page 23, line 23, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	20,102,000
Amend Bill, page 64, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation.....	235,741,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Mr. Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Back on April 9, in each of our offices out here in Harrisburg, we had a visit from community college students from around the State talking about the importance of community colleges, and also noting that this is the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Community College Act, which occurred back in 1963. We all know that 2 years ago community colleges took a 10-percent cut in the budget, a loss of \$23 million. This amendment restores those funds fully.

In the wake of that cut that happened in 2011, we have seen tuition increases around the State. We have seen program reductions. We have seen more of the burden of the cost of community colleges shift to local taxpayers, and all of this is occurring at a time of increasing enrollment at our community colleges. We have 14 community colleges in Pennsylvania, 230,000 undergraduates, and if you count all the folks who take other community college classes and workforce training, our community colleges touch half a million people in Pennsylvania. Our community colleges are an economical option for middle-class families and lower-income families to pursue higher education. And as you know by visiting your community college, you know that community colleges are drivers of economic activity in each of our communities.

So this amendment restores the \$23,574,000 that was cut 2 years ago, and the source of funds in this amendment is the Commonwealth technology services line item in the Executive Office, over in the Governor's Office.

So I think it is time that we prioritize community college funding and fully restore State support for our community colleges.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, while I certainly agree with the sponsor of this amendment that our community colleges are a great asset to this Commonwealth and do a great job in educating our young people for further study and providing job training to them and workers in need of new skills, Mr. Speaker, this amendment would cut by more than 50 percent the information technology office that operates the computer systems and provides information technology support for all of our State agencies. That level of cut is just too severe and would render the Commonwealth's information technology operations ineffective. The office for information technology has more than 300 employees and is a critical office to the operation of State government, as is the information technology office to any business or large-scale enterprise in this day and age. Our agencies need to operate and interact with the public. This cut is not sustainable, and I ask for a "no" vote.

I also would like to remind the members of the General Assembly that in talking to the community colleges' presidents, we added \$10 million for PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher

Education Assistance Agency) grants, strictly for the community colleges, which they used last year and are going to use it again this year by extending the date of their application.

Also, I would like to remind the members of this General Assembly that we added \$1 million to their capital program. Just last Friday the president of Delaware County Community College came into my office and thanked me on behalf of the community colleges for this increase.

So for all those reasons, I understand the gentleman's support for community colleges; however, once again, where he is taking it from is a severe cut, and I ask for a "no" vote for the amendment. Thank you.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Petri.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to comment on the gentleman's amendment briefly.

This amendment is important; however, it really is not sustainable, Mr. Speaker. What we heard in the Appropriations hearings from the community colleges is that they really need a plan. They need a commitment on an ongoing basis from the legislature for capital projects. The previous speaker indicated that this budget does try to address that in a partial way, but to have funding on a one-time basis, Mr. Speaker, will not really assist the community colleges. It is not sustainable without a plan. The gentleman who offers the amendment should look at the capital projects budget plan that we have, and we ought to sit down and come up with a sustainable program for them for funding that they can rely on. But a one-time funding is really not going to help our community colleges.

So for those reasons I would ask the members not to support this amendment. We do have many computer issues that need to be addressed in this budget. We heard from many of the department heads that their computer systems are in very serious need of upgrades.

So I would ask the members once again to reject this amendment. Thank you.

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

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

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think there is something that we ought to understand about the issue before us, and that is that community colleges are a vital part of the educational structure of this State. I have had the privilege of serving on the board of the Community College of Philadelphia for almost two decades, and what I have seen is that over that time the amount of State support for those colleges has constantly gone down. The original formula was that students would put up a third of the money; the local sponsor, a third; the State, a third. At this point the State has fallen far below what their obligated commitment is for community colleges.

So for the gentleman from Delaware to suggest that we are giving community colleges more money, we are giving them a little bit here, a little bit there, but we are not fulfilling the State's obligation to those colleges; colleges that provide opportunity for many, many students and open the way for educational advancement. If we are going to do what we should do, this budget should address the State's obligation to fund community colleges to the level that they should be funded.

Giving them a little bit of money does not solve that fundamental problem.

I would urge support of this amendment. It is not enough, but it is better than what we had before us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will the speaker stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is not allowed to stand for interrogation. Whom are you seeking?

Mr. THOMAS. The chair of the Appropriations Committee.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman, Mr. Adolph, stand for interrogation as the maker of the bill? The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation.

The gentleman, Mr. Thomas, may proceed.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the reduction in this line item – what was this line-item appropriation in the last budget?

Mr. ADOLPH. What line item are you referring to, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. THOMAS. Technology.

Mr. ADOLPH. Technology?

Mr. THOMAS. I am trying to figure out, you have said that we should not support this amendment because it will—

Mr. ADOLPH. Mr. Speaker—

Mr. THOMAS. —impact technology services.

Mr. ADOLPH. —the line item last year was \$43,339,000. This year we are increasing that amount by \$337,000, bringing a total of \$43,676,000.

Mr. THOMAS. And so, Mr. Speaker, this is actually an increase in the line item, rather than— And is there any reason why the department needs those additional dollars for the next fiscal year?

Mr. ADOLPH. Yes, Mr. Speaker. We are increasing the line item by \$337,000. This amendment, Mr. Speaker, decreases that line item by \$23 million.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have concluded my interrogation.

The SPEAKER. Is the gentleman seeking recognition on the amendment?

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Samuelson amendment.

Mr. Speaker, our community colleges are becoming the anchor to getting the larger community ready to participate in this global job market. And, Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania, throughout many parts of Pennsylvania have unemployment well over 10 percent, and over 10 percent of people who are without the skills to enter the current job market. But, Mr. Speaker, in these counties where unemployment is well over 10 percent – and over 20, 25 percent in other places, according to a report that was just released – 33,000 Pennsylvanians stopped looking for work just in the month of March; 33,000 Pennsylvanians who stopped looking for work.

And, Mr. Speaker, the transition, the way to move from those statistics to a point where people are working and able to take care of their families is through community colleges, because the cost of 4-year colleges is beyond the reach of many families. Getting that kind of training, most of our community colleges

have workforce development programs in them that can get people ready. And in most of these communities where we have high unemployment, we do have a quality community college in that community. And so this is one bridge to that. Technology services is not going to go bankrupt, will not disappear by diverting twenty-three million two hundred and some thousand over to community colleges. They will not disappear with this reduction.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Samuelson amendment and ask my colleagues from both sides of the aisle that if we are real, if we are real about the Keystone State becoming a hallmark of good jobs and good opportunity, vote "yes" on the Samuelson amendment.

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

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

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

I rise in support of the amendment A01809, and I would like to commend the gentleman from Lehigh, Northampton County.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is restoring the money that was cut from 2 short years ago. It is restoring the money to put them back on par. The bottom line, sir, is that community colleges back in Allegheny County, where I am from, they are raising tuition rates again this year. The students cannot afford this. We have the ability today to restore the funds necessary to avoid those cuts.

And I would ask everybody, please, take another look at this, give some consideration, and let us restore the funds so these children can get education without impacting their pocketbook, because the bottom line, sir, is some of these students cannot go to school because of tuition rates going up.

I would urge my colleagues to vote "yes" to the Samuelson amendment.

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 Northampton County, Mr. Samuelson, for the second time.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to conclude my remarks and respond to a couple of things the chair of our Appropriations Committee from Delaware County mentioned.

He questioned the source of funds in this amendment, taking \$23 million out of the Commonwealth technology line item in the Governor's budget. Well, let us look at the big picture here. The Governor's budget, the Executive Office budget overall is proposed at \$181 million. When the Governor stood here back in February, he asked for \$181 million. This amendment would take \$23 million of that, or about 13 percent. Let us look back at a couple of our recent budgets when the Governor cut money for schools and asked our school districts to make the tough choices of which line items to reduce, or just last year when the Governor cut money from county human services departments and asked those county human services departments to take a look inside their own budgets and reprogram and readjust. Well, today is the day we should ask Governor Corbett to look inside his own budget and reprogram and readjust and find a way to live with a 13-percent reduction in his overall Executive Office budget.

Secondly, the gentleman from Delaware brought up the dialogue with the college presidents, and I appreciate the fact that there is \$1 million more for technology – I am sorry – there is \$1 million more for construction projects at the community colleges. You can see that in your budget printout. That is only a 2.1-percent increase, but it is a small increase. But when you look at the line item for education in our community colleges, there is no change. It is flat funded when you compare it to the current year. And if you go back 2 years, it still reflects the 10-percent cut that the Governor and this majority enacted 2 years ago. Today we have an opportunity to restore that fund.

Final point, I know the gentleman from Delaware spoke passionately about the technology line item in the Governor's budget and what it would mean to Commonwealth agencies and the bureaucrats who work with those agencies. I think as legislators we should speak just as passionately for the opportunities that are available to our community college students and the technology that is available to our community college students.

So today is the day when we are voting on a budget, voting on amendments, stating our priorities. If the gentleman from Delaware has a better idea of where this \$23 million should come from, I look forward to working with him in the coming weeks to make that change. But today we are voting on this amendment. It is an opportunity to restore full funding for community colleges, reverse the cut of 2011, and prioritize the opportunities available to our community college students all across Pennsylvania.

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 Delaware County, Mr. Adolph.

Mr. ADOLPH. Very briefly, Mr. Speaker.

I ask for a "no" vote, and I would like to just remind the gentleman that PHEAA added \$10 million to their own appropriation to take care of students of community colleges. They used all \$10 million toward their tuition. This is a great deal. This was not taxpayers' money. This is earnings out of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Agency. I do believe that this \$23 million appropriation taken out of the technology is a killer amendment. I appreciate the gentleman's passion for community colleges, as we all do. However, a \$23 million increase out of the information technology line item is much too great at this time. It probably would mean laying off close to 150 people in that office.

