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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 10:30 a.m., e.s.t.

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

#### PRAYER

HON. SID MICHAELS KAVULICH, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Father God, teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Help all of us in this great chamber today to do the things that matter and not to waste the time that we have.

The moments You give us are precious, Lord. See that we count them dear. Fill each one of us this day with Your kindness, particularly as we interact with one another, that we may be glad and rejoice all the days of our lives.

In Proverbs 16, Lord, You tell us that we can make our own plans, but only You give us the right answer. We may think we are pure, but You examine all our motives. If we commit everything we do to You, all our plans will succeed. If our love and faithfulness is unfailing, it will atone for sin. If we fear You, Lord, we avoid evil. You hate the proud; they will surely be punished. When our lives please You, even our enemies are at peace with us. We can make plans, but it is You who determines our way. You demand that we are fair and just, and You love those who speak honestly. It is better to have little and be in favor with You than to be rich and dishonest. Wisdom and wise judgment are better than gold and silver. Pride goes before destruction, haughtiness before a fall. It is better to live humbly with the poor than plunder with the proud. If we listen to You, we will prosper. If we trust in You, Lord, we will be joyful. Wise words are persuasive, kind words like honey. The words of scoundrels are destructive. Troublemakers plant seeds of strife. Gossip separates best friends. It is better to be patient than powerful, better to have self-control than conquer a city. We throw the dice; You, Lord, determine how they fall.

May our every word, every thought, and every action be for the glory of You, Almighty Father, this day and every day. We ask You this in Your great name. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, February 3, 2014, will be postponed until printed.

### JOURNALS APPROVED

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

Wednesday, October 16, 2013;  
Thursday, October 17, 2013; and  
Monday, October 21, 2013.

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

**HB 359, PN 2967** (Amended) By Rep. METCALFE

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, further providing for registration of charitable organizations, financial reports, fees and failure to file.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HR 596, PN 2968** (Amended) By Rep. METCALFE

A Resolution recognizing and honoring Bernard Hopkins for his achievements and contributions to the sport of boxing and for his philanthropic efforts benefiting Philadelphia youth.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

### HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 631** By Representatives MURT, HENNESSEY, KOTIK, McGEEHAN, KIRKLAND, COHEN, PAINTER, V. BROWN, READSHAW, BOBACK, KINSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLOSSBERG, DiGIROLAMO, GIBBONS, DAVIS, MAJOR, FREEMAN, KORTZ, MIRABITO, JAMES, STERN, K. BOYLE, CLAY, MILLARD, BROWNLEE, CUTLER, KAVULICH, ROZZI, PARKER, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, BARRAR, GINGRICH, VEREB, REGAN, WATSON, STURLA and FRANKEL

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the financial and administrative effectiveness of the statutory provisions requiring autism spectrum disorders insurance coverage.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 4, 2014.

**No. 635** By Representatives MICCARELLI, GABLER, READSHAW, AUMENT, BAKER, BARRAR, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, COX, DONATUCCI, GODSHALL, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KOTIK, LUCAS, MAHONEY, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MASSER, MENTZER, MILLARD, NEILSON, SACCONI, STEVENSON, SWANGER, VEREB, WATSON, MAJOR, ROCK, R. BROWN and D. COSTA

A Resolution urging the United States Army to allow Apache helicopters to remain in the National Guard.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 4, 2014.

**No. 637** By Representatives NEILSON, COHEN, D. COSTA, THOMAS, KORTZ, READSHAW, K. BOYLE, BISHOP, KINSEY, MILLARD, MASSER, KOTIK, YOUNGBLOOD, FREEMAN, V. BROWN, FARINA, PAINTER, WHITE, CALTAGIRONE, WATSON and R. BROWN

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to support the adoption of H.Res. 456, relating to dyslexia.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 4, 2014.

**No. 638** By Representatives MIRANDA, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, PARKER, BISHOP, THOMAS, READSHAW and CALTAGIRONE

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to prevent future funding reductions to the Federal Impact Aid Program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 4, 2014.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1500** By Representatives VITALI, FRANKEL, WATERS, FREEMAN, O'BRIEN, BROWNLEE, BRIGGS, BRADFORD, M. DALEY, MAHONEY, COHEN, SAMUELSON, MCCARTER, SANTARSIERO, CARROLL, DEAN, ROEBUCK, MUNDY, KIRKLAND and WHITE

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, further providing for distribution of fee; in Oil and Gas Lease Fund, further providing for definitions; providing for establishment and projects; further providing for appropriation of money and for funds; and making related repeals.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 4, 2014.

**No. 1761** By Representatives DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, COHEN, KORTZ, MAJOR, MAHONEY and FRANKEL

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for ordinance provisions.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2014.

**No. 1762** By Representatives CUTLER, BARBIN, SACCONI, STERN, JAMES, SWANGER, KULA, HAGGERTY, KAUFFMAN, FEE, TALLMAN, EVERETT, CLYMER, READSHAW, LAWRENCE, CALTAGIRONE, GIBBONS, METCALFE, AUMENT, ROAE and TURZAI

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2014.

**No. 1763** By Representatives OBERLANDER, BURNS, CAUSER, COHEN, P. DALEY, DAVIS, ELLIS, GABLER, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, HARHAI, JAMES, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LUCAS, MASSER, MULLERY, NEUMAN, PASHINSKI, PETRARCA, PICKETT, REED, SNYDER, SONNEY, TALLMAN and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of July 9, 2008 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Alternative Energy Investment Act, further providing for definitions and for pollution control technology projects.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 4, 2014.

**No. 1764** By Representatives MURT, KORTZ, FEE, D. COSTA, BOBACK, VEREB, DeLUCA, SWANGER, STEPHENS and R. BROWN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2014.

**No. 1765** By Representatives MOUL, PICKETT, LUCAS, MILLARD, SWANGER, COHEN, KOTIK, D. COSTA, HEFFLEY, MULLERY, DENLINGER and GINGRICH

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in marriage, repealing provisions relating to waiting period after application; and further providing for issuance of license.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2014.

**No. 1766** By Representatives MIRANDA, BISHOP, CRUZ, V. BROWN, MCNEILL, COHEN and MURT

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for instruction on the responsible use of social media.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 4, 2014.

**No. 2009** By Representatives SCHLEGEL CULVER, R. MILLER, THOMAS, SCHLOSSBERG, MURT, MUSTIO, MILLARD, GRELL, KAUFFMAN, WATSON, JAMES, OBERLANDER, GINGRICH, MILNE and PETRI

An Act amending Title 17 (Credit Unions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in incorporation, further providing for articles of incorporation, for Department of Banking consideration of articles and for bylaws; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for powers, for fees and charges, for loan interest, for power to borrow, for loans and for dividends; in members, directors and officers, further providing for notice to members and for expulsion and withdrawal; in amendment of articles, further providing for procedure for amendment of articles; in conversion, merger and consolidation, further providing for conversion into Federal credit union and for adoption of plan; and, in dissolution, further providing for approval of voluntary dissolution.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, February 4, 2014.

**No. 2011** By Representatives M. K. KELLER, MARSICO, AUMENT, BAKER, BLOOM, CAUSER, CLYMER, COX, EVERETT, GABLER, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, GROVE, C. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, KRIEGER, LAWRENCE, LONGIETTI, LUCAS, MALONEY, MILLARD, R. MILLER, MOUL, OBERLANDER, PAYNE, PICKETT, PYLE, SAYLOR, SNYDER, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN and TURZAI

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2014.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

## COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR

### REQUEST FOR JOINT SESSION

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

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Office of the Governor  
Harrisburg

The Governor

January 6, 2014

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

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

Dear Speaker Smith and Senator Scarnati:

If it meets with the approval of the General Assembly, I am respectfully requesting a Joint Session of the General Assembly on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of addressing the Members for the annual budget address.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Tom Corbett  
Governor

## RESOLUTION

### COMMITTEE TO ESCORT GOVERNOR

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

In the House of Representatives  
February 4, 2014

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

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker appoints as a committee to wait upon the Governor, the gentleman from Blair County, Mr. Stern; the lady from Warren County, Ms. Rapp; the gentleman from Lackawanna County, Mr. Kavulich.

The committee will proceed with the performance of its duties.

## SENATE MESSAGE

### JOINT SESSION

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

In the Senate,  
February 4, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session, Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing an address by His Excellency, Governor Tom Corbett; it also meet and elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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

On the question,  
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?  
Resolution was concurred in.  
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

### ARRIVAL OF SENATE

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

The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

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

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

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

Members of the House and Senate will please be seated.

### JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (JIM CAWLEY) PRESIDING

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

#### NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The General Assembly will first proceed to election of a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Nominations are now in order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Senator Pileggi.

Mr. PILEGGI. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, it is my honor this morning to nominate Vincent C. DeLiberato, Esq., to serve the General Assembly as Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, a bicameral, nonpartisan legislative service agency established in 1909.

Born in Philadelphia, Vince graduated from Saint Joseph's University and the Villanova University School of Law. He served his country as a staff sergeant in the United States Army Reserve and has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an attorney in the Legislative Reference Bureau since 1975, nearly four decades ago.

During that time Vince has earned the respect of everyone who has worked with him. He is known for his encyclopedic knowledge, attention to detail, and dedication to the institution of the General Assembly.

The Legislative Reference Bureau is often given seemingly impossible tasks by members of the Senate and the House. Vince has a remarkable talent for making those impossible requests seem easy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to nominate Vincent C. DeLiberato as Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman from Delaware County, Senator Pileggi, places in nomination for the office of Director of the Legislative

Reference Bureau Vincent C. DeLiberato of Dauphin County.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Marsico.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. President.

I am pleased to second the nomination of Vincent DeLiberato, Esq., to serve the General Assembly as Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

I have known Vince for a very long time, actually since before I began my tenure here in the House of Representatives. He has always had an excellent reputation, an outstanding reputation with both staff as well as members in the House and the Senate. His experience and knowledge of the job leaves no doubt in my mind that he will do an excellent job, outstanding job as Director.

Vince was able to and will be able to handle the work of training personnel, advising members, drafting legislation, and researching various topics with ease. There is no better candidate.

Mr. President, as Vince's State Representative and as his friend, it is my honor to second the nomination of Vincent C. DeLiberato as Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any further nominations? Any further nominations? Third and final call. The Chair declares that nominations are closed.

The candidate for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau is Vincent DeLiberato of Dauphin County. All those in favor of Vincent DeLiberato for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau will say "aye"; those opposed, "nay." The "ayes" have it. Vincent C. DeLiberato is declared unanimously elected Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

#### COMMITTEE TO ESCORT DIRECTOR-ELECT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The gentleman from Delaware County, Senator Pileggi, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Turzai, will escort Vincent DeLiberato to the front of the rostrum for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

#### OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Please rise for the administration of the oath of office offered by the Honorable Paul P. Panepinto, judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County. Judge Panepinto.

JUDGE PANEPINTO. Thank you.

Place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me: I – and state your name – Vincent C. DeLiberato Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Mr. DeLiberato asserted oath.)

JUDGE PANEPINTO. Congratulations, Mr. Director.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ESCORTING GOVERNOR

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The General Assembly will be at ease while we await the arrival of the Governor.

Members and guests will please take their seats. Members and guests will please take their seats.

The General Assembly will come to order.

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

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

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

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

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

## FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET ADDRESS OF GOV. TOM CORBETT

The GOVERNOR. Thank you all. Thank you all very, very, very much. Wow; thank you all very much.

Speaker Smith; President Pro Tem Scarnati; Republican Leaders Pileggi and Turzai; Democrat Leaders Costa and Dermody; Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley; members of the General Assembly; and the best First Lady in the country, my wife, Susan Corbett; members of my Cabinet; friends; and fellow citizens:

Thank you all very much. I look forward to today and I look forward to the remainder of this year.

This is the fourth time I have come here to present a budget to the General Assembly. It is always a privilege to be here and share with you our thoughts on this budget. Today I have brought along some special guests with me.

They represent the men and women of this State who wear the uniform of our country, and the many who have served in theaters of war. This past year, the 104th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, a unit of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, completed a deployment in Afghanistan. Our guests are among the brave and highly skilled Apache helicopter pilots who carried out that mission. We are proud to have the Apaches based here in Pennsylvania.

Recently though, the Army announced a plan to take many of these helicopters with their pilots out of Pennsylvania.

Along with Adj. Gen. Wesley Craig, I am going to, and I hope you join me, in a fight to keep them here.

As a former member of the 28th Aviation Battalion in the Pennsylvania National Guard, I have, and I know you do, great pride in the pilots that we have with the National Guardsmen that we have here. So please welcome to the Assembly Maj. Randy Lutz and CWO Joshua Soper; standing in the back. Thank you.

You know, we have done a lot of good work, you and I, in building a stronger Pennsylvania.

And I thank each member here for serving this Commonwealth with energy and conviction. I have tried to do the same, because our challenges have required nothing less of us.

Not so long ago, Pennsylvania was in pretty serious trouble, and there was no easy way out. We took some of the worst hits of the Great Recession.

Things were especially tough in many of our rural counties, places where economic stagnation had already seemed like a way of life.

All of this was our starting point, and we have a lot to show for 3 years of hard choices and honest effort.

Of course, the good things we have seen since then are hardly the doing of government alone. So right up front, let us give credit for Pennsylvania's comeback where it truly belongs, to the people of Pennsylvania.

For our part, we set out to revive the economy of this State, with sound budgeting and spending discipline. I have submitted, and you have passed, three balanced budgets – on time.

We addressed our State's fiscal problems by eliminating the deficit, and without adding to the fiscal problems of the citizens by raising their taxes.

Sometimes in government, nothing makes a difference like defining a promise kept. And with your support, we have not raised taxes in 3 years.

In that and other ways, we are doing things right, the signs of revival are clear to see. Pennsylvanians are finding jobs again, in Pennsylvania.

Today our labor force is 6 million strong and growing. In 3 years, our Commonwealth has added enough jobs to replace nearly all that were lost during the downturn.

At its peak, unemployment in our State was 9.2 percent; now it is 6.9 percent, a 5-year low. That demonstrates progress.