So I would ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—90

Barbin	DeLissio	Kim	Parker
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski
Boyle, B.	Dermody	Kirkland	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	Donatucci	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Evans	Kula	Readshaw
Briggs	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Farina	Mahoney	Rozzi

Brownlee	Flynn	Markosek	Sabatina
Burns	Frankel	Matzie	Sainato
Caltagirone	Freeman	McCarter	Samuelson
Carroll	Gainey	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Clay	Galloway	McNeill	Schlossberg
Cohen	Gergely	Miller, D.	Schreiber
Conklin	Gibbons	Mirabito	Sims
Costa, D.	Goodman	Miranda	Snyder
Costa, P.	Haggerty	Molchany	Sturla
Cruz	Haluska	Mullery	Thomas
Daley, M.	Hanna	Mundy	Vitali
Daley, P.	Harhai	Neilson	Waters
Davidson	Harkins	Neuman	Wheatley
Davis	Harris, J.	O'Brien	White
Dean	Kavulich	Painter	Youngblood
Deasy	Keller, W.		

NAYS—108

Adolph	Fee	Lucas	Rapp
Aument	Gabler	Mackenzie	Reed
Baker	Gillen	Maher	Reese
Barrar	Gillespie	Major	Regan
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Maloney	Roae
Bloom	Greiner	Marshall	Rock
Boback	Grell	Marsico	Ross
Brooks	Grove	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Hackett	McGinnis	Sankey
Causar	Hahn	Mentzer	Saylor
Christiana	Harhart	Metcalfe	Scavello
Clymer	Harper	Metzgar	Simmons
Corbin	Harris, A.	Micozzie	Smith
Cox	Heffley	Millard	Sonney
Culver	Helm	Miller, R.	Stephens
Cutler	Hennessey	Milne	Stern
Day	Hess	Moul	Stevenson
Delozier	Hickernell	Murt	Swanger
Denlinger	James	Mustio	Tallman
DiGirolamo	Kampf	O'Neill	Taylor
Dunbar	Kauffman	Oberlander	Tobash
Ellis	Keller, F.	Payne	Toepel
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Toohil
English	Killion	Petri	Truitt
Evankovich	Knowles	Pickett	Turzai
Everett	Krieger	Pyle	Vereb
Farry	Lawrence	Quinn	Watson

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **BAKER** offered the following amendment No. **A01792**:

Amend Bill, page 52, line 1, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation.....	29,829,000
Amend Bill, page 103, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation.....	5,294,000

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Tioga, Mr. Baker.

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

Mr. Speaker, this moves \$250,000 from the line item from the Department of Corrections general government operations to the Department of Public Welfare under the expanded medical services for women. This is strongly supported by nearly 50 pro-life organizations across Pennsylvania. It represents a 5-percent increase in the Real Alternatives program in Pennsylvania. It also represents the initial increase to Real Alternatives that was proffered by the Governor in his initial budget proposal. And I ask for the members' kind support.

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 Delaware County, Mr. Adolph.

Mr. **ADOLPH**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this amendment and ask for your support. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—145

Adolph	Farina	Knowles	Petri
Aument	Farry	Kortz	Pickett
Baker	Fee	Krieger	Pyle
Barbin	Flynn	Kula	Quinn
Barrar	Gabler	Lawrence	Rapp
Benninghoff	Galloway	Longietti	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	Gergely	Lucas	Readshaw
Bloom	Gibbons	Mackenzie	Reed
Boback	Gillen	Maher	Reese
Brooks	Gillespie	Mahoney	Regan
Brown, R.	Gingrich	Major	Roae
Burns	Goodman	Maloney	Rock
Caltagirone	Greiner	Markosek	Saccone
Carroll	Grell	Marshall	Sainato
Causar	Grove	Marsico	Samuelson
Christiana	Hackett	Masser	Sankey
Clymer	Hahn	Matzie	Saylor
Conklin	Haluska	McGinnis	Scavello
Corbin	Hanna	Mentzer	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Harhai	Metcalfe	Simmons
Costa, P.	Harhart	Metzgar	Smith
Cox	Harkins	Micozzie	Snyder
Culver	Harper	Millard	Sonney
Cutler	Harris, A.	Miller, D.	Stephens
Day	Heffley	Miller, R.	Stern
Deasy	Helm	Mirabito	Stevenson
Delozier	Hennessey	Moul	Swanger
DeLuca	Hess	Mullery	Tallman
Denlinger	Hickernell	Murt	Taylor
DiGirolamo	James	Mustio	Tobash
Dunbar	Kampf	Neuman	Toepel
Ellis	Kauffman	O'Neill	Toohil
Emrick	Kavulich	Oberlander	Truitt
English	Keller, F.	Payne	Turzai
Evankovich	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Vereb
Everett	Killion	Petrarca	Watson
Fabrizio			

NAYS—53

Boyle, B.	DeLissio	McCarter	Ross
Boyle, K.	Dermody	McGeehan	Rozzi
Bradford	Donatucci	McNeill	Sabatina
Briggs	Evans	Milne	Santarsiero
Brown, V.	Frankel	Miranda	Schlossberg
Brownlee	Freeman	Molchany	Sims
Clay	Gainey	Mundy	Sturla
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Daley, M.	Keller, W.	Painter	Waters
Daley, P.	Kim	Parker	Wheatley
Davidson	Kinsey	Pashinski	White
Davis	Kirkland	Roebuck	Youngblood
Dean			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Bishop	Godshall	Kotik	Miccarelli
Fleck			

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Pashinski, relative to amendment A01709, which he is intending to withdraw. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. Thank you very much.

I would like to share with everyone the reason why this amendment is important. There are two areas that I have been contacted on, and I tried to develop an amendment that would address them.

The first deals with school districts that have invested huge sums of money, time, and effort in improvements and construction. We have a mandated program here in the State that provides money to assist school districts in construction costs. We have a school district back home that has been waiting over 9 months for the money that they certainly deserve to make the improvements they have already made. This amendment, 1709, addresses that one particular area of \$25 million.

The second part of this amendment addresses something that we are all very concerned about, and that, of course, is the improvement to our transportation system, our roads and bridges. And this amendment was really spurred on by the fact that I attended a meeting by the energy industry, and during that meeting the energy industry indicated that they have contributed \$400 million to our State for roads, construction, or for our General Fund. Now, a point that I discovered was that the contribution of the energy industry for our roads and bridges does not go for State roads and bridges but it goes for counties.

They also made a statement that they have extracted 2.2 trillion, with a "t," trillion cubic feet of natural gas from Pennsylvania. I was enthralled by the number of 2.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas extracted, and I had made a call to get a

figure for that. The number that I requested was based upon the 4.5 percent extraction tax that we passed in 2010. If that particular bill that we had passed in 2010 became law, the energy industry would have contributed \$841 million to Pennsylvania, which means we would have had \$441 million on the table. Of that \$441 million, I wanted to take \$35 million to pay for a debt bond to jump-start and pay for the first year of our construction costs. Because of the infusion of the dollars from the 4.5 percent Marcellus tax, that \$35 million would have carried over for literally decades.

Unfortunately, my amendment is not in order. I do appreciate the Speaker giving me the opportunity to speak on this amendment. It was my attempt to try to find a way to begin to fix our roads and bridges without having to transfer the cost to our constituents.

At this time I will withdraw amendment 1709.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, the rest of the amendments, several of the other amendments that have been filed have been withdrawn. However, the following amendments are out of order for not being in compliance with rule 19(b). They are amendments A01718, A01724, A01725, A01726, A01734, A01741, A01754, A01758, A01779, and A01720.

On the question recurring,

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

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to move that HB 1437 be recommitted to the Appropriations Committee so that I can introduce and we can amend into the bill my amendment—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman suspend.

Since you made a motion, I am kind of forced to read the motion that you put before us, and then I will recognize you again for your reasoning and logic there.

The gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Markosek, moves that HB 1437 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations. Is that the correct motion? Did I state that correctly, sir? Thank you.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I had introduced amendment A01754, which is in fact an omnibus amendment that represents the House Democratic Caucus budget proposal for this fiscal year.

Since this February, we, the House Democratic Caucus, have expressed concern with the Governor's budget proposal. It is full of misguided policies, missed opportunities, and failed promises. I was disappointed with the Governor's proposal, so needless to say, I am disappointed with HB 1437 because it is just simply more of the same.

We know HB 1437, the House Republican proposal, is almost identical to the Governor's proposed budget. In fact, they even said that 85 percent of it is identical. Both proposals fall woefully short in terms of educating our children and providing for our most vulnerable citizens. This bill takes money off the table, first, for our corporate tax cuts, then doles out the crumbs that are left for everyone else. It is time to put the interest of students, families, and workers before chief executive officers.

Our amendment reflects Democratic budget priorities. It restores \$1 billion, the \$1 billion cut to public education that we have experienced in the last two budgets. Over the next 3 years, House Democrats propose to fully restore Governor Corbett's \$1 billion in cuts enacted in his first budget to basic education, the accountability block grant program, charter school reimbursement, educational assistance program, and other educational programs. The Governor's cuts were locked in in last year's budget.

The Republican proposal increases basic education funding by \$100 million, \$10 million more than the Governor's proposal. While we are encouraged that this small step would begin to move education funding in the right direction, the Republican proposal fails to put in place a plan that will restore the devastating cuts made to our public schools since Governor Corbett took office.

The Markosek amendment makes a down payment to restore, over 3 years, Governor Corbett's cuts to education through a \$233 million increase to K-12 education, for a total of \$333 million when combined with the Republican proposal. My amendment increases the basic education subsidy, the largest appropriation in the education budget, by \$84 1/2 million, for the total funding of \$5,588,000,000 for the total budget.

The amendment adds \$51 1/2 million back to the accountability block grant program. Nearly 75 percent of past accountability block grants have been used by school districts for early learning initiatives. Dual enrollment, which provides students with opportunities to earn college credits, would receive \$2.276 million. The school improvement grants appropriation would be funded at \$3.531 million to help raise achievement in the lowest performing school districts. The education assistance program would be funded at \$15.567 million to help restore tutoring services to students in struggling school districts. The program "Science: It's Elementary," a K-8 program designed to raise achievement levels in science, would receive \$2.267 million. Reimbursement for charter schools, again, reimbursement for charter schools would be partially restored at \$73.275 million and would help school districts offset expenses incurred when district students attend charter schools.

HB 1437 fails to extend health care to a million uninsured Pennsylvanians through Medicaid expansion. We do support the Republicans proposal to increase rates paid to medical assistance managed-care organizations by nearly half a percent above the Governor's proposal. This rate increase will allow the plans to more effectively serve Pennsylvanians currently enrolled in medical assistance. However, medical expansion is still necessary. How can we miss out on an opportunity to

provide health care to uninsured, bring tens of billions of Federal dollars into the Pennsylvania economy, realize savings in the General Fund, reduce hospital uncompensated care, and create new jobs?