Better still, the economists say conditions are right for more growth this coming year and well beyond. The Pew Research Center estimates that number to grow here in Pennsylvania by another 76,000 jobs this year alone.

Why? Because we are building a stronger Pennsylvania.

Truly, every city is the heart of a region, and as a city is stronger, so too is the region. We have seen that today in Philadelphia, in Pittsburgh, right here in Harrisburg – a city finally on its way to financial recovery.

A few short years ago our capital city's future was bleak. But this General Assembly acted, establishing the Office of the Receiver. Our Commonwealth team, led by Gen. William Lynch, has put Harrisburg on a path to a better and brighter future.

Please join me in thanking General Lynch. General Lynch.

And if I may, I know I believe we have two other recently elected mayors here, and you will see this is not in the script. Mayor Papenfuse, the new mayor of Harrisburg, and Mayor Peduto, the new mayor of Pittsburgh, are here with us also, if they would please rise. Gentlemen, good luck.

In so many cases, too, we are seeing expansion of the best kind, into industries that have a good future ahead of them. Ten or 15 years ago, few would have guessed that Pittsburgh would become a leader in biotech and high technology. Today it is a leader in both. When Google, when they complete that new building in Pittsburgh, it will be their second that they have built in Pittsburgh.

The entertainment technology industry may think that California has the corner on the market, but it is on the move here in Pennsylvania too. Just a few weeks ago, I was in Philadelphia when Comcast announced a \$1.2 billion plan to build an innovation and technology center.

When major companies make major investments on that scale, they look for cities that are on the rise, and in this case, they called it right.

Why? Because we are building a stronger Pennsylvania.

In the space of just a few years, our State has become the nation's second largest producer of natural gas. Shale gas offers our country a chance at energy independence and a greater economic security – it is part of the all-of-the-above strategy that we have put into place. Our State is truly energy-rich, and we need to harness all of our resources – coal, wind, solar, nuclear, hydro, and gas.

We are very fortunate, and we can be very proud, that the shale-gas revolution is happening right here in Pennsylvania. For instance, just go to Williamsport, and you will not doubt the difference that this industry is making for our State. Talk to our local businesses – talk to the dry cleaner or the diner owner – who are remaking Main Street. Talk to the folks at Allison Crane or NuWeld or Albert's Spray Solutions. These companies are seizing on this opportunity, hiring local citizens for jobs, and helping to maximize the energy resources – responsibly.

Shale gas has made that region one of the top 10 fastest growing local economies in the country. It is lifting up entire communities across the State, creating and supporting many thousands of jobs well beyond gas production. This revival extends to manufacturing, as leading companies put Pennsylvania back on the map for investment and growth.

And it is reducing home energy costs, right now, for Pennsylvanians.

Big things are in motion, and shale gas is the power behind it all. It is great for Pennsylvania, and even greater for the United States.

And we were smart enough to welcome that industry, and all those jobs, by working together, together with local governments, with industry, with environmental organizations to craft a responsible impact fee. That impact fee, by April of this year, will have generated over \$600 million in less than 3 years to benefit every single community in this Commonwealth. It is very simple: Energy equals jobs.

And I thank you for working with me to grow this industry for the people of Pennsylvania and to deliver energy to the rest of the world.

Last year and for years, this State needed a sustained, large-scale investment in transportation. Somehow it just never got done. We did things a little differently, and we got a different result. Republican and Democrat. Labor and Industry. We all worked together to put the funding in place, to put the funding crisis behind us and do what is right for the people of Pennsylvania.

The construction season coming up will give us just a glimpse of the benefits. And far into the future, Pennsylvania will have the good roads, safe bridges, and reliable public transit that our people expect and deserve.

We have accomplished this and more, because in our debates we have not let "no" be anyone's final answer. We stay at it, until the work is done. You could call this the practical way of governing. You could call this the bipartisan way. I like to think

of it as the Pennsylvania way, defined at its best by honesty, fair dealing, and the shared values of the people that we serve.

This being an election year, I suppose it is in the realm of possibility that a few disagreements might come into the picture again. It just could happen. But so far as the budget of this Commonwealth is concerned, our business is in the here and now.

This budget represents how we have worked together to build a stronger Pennsylvania. Because it is not about how much we spend, it is about how we invest precious tax dollars back into the people of Pennsylvania and our Commonwealth's future.

We must be good stewards, we must be good stewards and ensure that every dollar we invest in this budget has a purpose. We must continue to push the boundaries of reform and make our State government more effective in the use of our tax dollars.

Together, over the past 3 years, we have done just that, and next month we expect to reach a milestone: half a billion dollars in net savings, from ingenuity and reforms, across State government.

As you know, this Commonwealth is the sixth largest economy in the United States. And we will be running at full strength as long as we concentrate on three priorities: a great education for every child, a private sector where every business large and small can grow and hire, and a health-care and human services system where everyone has choices and everyone is covered.

So let us begin, let us begin with education. Every child in this State should be ready to learn, ready to grow, and ready to succeed, and my budget sets an agenda in that spirit.

Education is the single largest item in my budget. The increase I propose would bring direct State support of public education to \$10.1 billion, more than 40 percent of State spending.

That reflects additional money we have devoted to our schools during my time as Governor, which now comes to almost \$1.55 billion.

Early in my administration, of course, we were faced with the problem of the vanishing Federal stimulus money. It had been used to pay for education, and when it was gone, there was nothing left in the General Fund to fill the gap. But with every great challenge also comes great opportunity.

We have a responsibility to give the children of this State a 21st-century education, and over the past 3 years we have worked every day with thousands of parents and teachers and administrators from across this State to ensure that we drive each and every dollar into education that meets the needs of the children of Pennsylvania.

Through targeted initiatives, we have worked to increase accountability and transparency in our schools, infused stronger educational resources into our classrooms, and focused financial resources on supporting students at all levels. This budget will continue to support these strong reforms.

Each of our 3,000 schools now has a School Performance Profile, so that the parents and the communities have all the basic facts. If a school has problems that are setting children back, it is something that parents and communities need to know.

And when everything is going right in a school, the students are doing great, we want to know that, too, so that the best can become the standard for the whole State.

As former teachers, my wife, Sue, and I have been visiting schools all across the Commonwealth. It has been an uplifting experience, to return to the kids and the classrooms and feel the enthusiasm in our schools.

We are pleased to have with us today representatives from one of the schools that has received an Excellence in Education Award. Students Amira Ellison and Hoang Le along with their teacher, Judd Pittman, and their principal, Marisol Craig, from Harrisburg's Math Science Academy are in the back. Welcome, and congratulations on your achievement.

We have also worked to strengthen teacher evaluations to ensure great teachers in every classroom, and improved testing that better measures what a student is learning. These improvements are a result of collaboration with and input from superintendents, administrators, and teachers. Our goal is to listen and to benefit from them, the experts in education, so that we could put the best methods into practice.

As we increase education spending, we are making certain that more of that money goes where it will do the most good, directly to our children.

At every level, from early childhood to high school and beyond, every dollar we spend is an investment, an investment in the future of our Commonwealth. Because of these strong reforms, I am pleased to announce today the next phase of my Ready to Learn education agenda, which includes strategic investments at all levels of education.

This budget starts with our youngest, investing an additional \$10 million in Pre-K Counts to allow more 3- and 4-year-olds to enter high-quality early learning programs. Thank you. This funding, combined with the recent \$51 million we were awarded in the Federal Race to the Top grant for early learning, means that Pennsylvania will continue to provide some of the best early childhood education programs in the nation.

For K through 12, I am excited to announce the Ready to Learn block grant, \$241 million in funding for school districts that focus on student achievement and academic success.

It builds upon the strength of the accountability block grant created many years ago by Speaker Sam Smith – thank you, Speaker – bringing the total Ready to Learn dollars available for districts to \$341 million in this budget.

This block grant is designed to ensure that every child is reading and doing math at grade level by third grade, that students are getting the grounding they need in science and technology, and that a school is flexible enough to give tailored instruction to the students who need it.

This block grant includes \$1 million in targeted grants to help struggling schools meet their potential. The most obvious way is to link up the top schools in a mentoring partnership, to gain from their experience and knowledge. These grants will make those school-to-school connections possible.

In order to embrace new and customized methods of learning, this budget will invest \$10 million into the Pennsylvania Hybrid Learning Grant Fund. Ask our teachers, and many will tell you that hybrid learning produces great results and engages the interest of children and helps them to excel.

And truly, of course, every school should always be a welcoming place to children with special needs, just as our whole State should be. School districts have not seen an increase in special education funding in 6 years. In this budget, I am proposing an increase of \$20 million in special education funding, to make sure that every child has a chance to succeed.

As we focus on early childhood and K through 12, we also need to ensure that once our children graduate, they are prepared not only to enter the workforce but also to achieve postsecondary learning opportunities on their journey to a career.

We all know that postsecondary degrees are costly and sometimes out of reach as students and their families worry about debt. With this budget, we will launch the Ready to Succeed scholarship program, which will provide an additional \$25 million for middle-income students who want to earn a 2- or 4-year degree.

The grants would go directly to academically achieving students who otherwise may not be able to attain enough financial aid. To further support our students, I present a challenge, a challenge to all postsecondary institutions across Pennsylvania: Join with me in holding the line on student debt. I urge these schools to match these grants. Let us give every Pennsylvania student a great start.

Whether our students are looking at trade school or college, a little help at the right time can make a world of difference. It will make our State even more attractive to businesses considering whether to move or to expand here in Pennsylvania.

They want to know if Pennsylvania has prepared our young adults in the trades and disciplines that are always in demand. And our answer will be, yes, we have.

Another critical priority of this budget, after investing in our students, is creating jobs for our citizens, and creating as many jobs as possible right here in Pennsylvania.

If you make job creation the test, the test for most every policy, you are never going to go wrong. When it came time to business taxes, all I needed to know was that they were costing people jobs. The General Assembly agreed. So over the past 3 years, we have reduced the tax burdens on Pennsylvanians by \$1 billion and our workers are better off for it. And we are pressing on with more tax relief this year, by continuing the phaseout of the capital stock and franchise tax.

Since 2011, we have come together to make some wise investments, with long-term payoffs in productivity and quality of life. So let us make a few more. And if we stay focused on that same defining goal – jobs for our people – it will see us through.

We have so much going for us here in Pennsylvania. I can tell you oftentimes I meet a lot of people across this country, a lot of people in business who are scouting around for new locations to build or to expand. I always point out that if location matters, they are not going to do any better than here in Pennsylvania. I tell them 60 percent of the population of North America lives within a long day's drive of the Keystone State. I remind them that our tremendous energy resources, which have driven down energy costs for home and businesses, are right here. And I tell them that if they are looking for the finest workforce in America, their search is over – it is right here in Pennsylvania.

In all of these ways, my budget plays to our strengths. This budget invests more than \$450 million for job training for Pennsylvanians – to make our workforce even better, and to sharpen our State's competitive edge. We should also invest more in the effort to draw new companies here, and to win back the ones who have left.

Every time we have a chance to tell the world that Pennsylvania is a great place to live and work and do business, we should. And it is time well spent. As our economy gets

stronger, the message only gets more persuasive, and more businesses will come. To companies across this country and around the world, we speak as one: Come here, and make it in Pennsylvania.

Now and then, we make decisions in this building that carry consequences far beyond the years we will spend here. That is when we need to do our clearest thinking. Health care in Pennsylvania is that kind of issue, and here is where matters stand.

As the Federal government has asserted more authority over health care in recent years, Pennsylvania has showed caution. We know a great deal about health care and health-care policy in this State. We have a history of bipartisan reform to prove it.

The Children's Health Insurance Program now reaches across the country, and the first State to put CHIP into law was Pennsylvania. We have kept it strong too. When we saw children having to wait 6 months before their coverage would start, we got rid of that requirement, because our children come first.

In that same way, we have tried to protect physicians from the excesses of trial lawyers. In some cases, even a doctor's expression of sympathy or regret about a patient's condition was being offered as evidence of malpractice. That was an abuse of our legal system. We should be strengthening a patient's relationship with the doctor and not be putting barriers between them. So we put an end to that too. I think that is extremely important for that relationship.

While things get sorted out in Washington, here in Harrisburg we have been at work on a program called Healthy Pennsylvania. It will make the most of the buying power of our State government.

It will take full advantage of competitive pricing in the free market. The program will bring more doctors into underserved communities and bring specialists to remote areas through telemedicine.

When we are done, Healthy Pennsylvania will put high-quality, private-sector health insurance within reach of all of our citizens, whatever their means. This is the solution we have chosen for ourselves. The alternative is to let Washington, with its usual one-size-fits-all mindset, make our choices.

Their approach would send half a million currently uninsured Pennsylvanians into Medicaid, with no other option. Our approach would provide those same citizens with the kind of affordable, private health coverage that working people all over this State receive through their employers.

Instead of a restrictive entitlement program, Healthy Pennsylvania will give these individuals and families more choices and independence, encourage healthy behavior, and deliver better care at less cost to the taxpayers. We would also save the Commonwealth more than \$125 million this year alone.

To make good on this promise, all we need is a waiver from Washington. We will do the rest. Pennsylvania will provide access to health insurance where it is needed most, and we will do it right, and we will do it the best.

Some of the smartest investments we make are the ones we make in people. We are committed to helping those who need it most. My budget is a reflection of that commitment. It will help secure a brighter future for our seniors, our neighbors with disabilities, our victims of violent crime, and our veterans.

As many of you know, Pennsylvania is home to a growing senior population. Our seniors deserve our best care. To make certain they receive the help they need, this budget will invest \$23 1/2 million to protect and expand services for nearly 3300 older Pennsylvanians.

But we are not stopping there.

We have the chance to continue to improve the lives of our friends and neighbors with disabilities, individuals whose strength and courage have become a constant source of inspiration to me. For far too long, these people had to wait. They had to wait for services they and their families so desperately needed. Last year our increased investments helped reduce that waiting list.