The Markosek amendment also makes higher education more affordable to Pennsylvania students. As we all know, Pennsylvania has the second highest student debt in the nation. Democratic members are proposing a \$40.14 million increase to community colleges, which we just had an amendment; the State System of Higher Ed; institutional assistance grants to private colleges and universities; and the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster. We, of course, support a similar 3-year funding plan for State-related universities as well. Our amendment also increases PHEAA grant appropriations by \$25 million.

Our amendment deals with the health and well-being of Pennsylvanians. The amendment makes a down payment, nearly \$28 million, to restore over 3 years – an \$84 million total – the cuts to critical county human service programs for children and youth, mental health services, intellectual disabilities, drug and alcohol programs, and homeless assistance. These programs include food banks, drug and alcohol treatment programs, a doubling of the Governor's proposed funding for Children's Health Insurance Program, CHIP, outreach.

Of course, children are quite a bit involved with our amendment. The amendment would reinstate \$3 million slashed in the House Republican budget for child-care services, provides nearly \$3.6 million over the Governor's February proposal to address the growing demand for child-care services. This investment in working families would reduce the waiting lists of more than 6,000 children by one-third.

It provides \$1.6 million as a down payment to restore the eliminated T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education) scholarship program over 3 years. It provides an additional \$2.854 million to the State health-care centers, which will protect access to health-care services by stopping the Governor's proposed consolidation of State health centers and prevent layoff of 73 employees – 26 of those employees are community health nurses.

Public safety and efficient government would be part of our amendment. It would fully fund the Office of Attorney General, necessary due to the war on drugs and the insidious incursion in Pennsylvania of the Mexican drug cartels. It provides funding to address the antiquated information technologies in the Auditor General's Office and additional funding for the IT (information technology) enhancement in the Treasurer's Office.

This amendment adequately reimburses the city of Harrisburg for the fire protection services provided to the Capitol Complex by providing an extra \$2 million to the Capitol fire protection appropriation.

How about lottery programs? Our amendment would provide more funding for senior programs under the State-managed lottery. The Pennsylvania Lottery is on track to exceed last year's record for ticket sales and profits. By using \$70 million of the Lottery Fund's available surplus, per HB 765, we can more than double the Republican's proposed \$50 million increase to senior programs in 2013-2014 without turning management of the Pennsylvania Lottery over to a foreign company.

Senior programs, my amendment draws on the existing balance in the Lottery Fund to provide an additional \$28.6 million to programs and services that improve the quality

of life for seniors. These funds support the following appropriations: PennCare, family caregiver support, Alzheimer's outreach, preadmission assessment, grants to senior centers, and home and community-based services. Our proposal would more than double, more than double the Republican's proposed increase in senior programs for 2013-2014, matching the current fiscal year increase in Lottery Fund spending of \$120 million.

We would protect our environment. We are pleased that the House Republicans have restored funding for conservation districts. However, we need to make additional investments in environmental programs in the Department of Environmental Protection and provide the Department of Health with necessary tools to address health concerns associated with natural gas drilling.

The Markosek amendment provides additional funding for radiation protection, flood protection, water quality management, air pollution control, the regulation of mining, and other environmental activities through DEP's environmental protection operations and environmental program management appropriations. The amendment also provides funding for a new Department of Health initiative to detect and prevent Marcellus Shale drilling-related illnesses.

We would restore lost jobs and foster job growth through this amendment. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate, 7.6 in April, has remained above the national rate of 7.5 for 9 straight months. Governor Corbett's budget-cutting policies are hurting job creation in Pennsylvania. His cuts to public education alone caused 20,000 school employees to lose their jobs. House Democrats support putting school employees back to work by restoring our investment in public education, creating jobs in the health-care sector by opting into Medicaid expansion, maintaining jobs in the horse racing industry and the intention of the slots gaming act by preventing a raid on the Race Horse Development Fund, creating jobs in the construction industry by addressing Pennsylvania's crumbling transportation infrastructure through a comprehensive and bipartisan funding solution, retaining public-sector jobs targeted for elimination by Governor Corbett in his lottery and liquor privatization schemes by maintaining control of the revenue-generating assets. We can also retain the public-sector jobs targeted for elimination in his proposed consolidation of State health centers by providing additional funding to the centers; creating jobs in the film and television production industry by restoring the film tax credit to \$75 million annually, which is an increase of \$15 million. And I might add that the majority leader in the Senate has said that this should be even further uncapped.

Agriculture is not forgotten in our amendment. The amendment eliminates a \$6 million transfer of funds from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund to the Department of Agriculture. The amendment provides funding for Department of Agriculture programs with General Fund appropriations. It makes a \$6 million appropriation to the Department of Agriculture's Transfer to State Farm Show Products Fund. Three million of this appropriation is expected to support Pennsylvania fairs. And it provides \$5.35 million for the Animal Health Commission in the Department of Agriculture. It increases the Department of Agriculture's general government operations appropriation by \$5.309 million, which is earmarked to fund the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory, for a total of \$28.374 million. The amendment also increases funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology demonstration and training by \$625,000.

Finally, the amendment increases funding for Keystone Works – a program intended to connect job seekers with businesses willing to provide on-the-job training – by \$1.5 million.

The annual budget is all about priorities. I know we can do better. Our constituents expect us to do better. We have an opportunity with this budget to reverse the destructive course of the last two budgets. But if you want to stick your head in the sand and pretend that schools, urban and rural, are not cutting programs and activities; increasing class sizes; laying off teachers; outsourcing aides, bus drivers, and food service workers; and raising property taxes, then go ahead and move HB 1437 forward as it is. If you want to pretend that our college graduates do not have the second highest average student loan debt in the country, then go ahead and move this bill forward as it is. If you want to pretend that no health care at all is better than providing coverage through Medicaid, then go ahead and move this bill forward as it is.

The fact is, we can afford to restore the devastating cuts to public education, make quality higher education more affordable, support the health and well-being of our most vulnerable citizens, provide State agencies with necessary resources to protect Pennsylvanians, provide more funding for senior programs under a State-managed lottery – I might add, under a State-managed lottery – protect our environment, restore lost jobs, and foster job growth. My amendment reflects these budget priorities of the Democratic Caucus. It is the budget for the Democratic Caucus. With reasonable revenue enhancements, our budget proposal is balanced, achievable, and sustainable. And, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest once we adopt it, once we refer it back to committee and adopt the amendment, it will meet the rules, it will be ruleproof, and we can move Pennsylvania forward with a much more decent budget that serves the people of Pennsylvania in the best way that we know how.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for your extra time here today. You have been very kind and gracious. I appreciate it very much, and I would ask all of the members on both sides of the aisle to please accept and vote for our motion to recommit HB 1437 back to the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the presence on the floor of the gentleman, Mr. Fleck, from Huntingdon County. His name will be added back to the master roll call.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1437 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. On the motion to recommit, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph.

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

I would like to thank the chairman from Allegheny County for that brief explanation of his amendment.

The gentleman asked for this bill to be recommitted. Mr. Speaker, I would have loved to have had an opportunity to debate the gentleman in committee on June 3 on this amendment. The budget bill that we are going to be voting on later on this week, HB 1437, increases money for State fairs.

Many of the agricultural line items that the gentleman referred to have been restored and actually increased. The conservation district funds have been restored. It increases marketing to attract tourists. The heritage park funds have been added back. Grants for careers and technical schools have been added, restored funds for job training and education programs.

Mr. Speaker, we increased the Health Department by over \$7 million, restored all those health line items like diabetes, biotech, and ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) programs. We restored the very popular New Choices/New Options program. It includes funds to further reduce the intellectual disabilities waiting list by over \$20 million, added funds for sewer project grants, increased basic education by \$100 million, included a 10-percent increase for the rape crisis and domestic violence crisis, and added funds for over 300 new State troopers.

But you know what, Mr. Speaker, everything contained in this budget can go straight to the Governor's Office today. It is not based upon proposed tax increases. It is not based upon proposed legislation. It is based upon legislation that is law today. It is a 2.1-percent increase over last year's budget. HB 1437, the gentleman's budget, increases spending, adds another billion dollars to our current budget, which would spend over 3 percent from last year. A lot of these issues, Mr. Speaker, this General Assembly has addressed. We have addressed a severance tax. We have a local impact fee that brings in over \$400 million over the past 2 years. We had an exhausted debate regarding that tax. Just recently we talked about closing the Delaware loophole, and we voted out of this General Assembly HB 440.

In all due respect, in all due respect, I believe if we recommit HB 1437 in order for the gentleman to offer his amendment, I believe we will be delaying the budget process. That is number one. And it would be very difficult for us to pass this budget on time by June 30 if we recommit this at this time. So I ask each and every one of you to vote "no" on the gentleman's recommittal motion.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall HB 1437 be recommitted to the Appropriations Committee?

The gentleman, Mr. Markosek, is seeking recognition for a second time? The gentleman is in order.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just mainly because it is my motion and it is my amendment, I would ask all the members to please vote "yes" to recommit HB 1437 to the Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-90

Barbin	DeLissio	Kim	Parker
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski
Boyle, B.	Dermody	Kirkland	Petrarca
Boyle, K.	Donatucci	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Evans	Kula	Readshaw
Briggs	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roebuck
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Costa, D.	Goodman	Miranda	Snyder
Costa, P.	Haggerty	Molchany	Sturla
Cruz	Haluska	Mullery	Thomas
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Daley, P.	Harhai	Neilson	Waters
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Baker	Gillen	Maher	Reese
Barrar	Gillespie	Major	Regan
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Bloom	Greiner	Marshall	Rock
Boback	Grell	Marsico	Ross
Brooks	Grove	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Hackett	McGinnis	Sankey
Causer	Hahn	Mentzer	Saylor
Christiana	Harhart	Metcalfe	Scavello
Clymer	Harper	Metzgar	Simmons
Corbin	Harris, A.	Micozzie	Smith
Cox	Heffley	Millard	Sonney
Culver	Helm	Miller, R.	Stephens
Cutler	Hennessey	Milne	Stern
Day	Hess	Moul	Stevenson
Delozier	Hickernell	Murt	Swanger
Denlinger	James	Mustio	Tallman
DiGirolamo	Kampf	O'Neill	Taylor
Dunbar	Kauffman	Oberlander	Tobash
Ellis	Keller, F.	Payne	Toepel
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Toohil
English	Killion	Petri	Truitt
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On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I understand my amendment, A01720, has been ruled out of order. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. That is correct.

Mr. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules in order to consider amendment A01720. The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, has made a

motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of amendment A01720.

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

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask the members to support suspension today because it will offer the opportunity to allocate the Federal funds necessary to expand Medicaid in the Commonwealth. My colleagues and I are disappointed, to say the least, that the House Republican budget before us does not already assume Medicaid expansion. We believe the facts are clear: Opting into Medicaid expansion will provide quality health care to more than half a million uninsured Pennsylvanians; opting into Medicaid expansion will bring tens of billions of Federal dollars into Pennsylvania's economy; opting into Medicaid expansion will create tens of thousands of good-paying, family-sustaining jobs in the health-care sector; opting into Medicaid expansion will create millions of dollars in savings in Pennsylvania's General Fund; and opting into Medicaid expansion will reduce uncompensated care for our hospitals.

My colleagues and I in the Democratic Caucus believe that this list speaks for itself. It is important to remember that we have three separate and independent studies on the record that speak to the importance and the positive attributes of expanding Medicaid in the Commonwealth. We have the RAND study, we have the Pennsylvania Economy League study, and we have our own Independent Fiscal Office studies. But even with all three of these studies coming to the similar conclusion, I am left with the feeling that on the other side of the aisle, those on the other side will do anything to avoid making an evidence-based decision on this issue.

This amendment would allocate and position the Federal funds necessary for Medicaid expansion beginning January 1, 2014. At the same time, this amendment would reduce the General Fund spending for the Department of Public Welfare by \$51 million. Let me say that, reduce by \$51 million; save money.

Mr. Speaker, the House Democratic Caucus believes that now is the time to act on Medicaid expansion. The year 2014 is not in the very distant future. It is only 6 months away. And we believe that now is the time to accept and position these Federal dollars so that in 6 months, low-income, uninsured Pennsylvanians will have access to the same quality, life-sustaining, and sometimes lifesaving health care that those of us in this very chamber enjoy.

So I guess the choice is simple: Those who believe that costly crisis visits to emergency rooms are better than preventive care at a doctor's office should vote "no" on amendment A1720, which would essentially say to those who service our food, who take care of our parents and our children, who take care of us at retail stores, and all the other working men and women who would benefit from Medicaid, that having no health insurance is better than being able to visit a doctor, then you should vote "no." For those of us who recognize that accepting Federal dollars from Medicaid expansion means creating thousands of good-paying jobs in the Commonwealth, we should vote "yes" to suspend the rules. And finally, Mr. Speaker, for those of us who you know that this is the right

thing to do, they should vote "yes" on this amendment or the ability to suspend the rules so we can consider this amendment.

It is so clear that this Commonwealth has an enormous opportunity to solve the problem of 450,000 people who need the coverage today, to create 40,000 jobs, and bring in several billion dollars' worth of revenue. We are opting out of that opportunity here.

We need to make an affirmative decision. This amendment allows us to position this State to accept those Federal dollars that we will otherwise be exporting to other parts of this country that do expand Medicaid. The States around us will be taking our Federal tax dollars to expand Medicaid. We should be doing it here in Pennsylvania. Now is the time. Suspend the rules so we can consider expanding Medicaid in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, once again I am going to ask for a "no" vote on the suspension of rules. And on the merits of the amendment, you know, I think that the amendment is premature, and I say that because it assumes a decision on the expansion of Medicaid, and that decision has not been made yet. As you know, our Governor is negotiating a plan with the Federal government, and those negotiations are ongoing. The assumptions on which this amendment, if passed, relies on are incredibly speculative and would increase the budget to \$28 billion. This decision has not been made yet by our Governor. We do not know the plan if we do get a Medicaid expansion plan. It is unfair to cut DPW's budget by \$90 million with the hope that we would be able to replace it with Federal dollars.

This agency, DPW, would be affected by this amendment. Also, we still have to work through hundreds of millions of dollars of unanswered questions as it relates to the Medicaid expansion. This amendment provides no answers to the possible loss of \$400 million in funds from the gross receipts tax or what will happen to the \$400 million in deferrals and disallowances. I am not disputing at all that additional dollars would flow into Pennsylvania. However, we owe it to the people of Pennsylvania to be more thorough in our decision. Making a rushed decision on Medicaid expansion at this time, at this time, before we have all the answers and solid facts, would be irresponsible.

It is my opinion that there are still too many unanswered questions, and it would be a risky move that prematurely would cut State tax dollars out of our budget, hoping that they would be replaced by Federal dollars.

I would ask the members of this General Assembly to vote "no" on the suspension of rules, and let us continue to negotiate with the Federal to make sure that those affected by Medicaid expansion would continue to receive the type of benefits they are currently receiving by our State plans, and I use CHIP as a perfect example of that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have just heard from the gentleman from Allegheny County who explained in great detail why we need to suspend the rules to consider this amendment to expand

Medicaid. We have heard that it will cover hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians with health care, it will put thousands of Pennsylvanians to work, it will reduce uncompensated care for all our hospitals, and yet here we are still procrastinating. We heard that there is still negotiating going on. Well, let me say this to you: Delay costs every Pennsylvanian. Several other States – Ohio, Arizona, Florida; you name it – their Governors have taken a look at this and they have expanded Medicaid. Here we are, going to have our taxpayers sending money to Washington to cover Ohioans with health care. It makes no sense.

Now, I have to believe there are 44 or 45 of you over there who think it is important that we cover hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians with health care, that we put thousands of people to work, that we protect our hospitals, we reduce uncompensated care, and we make sure that the people of Pennsylvania have access to quality health care. That is all it is going to take. We need to suspend the rules, we need to debate this amendment, and we need to pass it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

I rise to ask that we all vote against the motion to suspend the rules. As you know, this \$28.3 billion budget, which is in front of us and will be on final consideration tomorrow, is based on existing law. The amendment is premature in that it assumes decisions have been made. The fact of the matter is, this budget is not speculative at all. It is based on real revenues paid by real taxpayers so that we can meet the priorities of the citizens of Pennsylvania. We are not relying on any speculative dollars. These are all dollars that are coming from the taxes that we collect, and we are prioritizing that \$28.3 billion in the underlying budget before us.

Please vote against suspending the rules so that we can get to the responsibilities, our constitutional obligation at hand. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend the rules, I am going to recognize the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, for the second time arguably.

Just for the information of the members, the rules state that on a motion to suspend the rules, it is only debatable by the maker of the motion; the maker of an amendment, if that is the subject of the suspension, which that is this case; the maker of the underlying bill; and the two floor leaders. Beyond that, it is not debatable.

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With respect to the majority leader's comment, this budget, the Republican budget, does assume speculative dollars. We do not know at this point. It assumes \$150 million of hospital assessment money that we are not assured of at this point. So it is speculative, and this is very similar. That is a tax, quite frankly. But independent of this issue, the fact of the matter is that we are dragging our feet. We are going to make the ethical decision, in my view, to not implement this Medicaid expansion this year.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. TURZAI. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman state his point of order.

Mr. TURZAI. Yes, sir.

Before us is not the substantive amendment, but the motion to suspend. I know that you have given the good gentleman leeway, but the fact of the matter is, he should be speaking on the motion to suspend, and he has already had significant leeway already. I would ask that you please ask the good gentleman from Allegheny County to please rein in his comments.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

It is accurate that I have agreed to give a little extra leeway on this. I would ask the gentleman, Mr. Frankel, to find the middle ground on that fact.

The gentleman, Mr. Frankel, may proceed.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think it is important for us to suspend the rules so we can consider expanding Medicaid in this State, because if we do not do it now, we will be telling 600,000 Pennsylvanians that they are going to have to wait at least 1 more year for their health care. We are going to tell 40,000 people who would be employed in this expansion, in health care, good-paying jobs in health care, that they are going to have to wait another year at minimum, if at all. We are going to have to tell people that they cannot get preventative care. We are going to expand. We are going to cost the State of Pennsylvania an enormous amount of money because people will be accessing their health care as they are now through the emergency room.

We have an obligation here to suspend the rules to consider this, to go on the record to show Pennsylvanians, to show our Governor that this is important to us, that this means jobs, it means expanding access to health care and lowering costs. And by the way, those of you in some of these rural hospitals, these community hospitals, they risk going out of business. They need Medicaid expansion to help make their budgets work. Otherwise, we are going to see closures of hospitals in many of our districts.

This is important. This is why we need to suspend the rules. Make no mistake, your vote to suspend the rules is a vote on whether or not to expand Medicaid. So we are accountable with this vote with respect to how the public will see us taking care of our constituents.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

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Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kim	Petrarca
Boyle, B.	Dermody	Kinsey	Ravenstahl
Boyle, K.	DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Readshaw
Bradford	Donatucci	Kortz	Roebuck
Briggs	Evans	Kula	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Fabrizio	Longietti	Sabatina

Brownlee	Farina	Mahoney	Sainato
Burns	Flynn	Markosek	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Frankel	Matzie	Santarsiero
Carroll	Freeman	McCarter	Schlossberg
Clay	Gainey	McGeehan	Schreiber
Cohen	Galloway	McNeill	Sims
Conklin	Gergely	Miller, D.	Snyder
Costa, D.	Gibbons	Mirabito	Stephens
Costa, P.	Goodman	Miranda	Sturla
Cruz	Haggerty	Molchany	Thomas
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On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. That concludes all of the amendments under second consideration. So as we approach second consideration, as we do second consideration, is anybody wanting recognized to speak on second consideration?

Mr. DERMODY. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I believe there are a few speakers.

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

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know what more we can all say about this. The Governor's budgets have been very, very disappointing, and HB 1437 just continues, continues the misery for a lot of people in this Commonwealth. It is a budget of missed opportunities. It is a budget of a lot of things that we could have, would have, and should have done, but over the last 2 years, we just have not done, and this just continues in the same vein.