And just last week, I visited the Kroc Center where those with disabilities are able to work and lead fulfilling lives in the community. I saw the commitment, the commitment of a community to make people's lives better. I know how important that commitment is, and so do you.

We need to create a Pennsylvania where people with disabilities and their families will never be forced to wait for services again.

So this year we will work to further reduce those waiting lists with an additional \$41.5 million to provide home- and community-based options for people with disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

This budget also proposes to you today to guarantee victims of violent crime will not be forced to go through such a devastating experience alone. With a 10-percent increase in funding for Pennsylvania's domestic violence and rape crisis programs, we will keep our commitment to provide the services necessary to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Thank you, Senator.

And to honor and care for those who have served in uniform, last year we established the Veterans' Trust Fund. This fund supports Pennsylvania veterans and their families and includes help for veterans in need of shelter and living necessities. The sacrifice of our veterans requires more. So in this budget, I propose an additional \$1 million to honor our ever-expanding veterans population. It is our duty to continue to support those who have served us so bravely.

Now, along with the priorities I just laid out in this budget, we have unfinished business to address.

First, we have to reform our antiquated system of State-owned liquor stores. Many visitors to our State often wonder about it – unless they are from Utah.

Our own people do not think much about the system, either, because it is inconvenient and they do not appreciate paying monopoly prices. About the only ones who do appreciate it are the stores in New Jersey and Delaware and Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia and New York that pick up that extra business.

Pennsylvania loses a little more than \$80 million a year that otherwise would be spent here in Pennsylvania. So here is a thought. Let us make 2014 "last call" for State-controlled liquor in Pennsylvania.

A crucial reform that would provide the State with even more to invest in the future of our children is pension reform.

Three years ago the Commonwealth's pension debt was a \$42 billion problem. Today it is a \$50 billion problem that continues to drive local property taxes up. This problem consumes more than 60 cents of every dollar of new revenue we receive.

In fact, this year we can expect to pay about \$1.5 billion in pension costs for State and school district workers. In just a few short years, that number is expected to grow, to grow to more than \$4 billion.

And yes, you heard me right, I said \$4 billion – with a "b."

When I was before this Assembly last year, I proposed a comprehensive solution to our pension problem. My plan did not touch, did not touch the benefits of retirees, nor did it touch the benefits that current employees have already earned. Debate ensued but no solution was agreed upon.

Since that time, some in this room have put forth their own pension reform plans. They see the need to do something; the importance of solving this problem.

I ask you, I ask you to work with me in the coming months to find a solution. We must fix this. Those who say there is no pension problem are either misinformed or they are in denial.

Billions in new debt to our State is the cost of doing nothing. The only question is whether we will do it now, when it is still a manageable problem, or let others do it at a later time, when it is an all-out crisis.

So many good things that we have achieved can be undone by uncontrolled debt and our increasing pension costs. The basic reform package in this year's budget will save this State and local school districts a combined \$300 million.

Inaction is unwise in the extreme. So it is deeply unfair to our children, to our communities, and to our schools.

Again, I urge you, help your State. Help your school district. Help your taxpayers. Enact public pension reform before the end of this session.

When it comes to our wonderful State and our ability to meet great challenges, I have the greatest confidence in the world in the people of Pennsylvania. We have seen our way through some fairly tough times.

And with some notable exceptions – excuse me – some notable successes – let me correct myself – in this building lately, we have shown what we are capable of doing. These are the kinds of successes that usually last the longest in government work done with common purpose by both parties, in the public's interest.

Things are coming together. All around us are the hopeful signs of a stronger Pennsylvania. We have work to do and commitments to honor. And now we have a way forward with the budget I submit today, a budget reflecting real numbers, responsible choices, and unlimited confidence in what our people can accomplish.

I have no doubt that you will give your full effort and nothing less. And you can be assured that I will do the same. This year, together, let us give our best for the future of this great Commonwealth. Let us build a stronger Pennsylvania.

Thank you. God bless you, God bless Pennsylvania, and God bless the United States of America.

### JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

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

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

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

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.  
Please clear the aisles.

### MOTION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the proceedings of the joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives this 4th day of February 2014 be printed in full in this day's Legislative Journal.

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

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.  
The members will please take their seats.

### STATEMENT BY MR. ADOLPH

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

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

I think we all can agree that Governor Corbett just delivered a very, very fine budget speech, and that is going to be a tough act to follow, but I will do my best.

Being a member of this General Assembly is a great privilege that comes with great responsibility. In this chamber we are responsible for representing the people and the will of the people in policies we pursue and the priorities we set.

Today represents the first day of what normally is a several month process. Starting today, the members of this General Assembly, Republicans and Democrats, will take a close look at this budget so we can better understand the many layers of this proposal.

As we approached the start of this process, we knew very well that we were faced with many challenges. We knew that this year we were going to have to make a significant payment to our pension systems to meet a growing pension liability.

We knew that an ill-conceived and poorly executed rollout of the Affordable Care Act would cost the State \$220 million more in mandated spending obligations from the Federal government. Then as we got closer to this day, we learned that the Federal government, again, was decreasing Pennsylvania by a total of \$325 million in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, better known as FMAP, for important programs in the Department of Public Welfare like outpatient services and the majority of preventive services for those in need. We have been through this before.

Even further adding to our challenges are current economic indicators suggesting the economy may not be quite ready to grow at the rate we would have hoped for as we start to turn the corner of the Great Recession. Clearly, the list of challenges is long and substantial, which creates a significant level of

uncertainty as we move through the next several months. Despite these challenges, there is a statement made in the priorities identified in the Governor's budget, this blueprint.

At first glance I think the people of Pennsylvania will applaud the \$363 million increase for basic education. I believe the residents of this State, especially those that have kids in our State universities and colleges, will appreciate the \$25 million for a new Ready to Succeed scholarship program. That proposal sounds an awful lot like a similar bill, similar piece of legislation introduced by Representative Quinn. I know the increase in special ed funding brings a smile to Representative Bernie O'Neill's \$20 million increase.

I would also suspect that Representative Murt is happy to hear and Representative Ellis is happy to hear the Governor's proposal for \$24 million to add additional services for 1250 individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism.

I know that my good friends, Representative Marsico from Dauphin County and Representative Caltagirone, who have both been vocal supporters supporting the State Police, will be glad to see the inclusion of funds to provide for four State trooper cadet classes next year.

I, too, support those efforts in principle and I think their inclusion in this blueprint reaffirms that the priorities of State government are and always will be educating the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ensuring public safety, and providing for a safety social net for those who need it the most.

Conceptually, we must work toward these goals and we must work together. But when we are working to achieve these goals, we must learn from the failed tactics of Washington, DC, and make sure the promises we make today are reasonable, achievable, and most importantly, sustainable. The residents of Pennsylvania should also know that there are parts of this proposal that need to be added, proposals that have been eliminated from last year's budget.