Seeing basic education as we know it, it has been cut a billion dollars. Now, we can quibble over whether that was Federal or we can quibble over whether that was State. It does not matter, it has been cut a billion dollars, and the Governor and the Republican Caucus have done very little to replace any of that, and it is such an important thing for our constituents to have. And when we go home, I hear time and time again, and it does not matter whether people are liberal or conservative or middle-of-the-road-type people, I hear all the time, the most important thing that we can spend money on is education, because if we do not invest in our young people, if we do not invest in our colleges and universities, if we do not give people a chance to move from one strata to the other, that basically defeats the whole purpose of our society and the whole history of our society. We have been a society where we have moved forward. We have moved forward because of education. We have offered educational opportunities to the masses. It is not just wealthy people that have the ability to go to school and to get help for paying tuition or to getting a free education. We are one of those countries that has done that over and over again, year after year after year, and now we are sliding backwards. We are sliding backwards. You know, the whole charter school issue that we argued last week, we all know what is going on back there in our districts. We all know that. It does not matter which side of the aisle you are on.

We have seen cut after cut after cut in the business taxes of our Commonwealth. We have not seen any relief for the average, everyday people out there, the workers, the senior citizens. But we continue to just carry on with this whole idea made of promises, political promises, quite frankly, and in some cases, in one case, a political promise made to somebody that does not even live in the State, not to raise taxes. That is a political promise. And what we have seen happen is, not only have we not raised any, but we have cut taxes to the point for big businesses, for people, many of whom do not deserve them. We have left money and revenue on the table, money and revenue on the table that we could be using to fund education, to fund health care, to fund many of the environmental protections, to fund our corrections system, on and on and on and on and on, a lot of the things that I talked about in my amendment. We could have solved a lot with that, but it did not pass. We do not get a chance to vote on that. That is the Democratic amendment. That is the Democratic amendment that I think, you know, people wanted to know, when are we going to put our amendment in? The last two budget cycles we did not have a formal amendment. This year we do. This year we do. We were told that we were not invited into the room for negotiations because we do not have an amendment. Well, this year we have an amendment, and we expect to be invited into the room.

So I do not know how much more I can say here today. I think most of you heard what I had to say earlier relative to my amendment and my motion to offer that amendment in committee. I think you know where we, the Democratic Caucus, stand. We are with the people of Pennsylvania. We are not just with big business or just with people who are not even from our country who want to own some of our very valuable assets. We are for the people of Pennsylvania. We are for jobs. We are for education. We are for health care and all of those things that help our people, that help our most vulnerable people and provide safety nets for the people of Pennsylvania when their problems get a little bit beyond them and they need some help.

I cannot say much more than that. I would just, I understand we are only on second consideration here and we will have a vote tomorrow, and perhaps we will say more then, but I want folks to go home tonight and think about what they are voting for here with this budget that just continues the misery of a lot of people in Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in February the Governor stood before us and delivered his budget address. On 16 separate occasions he referenced the future under his budget, describing it as bright and optimistic. I am not sure whose future he was talking about. In fact, this budget is full of wrong priorities and false choices. Mr. Speaker, we can do better.

Regardless of how hard Republican leaders spin it, this is not a no-tax-increase budget. Every member in this chamber has heard from constituents who have seen their property taxes skyrocket. That is what happens when you defund public education. The financial burden of educating our children gets shifted to local property owners, disproportionately affecting our working families and seniors. Yet for the past 2 years, we have heard the Republicans say they have invested more in basic education than at any time in our history.

Mr. Speaker, here are the facts: School districts have received less State funding, not more. Our children are being crammed into larger class sizes. They have lost music. They have lost art. They have lost foreign language classes. They have lost advanced classes for our best and brightest. Republican budgets have cost our communities after-school tutoring, pre-K programs, reading specialists, librarians, counselors, school nurses, and 20,000 teachers. And this budget institutionalizes those cuts. Let me repeat that. This budget institutionalizes those cuts. We can do better. The Markosek amendment would have done better.

Mr. Speaker, this budget does nothing to help higher education become more affordable for our young people. In fact, it locks in the historic 18-percent cut from last year, ranking us 46 in per-capita State spending for higher education and leaving our graduates with the second highest student debt in the country. Mr. Speaker, we can do better. The Markosek amendment would have done better.

Mr. Speaker, this budget also fails to consider expanding Medicaid, denying Pennsylvania a \$40 billion Federal investment over the next 10 years. Expanding Medicaid would create 40,000 new jobs, and more importantly, more

importantly, it would provide health-care coverage for half a million Pennsylvanians and save lives. Mr. Speaker, we can do better. The Markosek amendment would have done better.

Mr. Speaker, without the Markosek amendment, this budget is full of wrong priorities and false choices.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote. Thank you.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Pashinski.

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

I, too, rise to oppose HB 1437 for many reasons. First, because I know we can do better. We just heard the good gentleman say the same thing. Frankly, I know we can do better, and we should because what we do here in this hall today and in the coming days will directly affect millions of Pennsylvanians, millions of citizens, the people we represent, and in many, many ways. If we continue to underfund public education for the third straight year, every local school district will be faced with more and more cuts, more overcrowding, less programs, and potentially higher taxes. When things are tough, people come together. They attempt to work together to do their job and do more with less. We have done that for the last 2 1/2 years, and the people may not like it, but they do come together and get the job done. But I may caution everyone because when the people begin to learn that the things that they thought actually were are not, when they find out it was not as bad as presented, and they have suffered, sacrificed, and endured needlessly, there will be a price to pay. There will be a price to pay when the people have to pay out of their pockets thousands of dollars for day care because their pre-K and all their all-day kindergartens were cut because the Governor cut the programs and the funds for public ed.

There will be a price to pay when the parents paying for their children's dual enrollment courses really did not need to when they find out we were left tens of millions of dollars on the table that could have paid for these successful programs. Twenty thousand teachers and support staff that have lost their jobs because of the last two budgets and now the third, they will not forget. And a price will be paid for those of you that cut the education budget which forced the locals to make the cuts because of the legislative underfunding.

To imagine we left tens of millions of dollars on the table and forced our local school districts to make so many damaging cuts, and the tens of millions of dollars left on the table gives me further reason to oppose 1437 because my amendment, too, would do two things that were important. Many of you are aware of the schools probably in your districts that have made those improvements that have not gotten their money. They are waiting, and yet we have tens of millions of dollars on the table. My amendment would have provided the \$25 million to fulfill our obligations, but the second part might even be more important because the second part would provide \$35 million to pay for a \$500 million transportation bond that would finance and jump-start our State's bridges and road programs. My amendment would have prevented our citizens, your constituents, from paying that 20-plus cents more per gallon of gas. My amendment will fund the first years of allocation, will continue to fund the bond for decades and still have \$400 million further to bond roads and bridges or to put it into human service cuts or to restore education and so much more.

My amendment can be the template for raising enough new capital to pay for improvements in our roads and bridges and complete transportation system by utilizing a phase-in of \$500 million for the first year, a billion for the next year, all paid from the new \$400 million received from the Marcellus industry. This amendment, this proposal, will begin repairing the roads and bridges without passing on the costs of our PA citizens. The statistics say 30,000 jobs will be created for every billion dollars invested. Would it not be great if we invested those billions of dollars and made those jobs come to fruition?

And finally, not to consider adding Medicaid expansion. Frankly, it is criminal when we have the opportunity to provide four to seven hundred thousand Pennsylvanians quality health care. To provide preventative medicine saves money and keeps more healthy the people as well as making them more productive. But in addition to that, that is 35,000 jobs within 2 years. Nearly \$40 billion in 20 years coming to Pennsylvania. Kaiser Foundation, Economy League, RAND, they all state—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was just getting to jobs. We could have created 100,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. McCarter.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand before you today underwhelmed by the proposed budget outlined in HB 1437. This budget is full of misguided priorities and missed opportunities for a third straight year in a row. This body is again preparing to underfund education and is failing to provide for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle would have you believe that they have created a budget superior to that of which the Governor has proposed, when in fact 85 percent of HB 1437 falls directly in line with Governor Corbett's budget proposal. The paltry addition of \$100 million in basic education funding pales in comparison to the \$1 billion in cuts our schools have seen in the past 2 years.

School budgets are truly struggling, Mr. Speaker. Due to the continued direct cuts in State funding for public education by Governor Corbett, our schools are so underfunded that they have no choice but to increase class sizes, lay off teachers by the thousands, do away with art, music, physical education, and as in the case of 197 school districts last year alone, be forced into the situation to pass budget increases and property tax increases just to stay open. As State legislators, we have the power to restore funding to basic education and eliminate the need for increased taxes at the local level. However, the budget bill before us today does not accomplish that goal. We are cheating our children out of the educational experience all of us were lucky enough to have received, Mr. Speaker. All of us were afforded the opportunity to play sports, play a musical instrument, or benefit from an art class. These programs helped mold us into the public servants we are today, and yet we sit here with this travesty of a State budget that robs our children of all like opportunities.

We are doing a disservice to Pennsylvania's youth and their families, Mr. Speaker. Funding basic education is an imperative function of government and mandated by the Constitution, and by failing to properly fund basic education for the third year in a

row, we as a legislature are failing to do our job for Pennsylvania students, for their families, and the taxpayers.

Once again, we pass on the opportunity to tax one of our State's biggest resources, Marcellus Shale. According to the Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center, our current impact fee on Marcellus Shale will generate \$10 to \$15 billion less over the next decade than a flat severance tax on the product would provide. Yes, that is \$10 to \$15 billion. That is billion with a "b" that, Mr. Speaker, we could use to fund education, transportation, health care, senior services, and infrastructure as well as investing real dollars in developing our growth industries throughout the State. But this body is just letting it pass by yet again.

Pennsylvania can be a great State again, Mr. Speaker. However, the current leadership lacks the vision to see that Pennsylvania can again be a leader in making prosperity possible for all of Pennsylvania's residents – I stress all. The current leadership's vision for Pennsylvania is to provide a location for profiteers to take untold sums of wealth out of the State, while leaving the State's residents facing deteriorating roads, bridges, sewers, decimated schools, impoverished cities, and no hope for a better future.

We can do better. We could move Pennsylvania into a leadership position in the nation by responsibly making those that control our energy riches to pay their fair share. We can truly create a remarkable learning environment for all of our children, and we can provide tax relief for our seniors who need it. We can rebuild our infrastructure to position Pennsylvania as the keystone for travel and production. We can make Pennsylvania a higher education mecca, and we can raise the hopes of all our citizens to look forward to a better future with our cities growing and flourishing. But this will take real vision and commitment to a belief that our better days are ahead and not behind.

We have an opportunity to begin doing that during this budget season. We have an opportunity to make change, but this budget continues us on a path of decline and despair. Responsible revenue enhancement is not a sin, but allowing our State's wealth to be stolen is a crime for which every member of this chamber must bear full responsibility. Pennsylvania citizens need help and they need it now. Provide the revenue needed to make this State prosper.

With six simple steps we can make great strides toward a better tomorrow. Pass a responsible gas extraction levy—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend. Your time has expired.

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

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

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

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

The underlying budget, in State and Federal dollars, we will be spending in a responsible, prioritized manner over \$65 billion. And the State expenditures will be \$28.3 billion in General Fund spending alone. The fact of the matter is, it increases spending on important priorities for the citizens of Pennsylvania by about \$550 million more than last year's budget, a bipartisan budget. It increases spending by over 2 percent, while maintaining responsibility by staying at or beneath the rate of inflation. Many members from the other side have talked about our spending on public education. The fact of

the matter is, in pre-K through 12th grade funding under the underlying budget that is before us, spending will be at an all-time high of close to \$10 billion on a State level alone with respect to public education. While enrollment in public education throughout the State has in fact declined, please note that it was under the prior administration's budgets that State dollars on public education declined. The Federal stimulus dollars were not available in 2011-2012, and yet we increased State dollar spending for pre-K to 12 on public education in that budget, and we did so again in last year's budget, which had bipartisan support.

The 2011-2012 budget, the first where we took back the majority, actually increased State spending on public education over the last budget when our colleagues were in charge and when the previous administration was here. This particular budget before us spends \$9.954 billion in State moneys on pre-K through 12, and it is the highest basic education funding on a State level in the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and yet this budget is done responsibly.

Keep in mind, each and every one of us are fiscal stewards of the citizens of Pennsylvania's hard-earned dollars. Each and every one of you is a fiscal steward. So when we spend \$28.3 billion, we are spending the hard-earned dollars of the citizens of Pennsylvania. In terms of personal income taxes, taking money from the citizens' personal income to fund our responsible priorities, we will be spending \$11.8 billion out of their paychecks. And keep in mind, when we do consumption taxes, including the sales tax, we will be taking \$9.2 billion from their pockets when they in fact buy goods in this State. And when we tax those that employ our citizens, that provide family-sustaining jobs, so that they can take care of their families and give back to their communities, we are in fact taking just shy of \$5 billion. Those are real dollars coming from real people that affect the economy.

So when we spend, as proposed in the budget before us, \$28.3 billion, keep in mind we are getting those from the hard-earned money of the citizens of Pennsylvania. We are doing it without raising taxes and living within our means, and yet we are still spending an all-time high on public education, K-12, for the citizens of Pennsylvania and for our students.

Some other highlights in the underlying budget certainly include making sure that we have a complete complement for our State Police and law enforcement, and it provides a 17-percent increase for autism intervention and services and adds \$20 million to further reduce the waiting lists for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and it maintains the Governor's priority of a 10-percent increase for rape crisis centers and domestic violence centers.

When you look at the budget's expenditures on public welfare alone in this budget, it is over \$10 billion, and in fact close to \$11 billion of the citizens' hard-earned tax dollars, and in it, we provide \$850 million in medical assistance for long-term care, \$200 million for home and community-based services, an additional \$85 million for long-term-care managed care. We also provide for the community waiver program \$1 billion, over \$1 billion for intellectual disabilities, and \$150 million for community-based programs for intellectual disabilities, and \$150 million for intermediate care facilities for intellectual disabilities.

The fact of the matter is, this is a responsible budget, but it is a compassionate budget. It is a balanced budget. It is a budget that could go to the Governor's desk and responsibly utilize the citizens' hard-earned tax dollars while providing for the neediest amongst us and providing for outstanding public education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are no new taxes. It is balanced. It is responsible. It prioritizes the needs in the appropriate manner, and it is respectful to the fact that we must govern and govern with an on-time budget, which we will meet for our third time in a row, unlike the previous 8 years under the last administration.

We cannot return to the unsustainable days where spending increased by close to 50 percent while the rate of growth was just over 20 percent, and we cannot continue to borrow billions and billions of dollars, whereby we are not only using today's tax dollars but tomorrow's generation's tax dollars.

This budget in front of us is responsible, prioritized, compassionate, caring, and balanced. Thank you.

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

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

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if we move this bill to third consideration, it cannot be amended, and I really do not think we ought to do that. We ought to have the opportunity to rethink and consider the Markosek amendment because, you know, no matter how many times you say it, it does not make it true. Every school director, every parent, every property tax payer, every public school student in this Commonwealth knows they were cut a billion dollars. They know that the billion dollars was etched in stone these last two budgets, and they are suffering. The Markosek amendment gives us the opportunity to start restoring those cuts.

Our test scores have gone down. You have heard about the activity fees you have to pay to play in the band, to play sports. And no matter how many times you say it, believe me, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania understand what has happened to them. And the only way we can start to fix this is by passing the Markosek amendment, by starting the process of restoring that billion dollars in cuts to K-12 education, starting the process to restore the cuts to higher education. We can provide health care to 500,000 Pennsylvanians. We can restore those human services cuts that have been devastating on the most vulnerable citizens of the Commonwealth. We can create jobs, we can protect the environment, and we can make sure all our taxpayers pay their fair share, because all these Governor's budgets, all they have done is made the richest corporations in the world richer. They have taken the tax cuts, they have taken the tax breaks, they put the money in their pockets, and meanwhile back home, your constituents are paying higher property taxes and their children are doing worse in their schools.

We can fix all that. We can make the system fair so middle-class, middle-income, hardworking Pennsylvanians will not have to pay more than the richest corporations in the world. We can do that if we do not move this to third and consider the Markosek amendment. It is what we should do. It is what the people need us to do, and it is the right thing to do, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

The gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. McCarter, indicated he had additional remarks he wanted submitted for the record. If the gentleman will deliver them to the clerk, they will be noted in the record.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With six simple steps we can make great strides toward a better tomorrow. Pass a responsible gas extraction levy, place a temporary moratorium on the elimination of the stock and franchise tax, completely close the Delaware loophole, make needed charter school finance reforms, modernize our PLCB (Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board) in a sensible way, enable the passage of a statewide infrastructure bond issue and we can provide enough revenue to start us on a true path to prosperity and give Pennsylvania's residents a true vision of a better tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this budget and appreciate you allowing me the time to provide our members with some food for thought on the issue of doing something truly bold and meaningful for our children, job seekers, investors, and taxpayers here in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Mercer County, Mr. Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Mr. Speaker, this budget plan fails our schoolchildren and their families and it fails all of us who believe that a strong public education system is the key to a strong community.

You know, we hear a lot of rhetoric about education funding, State spending, Federal stimulus dollars, but here are the facts. Three years ago, before Governor Corbett took office, four significant line items in the education budget were all funded purely by State dollars, and today they are at zero and in this budget proposal they are at zero.

The dual enrollment program allows high school students to take college courses and earn both high school and college credits. At a time when the cost of college is out of reach for more and more families, this line item provided the money needed to pay tuition costs and allow students to get a head start on college and make a college education more affordable. This line item now stands at zero and would remain at zero in this budget proposal. Instead of dual enrollment, there will be no enrollment for too many promising young students.

The Educational Assistance Program funded tutoring programs in our schools to help students make the grade and meet adequate yearly progress. We talk a lot about making courses more rigorous and improving the value of a high school diploma, but the Educational Assistance Program was zeroed out 2 years ago and it stands at zero in this budget proposal. In this budget we fail to put our money where our mouth is.

"Science: It's Elementary" engages young people in the sciences and sparks their interest in science-related careers at a time when our State and our country must produce more

scientists. Three years ago I visited these students on Showcase Day when they explained their projects, and I saw the excitement on their faces. There have been no visits since because these funds were zeroed out two budgets ago and this proposal would continue that. Pennsylvania will not be producing the scientists we need under this budget.

School improvement grants raise achievement in the lowest performing school districts. The vast majority of these districts are poverty districts with little ability to fend for themselves. At zero funding how can we expect these districts to make progress? At zero funding we doom the students in these schools to continue to lag behind.

Finally, the Accountability Block Grant Program, used by most districts to fund kindergarten programs, was cut by 60 percent two budgets ago and that cut would continue under this budget proposal. All the research shows us that every dollar we invest in quality early childhood education saves us \$7 to \$17 on the back end, dollars that we do not have to spend because children are identified special ed or become involved with the juvenile system; instead, dollars that we produce because they become productive citizens. Two years ago this budget cut the program by 60 percent and this proposal would continue that 60-percent cut. As a result, too many young children will miss out on kindergarten and miss the early start they need to succeed.

All of these line items were funded with State dollars; none were funded with Federal stimulus dollars. This is 100 percent our responsibility, yet this budget proposal includes no plan to restore any funding to these programs. As such, it leaves Pennsylvania students behind.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the lady from Greene County, Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As you know, this is my first term here, but it does not take years of experience or a crystal ball to see that our public education system, which should be the Commonwealth's pride and joy, continues to plummet down the road to mediocrity with this budget.

I was not here when almost \$900 million was cut from the education budget. I am here now and I am telling you that restoring roughly one-tenth of those devastating cuts will do precious little to undo the harm. We are talking a gaping wound to our kids' futures – programs axed, larger class sizes, higher property taxes – and this budget responds with a little pat on the hand. Token gestures are not enough.

Just in my home school district, which is one of 8 I represent, 13 teachers retired last year and only 3 of those positions were filled. No one can tell me that those retrenchments will not have a lasting effect on students and everyone's futures.

When our State Constitution talks about "thorough and efficient," it is referring to the education we are supposed to be providing our students. Instead, this budget perverts the Constitution to make "thorough and efficient" refer to the job losses it continues and the reduced educational opportunities it ensures.

We have an opportunity this month with this budget to take a stand for education. We have an opportunity to correct the mistakes of the past. Please, let us not ignore this opportunity.

Let us stop giving lip service to education and let us provide the investment it requires for us to reap its dividends, please.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is my third budget cycle, and I am as intrigued by this as I was the first time around 24 months ago. Then, as now, my constituents are my priority, and the constituents of the 194th, their needs are not being met by the proposed budget that is in front of us today.