For example, I am sure Representative Benninghoff was disappointed when he saw epilepsy funding was eliminated, and Representative Moul disappointed regarding Tourette syndrome. And I certainly suspect Representative Maher and Representative Payne will again want to see funding for biotechnology research. These are line items that are very important to this General Assembly and for our constituents. Representative Maher talks about what this line item did for a Marine in combat in advancing new treatments for brain cancer. Representative Marty Causer has been a champion for the hardwood industry in the northwest. We need to fill this gap. We cannot eliminate that funding. Representative Deb Kula from Fayette County and her advocacy for heritage parks, we need to look at that. I cannot forget Representative Mark Mustio's advocacy to develop technology that is unfolding in western Pennsylvania by advocating for the State supercomputer.

Collectively, the members of the General Assembly have made it clear that all the initiatives I just mentioned serve an important role in this Commonwealth, and I had hoped that they would have been included in the Governor's budget. But we will work, like we have always done, to get them back in the budget and work with the Governor in a bipartisan manner to put together a sustainable and affordable budget.

As we do our work over the next several months, we need to look at all the short-term budget strategies contained in this budget and see if they are proposals that can be realistically and reliably adopted and be confident that they can remain in the

budget for years to come. I thought the Governor has done a remarkable job over the 3 years he has been in office considering the economic conditions that existed in this Commonwealth when he was sworn in.

As elected officials we have the duty to balance very important priorities and variables, which at times can conflict with one another. I look forward to the robust schedule of budget hearings that will begin next week. Those hearings will allow members of this General Assembly and the public to fully digest all the details contained in the Governor's proposal. It is incumbent upon us, the General Assembly, to take a comprehensive look at this budget and allow the residents of Pennsylvania to weigh in on those priorities, as well as the strategies outlined in the proposed spending plan.

I am looking forward to working with Chairman Markosek and the Appropriations Committee as well as each and every one of you in this General Assembly in putting together once again an on-time budget for this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

### STATEMENT BY MR. MARKOSEK

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise here today on behalf of Leader Dermody and our leadership team, Democratic members of the House of Representatives, and in particular the Democratic members of the House Appropriations Committee. I am honored certainly to serve as their chairman. And part of our job as the committee and my job as chairman is to listen to the budget that the Governor has provided and certainly make comments about it and to formulate in some fashion our own Democratic plan and feelings about the way things ought to be done here in Pennsylvania. So let this speech here today just be the beginning, the beginning of that process. We have a long way to go.

Relative to the budget that we just heard the Governor provide, it brings to mind some – perhaps being an old transportation guy – some transportation analogies. If his budget were a passenger train, what we heard was the conductor saying, "All aboard this gimmicky rob-Peter-to-pay-Paul election year special." That would be the name of that train if this budget were a railroad passenger train.

Four years ago the Governor pointed out that his biggest priorities were, one, creating jobs. Well, that is really no surprise. I think we are all in favor of that. All of our opponents, when they decide to run against us, it is the first thing out of their mouths. They are in favor of jobs. Who is not? Who is not in favor of creating jobs? His second thing was providing a good education. And his third thing was managing Pennsylvania's debt. And the administration has failed on all three.

Moreover, the Governor and his GOP majority comrades in the legislature have failed miserably in ignoring the obvious health care and economy-enhancing low-hanging fruit of accepting Medicaid expansion as an option for over one-half million Pennsylvanians that need health care.

Today in Governor Corbett's fourth budget address he presented us with a budget plan that relies on one-time revenue sources, transfers, and other funding gimmicks. Now in his reelection year budget, when he can no longer pass the buck and blame previous Governors and the Federal government for the State's fiscal challenges, he has resorted to playing a shell game, an election year budget.

So after three budgets, where do we stand? The Commonwealth is facing a deficit of more than \$1 billion. The National Association of State Budget Officers reports that almost every State will end this fiscal year with a budget surplus, including our neighbors to the north, New York, and many States are beginning to replenish their Rainy Day Funds. The Governor's policies are not working. They are taking us in the wrong direction.

Governor Corbett chose to cut business taxes by \$2.1 billion rather than investing in our schools. He claims he did not have a choice but it was the Federal government's fault, but yet he chose to cut business taxes at the same time. He is taking care of corporations before our children.

Three years later our school districts are still reeling from the \$1 billion in cuts from his first budget. He claims his hands were tied, but he tied the knot himself. That is what happens when you approach the budget process by cutting business taxes first when the State cannot afford to do so. And then you dole out what is left to everyone else. That is irresponsible.

It would be one thing if all those business tax cuts resulted in jobs, but they have not. The Governor likes to tout the number of private-sector jobs he has created. However, in national rankings, Pennsylvania is consistently at the bottom of job growth and projected growth, behind most of our neighboring States. During most of the recession and historically, Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was lower than the national rate. However, in August 2012 our unemployment rate moved above the national average and has remained there for 14 of the last 16 months. Net new jobs created since the Governor took office, when you subtract the tens of thousands of public-sector jobs lost, is below 100,000. And I wonder how many of those are family-sustaining jobs.

Pennsylvania has lost more than 20,000 jobs in the education field since Governor Corbett took office – 20,000. The policies the Governor has pursued over the last 3 years can be described as nothing less than an all-out attack on public education as we know it.

The Governor has tried to make teachers and public servants the scapegoats for the State's financial problems, calling for reform. I urge you to look past that rhetoric. He is asking us to increase the State's long-term pension debt by billions and billions of dollars, to offset a modest increase in education.

A little more than 3 years ago this legislative body passed Act 120 with significant bipartisan support. It charted the course for addressing the pension debt. The law significantly reduced pension benefits for future employees and requires the State and school districts, as employers, to make their required payments. The Governor is now proposing that we change the law so that he does not have to account for the full debt payment. Everyone knows that it is a bad idea to make less than the minimum payment on your credit card. That is essentially what the Governor is asking us to do.

In the past many times over, Pennsylvania has increased its pension debt by taking a pass on making the necessary payments. In the meantime, employees, teachers, custodians,

PENNDOT workers, and legislators have always paid their fair share. With Act 120, we voted to end this kind of gamesmanship, and now Governor Corbett is asking us to do it all over again.

School districts in every corner of the State are struggling. They are cutting teachers and support staff such as nurses and librarians, increasing class sizes, reducing course offerings, charging for sports – pay to play – and other activities, and increasing property taxes. The Governor's first budget cut education funding by \$1 billion, and today, 3 years later, those recurring cuts remain largely in place.

The Governor's budget includes no increase to the basic education subsidy, which is the largest appropriation in the education budget. Instead, the modest increases the Governor proposes in his budget for education appears to have strings attached. Part of it is in the form of a competitive grant. Part of it is only available to 100 schools. Is that any way to fund our schools?

It is disingenuous for him to proclaim record funding for our schools. First, he ignores the Federal stimulus money that went to school districts through the basic education appropriation, which schools were told would be replaced. Then, to inflate the overall figure, he counts pension debt and other mandatory payments, which are not directly related to providing quality education for students. In fact, excluding pension payments, total education funding still remains lower as compared to 2008-2009, which is the year prior to the Federal stimulus money.

I should also note that the Governor proposes to flat fund our institutions of higher education. And we all know what flat funding really means; it is an effective cut. Funding for higher education still remains lower than 10 years ago. A strong workforce of tomorrow needs educated students of today. Increasing access to high-quality postsecondary education is key to Pennsylvania rebuilding its economy, and student postgraduation debt load remains as one of the highest in the nation.

The Governor's Budget Secretary claims all ideas are on the table when it comes to balancing the budget, but the administration continues to take things off the table. Democrats in both chambers have ideas, plenty of ideas, but they are not even offered a seat at the table. House Democrats have identified ample sources, ample sources to address the structural deficit and to begin to responsibly restore the cuts of the past, without resorting to one-time funding gimmicks.

All of these should sound familiar to you. Democrats have been talking about them for years.

First, let us hold off on some of the business tax breaks until we can afford them. Let us roll back the capital stock and franchise tax break to the rate it was when Governor Corbett took office – which, by the way, would still be incredibly low.

Second, let us end Pennsylvania's distinction of being the only State in the country that does not tax roll-your-own cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, and one of only two States that does not tax cigars.

Third, let us finally enact a reasonable severance tax on natural gas drilling, rather than reversing the moratorium on the leasing of additional State parks and forest lands for drilling as the Governor is proposing. We can keep the local impact fee in place and still have a reasonable and competitive rate.

Fourth, let us truly close the Delaware business tax loophole by enacting combined reporting and let us limit the sales tax

vendor discount. Big businesses should no longer be able to keep 1 percent of the State's sales taxes they collect.

Fifth, let us invest in our State assets, the liquor and lottery systems, to enhance their ability to generate profits, and once and for all abandon any plans to outsource them. We need to stop trying to fix problems that do not exist.

And finally, let us stop the political games and opt in to Medicaid expansion. Twenty-six other States, including all surrounding States, have opted in. Here in Pennsylvania the Governor is dragging his feet as 500,000 of our residents are left out in the cold without access to affordable care. We are missing out on Federal dollars, more than \$7 million per day since January 1 that we are losing because this Governor will not opt in to Medicaid expansion like all the other Governors have done. We are missing out on real and immediate budget savings from expanding Medicaid as intended under the Federal law, unlike the questionable savings the Governor is banking on in the budget from his Healthy PA proposal.

We are missing out on creating 40,000 family-sustaining jobs in the health-care sector. Forty thousand jobs, that is nearly half the total jobs created since the Governor took office. We are missing out on the economic activity from the infusion of the Federal dollars into our economy. And the Governor knows, and I think all of us in this chamber know, that the Healthy PA plan stands no real chance of being approved by the Federal government. Let us end this charade and opt in to Medicaid expansion.

My impression of the budget presented to us today is that it is a desperate attempt by the Governor to balance the budget by resorting to one-time funding gimmicks to pay for election year increases. We can and should do better.

I look forward to digging deeper into the budget over the next few weeks as the Appropriations Committee conducts budget hearings. I look forward to working with Chairman Adolph, my good friend, and the committee members of both parties and all of you to enact a budget that begins to restore the devastating budget cuts of the past 3 years; that invests in basic and higher education; that supports the health and wellbeing of low-income adults, seniors, and children; that provides agencies with necessary resources; that protects our environment; that fosters job growth; and that improves our overall tax climate and fairness.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the time offered for me here today to speak on behalf of the Democratic members of the Democratic Caucus. I appreciate your help. I look forward to working with my friend, the chairman, as we move forward with the budget hearings. We will ask the tough questions, and we look forward to working with you and being invited to have our say with the budget. Thank you very much.

#### STATEMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

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

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard the Governor's speech, and in the days and weeks to come we will take a much closer look at the numbers he attached to some of his ideas. But one feeling I got while listening was that the Governor is desperately trying to make up for lost time.

In the last year of his 4-year term, he sees 3 years of missed opportunities in the rearview mirror. While other States are recovering much more quickly from the Great Recession, here in Pennsylvania our economic comeback is stalled. We do not have nearly as many new jobs as most other States in the country, we are still ranked 47th in job creation, and the long-term unemployed are losing benefits.

While most other States have growing revenue surpluses and are deciding what to do with that money, Pennsylvania is still struggling with a large revenue shortfall. And in every State around us, people who used to be uninsured are now covered under the expanded Medicaid program. Billions of dollars of Federal money are streaming into those States. Much of that money is coming from Pennsylvania taxpayers. Yet here in Pennsylvania, we are still waiting for the Governor to submit a final Medicaid plan for approval.

This is the fourth budget that Governor Corbett has proposed, that he has brought to us. There are some things we like that we heard today. An increase in special education funding is something we have been asking for for 3 years. More money for pre-K programs will help young children in their formative years. A commitment to get more people with intellectual disabilities off waiting lists is a good sign. We will take a close look at the Ready to Succeed scholarship program. Another good sign is the appearance, at least for now, that the Corbett administration has backed away from an unwise plan to outsource the management of the Pennsylvania Lottery. But as we saw in the last three budgets, this budget falls way short in some very important ways.

While the Governor proposes a new block grant program for education, the flat funding of the basic education subsidy does not undo the damage done by the education cuts of his prior budgets. One new program does not undo 3 years of concentrated disinvestment in education.

And once again, Governor Corbett has no plan to do anything about property taxes. But this administration's reductions in school funding led directly to property tax increases in the great majority of Pennsylvania's 500 school districts. Tom Corbett's cuts mean we all pay higher property taxes.

Other than PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) scholarships, university and community college funding is kept flat. Mr. Speaker, the Governor is locking in the deep cuts to higher education that he made in his first budget; that is not a way to help Pennsylvania get stronger.

He wants to lease more State land for gas drilling, but he refuses to consider a fair severance tax on the companies that are drilling under that land.

There is more money for prisons in this budget and for the State Police. Public safety is an obligation we must meet. But there is no new money for the Attorney General's Office or the State's court system, which has been struggling for a decade with inadequate funding.

Mr. Speaker, there are many other areas to talk about, and we will do that during the coming weeks of budget hearings and deliberations by this full House. But we think this plan falls far short because the administration, because you are not willing to consider some basic steps which some other States already do. Our State is not moving forward the way that other States are, and if we do not move forward, we will fall further behind.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when Pennsylvania's people are still hurting and they need help, there is not much help in this budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

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

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

Jobs, 140,000 new jobs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, when at its peak, prior to this administration, unemployment in our State was at 9.2 percent and it has been lowered to 6.9 percent, a 5-year low. Jobs. We made a significant difference in the private-sector job creation in this State. Refineries in Philadelphia were saved, 2200 direct jobs, 15,000 ancillary jobs, because of the work that this administration and colleagues on both sides of the aisle brought to save those refineries.

And we did do business tax reform in closing the Delaware loophole, but we also made commonsense changes that other States have done for years. Changes to the net operating loss, going to single sales – they are technical in nature but they matter to real employers and to real employees with family-sustaining jobs.

In our Pittsburgh area, United States Steel did a \$500 million expansion, and Hershey, here in the midstate, did an over \$300 million expansion – both attributable to the business tax reform that we worked on with members from both sides of the aisle.