My constituents actually have questions. They want to know about additional revenue opportunities that are not included in this budget. Those additional revenue opportunities include things like the remaining 1 percent of the sales tax that is not collected or at least some portion thereof. They ask repeatedly about why smokeless tobacco is not taxed and why we are one of the few States if not the only State left that does not tax this line of tobacco product. They continually question the Marcellus Shale and say that the impact fee does not go far enough. They question why severance tax was not implemented and in fact why that tax is not equal to what the surrounding States charge for the same purpose.

They are also concerned about MA expansion, how this is totally left out of this year's budget, particularly because it has been made clear to them that if MA expansion had been in the Governor's proposed budget, that would free up some of those current dollars spent on Medicaid that could be redirected to either other human service needs or in an area that is very wanting in this Commonwealth, education. They also ask questions about combined reporting, which they know would produce substantive additional revenue.

At my town hall meetings, and there have been 24 of them in the last 30 months, we talk about things like politics versus policy. I try to alert my constituents and raise their awareness to the idea of sound bites versus substance, and over the last couple of years, I have been very much on the alert and aware of a lot of politics versus policy and sound bites versus substance. For instance, in 2011 we passed Act 22. I have yet to this day to see any accounting of the dollars identified as fraud, waste, and abuse that were to be captured by passing Act 22. What I have seen definitively is Act 22 has cost, particularly providers and therefore constituents in my district, it has cost them a lot of money. It has had them have decreased services. There have been tremendous unintended consequences and collateral damage as a result of Act 22.

The privatization of the fine wine and spirit shops is clearly not a priority. I am aware of the polls that say our citizens in the Commonwealth are frustrated with the idea of having to go to three different places to buy beer and wine and cases of beer versus six-packs. However, in the scheme of things, particularly since the Governor can in no way guarantee the incoming revenue nor guarantee that those approximately 4,000 jobs at sustainable wages will continue in place, this is not a priority in this budget. It is not a priority for my constituents.

I have also in the past 25, 30 months witnessed a lot of tax credits being passed. Ostensibly, these tax credits are to stimulate job growth. The irony is that since basic education has been so drastically underfunded and continues to be

underfunded, if the tax credits are successful at creating jobs, and that is a big if, there will be an ill-prepared workforce for those jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I thought the motion to recommit the Markosek amendment back to the Appropriations Committee was a good motion. I was in favor of it. The chair of the Appropriations Committee suggested that that could jeopardize the timeline. I suggest that if we are prepared to work longer and harder over the next 20 days, that recommit and relooking at this budget is the appropriate thing to do. I assure you that working harder and longer hours certainly would not be a concern for me and my constituents would expect no less.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Mr. Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have been listening during this debate this afternoon and the consideration of many amendments, and I actually kept track of the amendments that came before the House. After about 3 or 4 hours of consideration, this House has actually passed only three amendments to this budget, and the grand total of funding that was restored was \$510,000, \$510,000 out of a \$28 billion budget. So this House took action on two one-thousandths of a percent of the budget.

We all know that there were many significant amendments that were voted down or ruled out of order, amendments that would have gone further in addressing the shortfalls in this budget. I just want to touch on two areas. One is the devastating cuts to public education that occurred 2 years ago were sustained last year and that this budget proposes to sustain for another year, and the other is the 10-percent cut to county human services programs which occurred last year. You know and I know, as we visit our counties, that these 10-percent cuts have hit programs that benefit mental health services, programs to people with intellectual disabilities, programs that serve our children and youth, programs that include funding for things like Meals on Wheels. These 10-percent cuts that occurred last year are not restored in this budget that is before us today, and the Markosek amendment would have started the process to restore these funds.

The \$1 billion cut to education that occurred 2 years ago is still there. This year some on the other side of the aisle are talking about restoring \$100 million. Well, when you cut \$1 billion and restore \$100 million, you are only addressing a fraction of the challenge, and we know that these losses of funds all across Pennsylvania have meant higher property tax bills, reductions in teaching staff, reductions in programs that are available to our young people, and most of all, reductions in the educational opportunities that are there for our children from K to 12. There have been cuts in higher education that are not restored in this budget.

The Markosek amendment would have taken a significant step to restoring the education cuts and the human services cuts over a 3-year period, and what was the House majority's reaction to such an amendment? They ruled it out of order. We cannot even vote on it. We cannot even consider it. We cannot even discuss an amendment that would restore educational funding and human services funding in a responsible way over a 3-year period.

I think it is very important that we start to take action and take these important steps. The budget is before us today. We cannot wait for the State Senate to fix this budget. We cannot wait for the next Governor to fix this budget. The time is now. This week we have a vote on the State budget here in the House of Representatives. Let us restore funding for human services programs that serve our most vulnerable citizens, and let us restore this State's commitment to public education. Let us prioritize the education of our young people. After all, our future depends on them. Let us pass a budget with their future in mind.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 1437 falls short in so many ways, but I rise today to oppose moving this bill from second to third consideration because it so fails our youngest citizens, our children, with regard to early childhood care and education.

At a press conference last week called by the Early Childhood Education Caucus, representatives from business, law enforcement, and the military spoke about how important it is to their interests to adequately fund the early care and education of Pennsylvania's children. They talked about a skilled and educated workforce, a military workforce capable of defending us using the high-tech equipment of today, about fewer crime victims and fewer criminals clogging our courts and driving up our prison budget. These professionals understand what countless studies have proven over and over again, and that is the economic and social benefits of high-quality early childhood care and education, which earn between \$7 and \$16 for every dollar we invest.

However, this budget's two child-care line items have been cut by \$63 million since 2010, and today this Republican budget bill locks in \$53 million of these cuts, \$3 million less than even Governor Corbett proposed, instead of continuing to invest in these important programs.

I urge us to listen to those in business, law enforcement, and military regarding what they need and what we must do to meet those needs. We should restore the smart investments we made over the last decade in early childhood programs and in subsidized child care for working low-income families. Surely we can do better than this budget bill proposes, and because of that and many other reasons, I urge us not to move this bill off second consideration.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Centre County, Mr. Conklin.

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank the Speaker, and I want to thank everyone who has gotten up to speak today, because the fact of the matter is simply this: We talk a lot about the old budgets. We talk a lot about how, you know, that old administration, what they used to do. You know, you remember when that Republican Senate and that Democratic House and that terrible Democratic Governor used to sit and fight the budget out, used to come up with compromises. Well, what did they do? Let us think about the facts. Let us bring up history a little bit. I enjoy that. Number 7 in job creation in Pennsylvania,

number 7, 7; 3 budgets later, number 49. You know, Mr. Speaker, thank goodness for Wyoming, 470,000 people, but you know if you keep working at it, we can get to 50. We can be 50th in job creation.

You see, your votes have consequences. You have consequences in what you do. We can look at Utah, who, percentage-wise, is number one in the most amount of jobs created. We can look at Texas, who has the most amount of jobs per year created. We can imitate them. We can do some of the amendments we had today and we can talk about severance fees, you see, because that is what they do. Utah funds their education 51 percent. Oh, and I know that money does not make better schools, but it certainly does give children books to read.

And you know, we can sit and we can listen in to Governor Corbett. We can listen to him talk about the reason why we cannot get anybody to work is because they are on drugs, or we can listen to the Manufacturers' Association, who wants to talk about the reason why we cannot get jobs is because we do not have trained people, or we can look at this budget and say, what are we doing to train people? What are we doing to put people to work? We are cutting budgets.

You know, I love the numbers game. I love the way we move the numbers around because it looks good. You know, the numbers look good. The facts – and again I am going to bring it up a couple more times – we are 49th. We can do the numbers all we want, but the fact of the matter is, we are 49th.

Let us see what we have done. What have we done for the neighborhood? What have we done, because, you know, we talk about the stimulus and it has been brought up. We talk about the stimulus funding. Well, we could not keep the stimulus up. We kept prison stimulus up. Not only did we keep up the prison stimulus money, we added to the prisons. We added to the prisons, because you know what? When you go into some of our neighborhoods, they may not be as nice as the neighborhoods some of us come from. We have neighborhoods with people who do not have jobs. We have neighborhoods that people are on drugs. For goodness' sakes, the Governor has mentioned that. Let us bring that up again. The Governor has mentioned that we have people on drugs. What have we done to help those neighborhoods out? We built more jails. You know, we have neighborhoods where we do not have male role models because we have decided rather than to educate them, we are going to incarcerate them. We have neighborhoods where folks cannot get to school because they cannot get out the door because we do not have the police protection to let those young people get there. We have rural neighborhoods where the kids do not have – they have to cut.

You know, talk to your rural schools. What are they talking about? They are talking about cutting programs. They are talking about cutting arts. They are talking about cutting their football programs. They are talking about cutting their music programs. But the bottom line is, that is what keeps a lot of these kids in school.

The facts speak for themselves. Let us sit here and bring up the bad old days again. Let us bring it up. Come on. Come up to the microphone; tell us about how that budget was late. Tell us about your number one priority is having it on time. Tell us about how what you do has a consequence. Talk to us again how you made us 49th. Come on; brag about it. Stand up and brag about it. Let us do the third budget in a row. Let us get us to 50 if you can. But I will tell you what, you are not going to do it with me. You are not going to be able to get to number

49th because I am going to help you. What I am going to do is I am going to fight you. I am going to remind you that school taxes have gone up every year. I am going to remind you that higher education has been cut 20 percent. You play with those numbers. When tuition is going up, you can say it all you want, but at the end of the line, you cut it and you are keeping it cut.

I am going to remind you one more time, you can get it done on time, you can do what you are doing, you can be proud and you can beat your chest, but at the end of the day, you are going to be 49th, 49th. I am going to bring it again, 49th. Property taxes have gone up. Higher education has been cut over 20 percent. Senior citizens do not have what they had. Children are not being able to get to school. Put your priority where it matters. Let us go back to the bad old days where we ranked number seventh in job creation and number one in test scores. I long for them.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. CONKLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

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

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

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, Mr. Speaker, there are some things in this bill that I actually like. I like the fact that you have completely run from the Governor's hair-brained scheme to privatize the lottery. I love that you have run from the notion that you will get liquor privatization done and there will be no money in this year's budget for liquor privatization. I love that you chose not to do any of the Governor's assumption on pension reform because it is not going to happen. But there are a couple other things that are not so nice.

This budget ignores the fact that there is a court ruling on adultBasic that is going to come back to roost and cost us later on, and there is nothing in this budget to account for that.

This budget proposal assumes that the hospital tax is going to increase, so if you are voting for this budget, I am hoping you are willing to put up that increase in the hospital tax, because it increases that tax by \$150 million.

Mr. Speaker, what this bill does not do is anything for jobs in Pennsylvania. This has been perhaps the worst 3 years in State history in terms of job recovery. The States around us are recovered from the Great Recession. The State of Pennsylvania is not, and it has to do with the policies and priorities set forth in budgets. As was pointed out, we used to be seventh in job creation. We are now 47th.

Mr. Speaker, this budget does nothing for education. You know, there were claims made that this is the most money for basic education ever. That is just not true. Mr. Speaker, in 2008-2009 there was a little over \$5.8 billion of State dollars for basic education. In this budget, there is \$5.5 billion. Mr. Speaker, in 2010-2011 as enacted, there was \$5.6 billion in State funds. Then of course this administration got a hold of that budget, took some of those funds away, replaced them with State funds, but even in that 2010-2011 budget, there were more State funds for basic education than there are in this budget. You can look at the chart at www.pahouse.com/sturla. It shows education budgets for the last 7 years. None of the three budgets proposed and passed and signed by this Governor have ever exceeded the amount of basic education money at a State level or at a State and Federal level as was done in prior years.

Mr. Speaker, this budget does not do more for education. You know it. Your school districts know it. Your constituents know it. Your constituents whose kids' classes went from 25 kids to 35 kids know it. Your constituents who are now paying athletic fees know it. Your constituents who are paying higher local property taxes know it, and you know it too. This short-funds education.

Mr. Speaker, we have also heard that there is level funding in this budget. There is level funding in this budget from cuts that occurred either this year or last year or the year before. The first year's budget with this administration did a 19-percent cut to higher education and then level-funded it for the following 2 years. That is a recurring cut. That is not level funding.

Mr. Speaker, this budget does nothing to expand Medicaid, does not recognize it at all. It would bring billions of dollars into this State, and this budget does nothing for that.

Mr. Speaker, the policies and priorities set forth in HB 1437 will continue to lead us down a road of despair – an unemployment rate that is higher than the national average, higher local property taxes, and no jobs. I urge a "no" vote.

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

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

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on second consideration, not on third. I will be here tomorrow, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday to deal with third, but on second, on second consideration, the children of Pennsylvania have been denied an opportunity to participate; families in Pennsylvania have been denied an opportunity to participate; communities have been locked out. Good proposals prepared, offered for consideration, but were ruled out of order, ruled out of order either because it was not revenue-neutral like you wanted it to be or it was ruled out of order because you had agreed to rule it out of order, but the children, families, and communities of Pennsylvania have not had the opportunity to participate.

And I close on this: If you lock people out today, they will throw you out tomorrow. They have been locked out today, but you will be thrown out tomorrow, because the 3,000-and-some teachers that will be laid off in Philadelphia, the 40-some schools that will be closed in Philadelphia, the people who have died or dying in the streets in Philadelphia, you locked them out of the opportunity to participate. And there were good proposals that the Democrats prepared and offered, and the only thing, I am ashamed to even mention the one thing that you voted "yes" on and said the heck with everything else. You will remember this night.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the lady from Montgomery County, Mrs. Dean.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The hour is late and I will be brief.

I rise in opposition to the second consideration of HB 1437 for many important reasons that others have spoken eloquently about, whether it is the failure of education spending, the failure to repair our crumbling roads and bridges, or the failure to fully restore the cruel cuts to human services. So I will just focus on one area of failure and omission. It is the silence on Medicaid expansion.

Forty-six years ago, on March 25, 1966, speaking before the national convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights in Chicago, Dr. Martin Luther King said this: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane"; the most shocking and inhumane. Mr. Speaker, it is 46 years later and we have a huge chance to reduce that inequality, that injustice, right here in Pennsylvania.

As we know, the legal arguments have run their course and Affordable Care is the law of the land. What remains now are simply the human or humane arguments for expanding Medicaid and the economic ones, and whether we accept Medicaid expansion or not, make no mistake, we are paying for it. With 100 percent of the cost borne by the Federal government through 2016 and 90 percent beyond that and with the support of Pennsylvanians' Federal tax dollars, we should embrace this expansion, because Medicaid expansion will cover half a million of our uninsured brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends.

Did you know that 50 percent of the uninsured in Pennsylvania who would be covered by Medicaid expansion are veterans, 50 percent? That means that by accepting Medicaid expansion, more than 250,000 veterans will be covered. However, if we continue down the path that our Governor seems to be on and this silent budget is on, 250,000 Pennsylvania veterans will remain uninsured – shamefully and inexplicably inhumane.

Expanding Medicaid expansion is an opportunity to restore health care to many of the 40,000 low-income working adults Governor Corbett kicked out of adultBasic. So we must not wait. We must not remain, as some have said, the island of the uninsured.

I urge a "no" vote on the second consideration of HB 1437 and insist that instead we grab hold of this chance to bend the arc of history here in Pennsylvania toward equality and justice in health care, in education, and in so many other areas important to Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

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

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

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As Democratic chairman of the House Education Committee, I want to address several concerns I have about the House Republican, Corbett administration-backed budget proposal regarding funding for both basic and higher education.

I am disappointed that this budget proposal does little to make up for the nearly \$1 billion cut in basic education funding over the last 2 years. The proposed \$100 million increase represents only a 1.9-percent increase for basic education and would only represent flat funding due to inflation. At this pace, at this pace it would take 10 years to get back to the funding level our children's schools had in 2010-2011.

Contrary to the claims of the Corbett administration and Republicans, the fact is that the Corbett administration has cut not only Federal stimulus funding but also billions in State funding, including – and let me be specific – cuts in the Accountability Block Grant Program of \$175 million that fund kindergarten and early childhood education, elimination of tutoring funding of \$47 million, elimination of charter school fund reimbursement of \$225 million, cuts in basic education funding of \$388 million, all State dollars. Even the inadequate

1.9-percent increase is tainted because wealthier school districts will get a larger percentage of basic education funding increases than lower income school districts.

The following examples of percentage increase funding of school districts make this point: The four distressed districts in fiscal recovery status, Duquesne gets a .73 increase; Chester Upland, .97; Harrisburg, 1.19-percent increase; York, 1.25-percent increase. The two largest and poorest city school districts, Philadelphia gets a 1.47-percent increase; Pittsburgh, .75-percent increase. At the same time wealthier school districts do better under this budget. Radnor gets a 2.7-percent increase; Upper Merion, a 2.7-percent increase; Lower Merion, a 2.9-percent increase; Fox Chapel, a 3.1-percent increase; Manheim Township, Lancaster County, a 4.1-percent increase.

Favoring wealthier school districts over poorer school districts in basic education funding was also the case when it came to cutting funding from this Governor's budgets in the last two budget cycles. When the Corbett administration and the Republicans cut basic education funding the first 2 years of the Corbett administration, per-student cuts were larger, were larger to poorer districts than to wealthier districts.

Clearly, the Corbett administration and Republicans favor wealthier school districts in basic education funding, whether it is cutting funding or restoring funding. State basic education funding is supposed to foster greater educational equality and opportunity between school districts, not make it worse, which is what Governor Corbett and the House Republicans are doing.

Now, the Republican leader talked about compassion in this budget. What compassion is there in taking from the poor and giving to the wealthy? What compassion is there in taking from poor kids and giving to wealthier kids? It is morally wrong.

Due to the funding cuts of the last 2 years, more and more of our school districts are becoming financially distressed. We see that in the third and most recent survey of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials, where a third round of program and personnel cuts for 2013-14 is expected after the first two rounds of State education funding cuts led to the loss of 20,000 jobs in our public schools. In 2013-14 PASBO—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend. The time has expired. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Okay. Let me just say this, if I can, by concluding.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. ROEBUCK. This budget is wrong. It should not—

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

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

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I am going to be very brief.

I want to remind everyone that HB 1437 is sustainable. There are no tax increases. We have added \$100 million to already a \$10 billion public education budget. Thank you. Thank you.

When the Democratic chair of Education talks about this is a callous budget for public education, the Philadelphia School District is already receiving \$1.3 billion in State funds, \$1.3 billion in State funds, roughly about 50 percent of their budget. When he tries to fool you saying that wealthier school districts are receiving a greater percentage, let us talk dollars. Radnor School District receives a whopping 12 percent of their budget from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. When you

start comparing suburban districts with the urban districts and talk about percentages, you are not fooling anybody. This is not a mere \$100 million increase or a callous budget.

Tomorrow when we vote this final budget, I will go through what actually happened when Federal stimulus money was used and how all those line items disappeared. Why? Because the previous administration decreased basic funding for education and used Federal stimulus money to backfill.

You are not fooling anyone, you are not fooling anyone when you say that this is a callous budget. I enjoy working with folks from the other side of the aisle, but when you start throwing those types of terms out and knowing what districts benefit from State funding, and most do, the rich districts receive the least and they pay for it with their own local property taxes. The people of Radnor Township, 86 percent of their local budget comes from property taxes. They are the facts, and we will go over that line item and school district by school district tomorrow.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes.

The Speaker recognizes the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. Boback, for the purpose of correcting the record. Not necessary? The Speaker thanks the lady.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 920;
 HB 1141;
 HB 1247;
 HB 1377;
 HB 1414;
 HB 1437;
 SB 470; and
 SB 526.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1060;
 SB 304;
 SB 371; and
 SB 583.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 342, PN 349**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for declaration of policy, for definitions and for victims of sexual or physical abuse.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 342 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 890, PN 1423**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1937 (P.L.200, No.51), known as the Pawnbrokers License Act, further providing for definitions, for identity of pledger and for pawn ticket; providing for hold orders and related procedures; and further providing for sale of pledge and for penalties.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 890 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1031, PN 1229**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Community College Affordability Task Force within the Department of Education; and providing for its powers and duties and for administrative support.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1031 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1163, PN 1420**, entitled:

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

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1163 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1171, PN 1470**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 2008 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Alternative Energy Investment Act, repealing provisions relating to the Alternative Energy Production Tax Credit Program.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1171 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

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 Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 7:47 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.