And with respect to energy consumption, natural gas, a cleaner fossil fuel, we are developing it here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with the strictest regulations across this country but at the same time in a balanced manner. And those lower energy costs, they matter to consumers, people at their homes when they cook, when they use their hot water, when they use the dryer, but it also matters to manufacturers. And so a place like Procter & Gamble decides to stay in northeastern Pennsylvania and expand because we have been proactive in our energy policy and not reactive.

Jobs. A family-sustaining job is what most and each and every citizen wants to take care of their families and to contribute to their communities. If you have good job climate, you will have good schools and good communities.

Education. I applaud the Governor and I applaud the bipartisan work on education in this chamber. Every year since the Governor has taken office, we have increased State dollars for public education for K through 12. It went from the last year under Governor Rendell at \$8.89 billion up to \$9.3 billion in the first term of Governor Corbett, then to \$9.7 billion, then to \$9.9 billion, and in this proposed budget exceeds \$10 billion – \$10 billion in public education K through 12.

But keep in mind we have been focused on the kids. So we have been trying to get more out of every tax dollar that is spent. We are fiscal stewards. We are responsible to those citizens.

And on two fronts, I think that the Governor made an important point. The accountability block grants, which have real requirements of our schools to hit performance goals, were started under the Speaker, and it is expanded this year to

\$341 million and I think that is a step in the right direction in making sure that those taxpayer dollars are well spent in terms of our educational system.

And keep in mind, we think that all kids deserve a chance, and that means strong public schools but it also means that it is not one size fits all. And so in a bipartisan manner, this chamber voted to double the educational improvement tax credits and to provide the subset of those dollars to students in school districts where they are not performing, where they are not meeting the mark. Those have been steps in the right direction.

Teacher evaluations, compromises were reached – the goal meaning that we want the best public school teachers to be able to be successful in every school district, no matter what their communities and issues that they deal with. I can tell you as a son of a public school teacher and a brother of a public school teacher, we want them to succeed and to do well because it is about the kids, and we want to make sure that those that need alternatives have those alternatives to reach their full potential.

With respect to health care, I applaud the Governor, I applaud this chamber. I think there is a desirability, a commonsense desirability to find middle ground, and I think Healthy PA hits the mark. The private sector, the private sector has been delivering quality health care in this country and in this State in a very, very effective manner, but it needs to be improved. And the way it is improved is to make use of that private sector so that those who do not have employer-based health care, like the members here do – although we are now contributing to it since we took back the majority – we need to make sure that that option is available. And I am sorry, but I am not convinced, I am not convinced that the private-sector approach, the market-based approach, is not going to be approved as Pennsylvania's approach and I continue to see that the Governor is taking great strides to bring that to fruition. I think Healthy PA makes sense, including commonsense medical malpractice reforms.

And I think that the CHIP program, the CHIP program for our children, which we started, is a crucial component part of making sure that we continue to have a healthy PA for all of our citizens. Under Chairman Micozzie's legislation, who worked with Chairman DeLuca, we saw children have to wait 6 months before their coverage would start and we got rid of that requirement. Children came first. And we want to make sure that the CHIP program remains solvent and steady with respect to any changes that we do moving forward.

I want to also say that it has been in many ways an outstanding session and we have put important pieces of legislation on our counterpart's desk across the Capitol and we have done it with bipartisan support. We hope that they get over the goal line and onto the Governor's desk.

In HB 1189, property tax relief on a local level, that received 149 votes here, bipartisan support, before being sent over to the Senate; and HB 618, where we in fact made sure that we do not overspend on the cyber charters, that that money returns back to our school districts, but at the same time promotes brick-and-mortar charters in those areas that have had students failing, 50 percent of the kids not graduating, that those school choice options are available. And remember, those charter schools, those brick-and-mortar charters are public schools. And the educational improvement tax credit program, which we doubled with bipartisan support, over 140 votes, allows those

children that are going to Catholic schools or Christian schools or other private schools and those that go to public schools to be able to get scholarships if that is where their families think those kids will grow best.

But I want to reiterate this point. In this proposed budget, we are spending over \$10 billion, more than 40 percent of the budget, on public education K through 12, and that is designed to make sure that each and every child in this Commonwealth has an opportunity to become what she or he wants. That is a success story.

So I must say, I think the record has been good and I think there is more to do in terms of private-sector job creation. Jobs, family-sustaining jobs, are at the hallmark of what we have been working together to accomplish in Pennsylvania. Education – commonsense reforms, increased funding while protecting the taxpayers, being good fiscal stewards. It has been a balance, but that is our job, to make those policy balances, and it has been successful and we can do more.

Healthy PA. Many of the bills already passed, including the elimination of the waiting requirement for CHIP. And I think that the call for increased funding like we did last time for those with intellectual disabilities, well over \$1 billion – \$1.3 billion in the budget, \$1.3 billion in the budget, a significant increase to eliminate the waiver. I think it is important because for a fiscal stewardship, we also have to have compassion and we have to meet the needs of those who suffer from those disabilities and can in fact be contributing members of society. It is a balance and it is a positive balance.

I think also with respect to energy policy, we need to finish up our work on chapter 14 under Chairman Godshall in bipartisan, overwhelming bipartisan support. HB 939, which renewed the chapter 14 reforms and HB 1047, which did updates but also improves some protections for low-income citizens, those important reforms sit over in the Senate and they need to get over the goal line like other pieces of legislation to get to the Governor's desk. Just by way of example, the Philadelphia Gas Works, which many thought was going to go bankrupt, went from 84 percent collectability to 96 percent collectability and now has an evaluation of close to \$2 billion.

These changes that we have done to promote jobs, reforms in education, reforms to health care, increased transparency and accountability to this chamber and all branches of government, they are significant successes. We need to build on those.

It is clear that we must do public pension reform. That is true for new hires. We need to honor our deals, our agreements with existing retirees, with existing employees. But with respect to new hires, we need to make sure that there are changes to bring us into the 21st century, just like the private sector has done since the midnineties. Our taxpayers expect nothing less of us.

And with respect to moving into the 21st century, we all know that there have to be significant changes to the liquor reform system and even to the Turnpike Commission, which I know has already made some changes, but we need to do both with those antiquated governmental bodies because it is what the taxpayers are expecting.

Now, I will end on this note. There is one piece of legislation that many of you had the courage in a bipartisan fashion to send over to the Senate and that is to lead by example.

We passed the Speaker's constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 203 to

153 members and a separate bill to reduce the size of the Senate. It is apparent that this is not a body and that we do not have members that are thinking about just themselves; we are a body that is thinking about the citizens of Pennsylvania. And we have been able to make tough policy decisions, but important policy decisions, because I have seen in so many members that we have worked with on the Republican and Democratic side of the aisle to make significant changes. People are not, nor have they been, about returning themselves to office, but about making the important decisions that will best suit generations to come in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Chairman Markosek, Leader Dermody, as always on many pieces of legislation and to the individual members – because it is not hierarchical here; it is about working together – we invite all of you to be part of the budgetary process and we look forward to the hearings that are about to begin and know that we are going to have the fourth budget done on time and responsibly governed, respecting the needs of the citizens of Pennsylvania, but balancing them against the pocketbooks of the taxpayer.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state his inquiry.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I talked with the people at Labor and Industry, and they continue to tell me that there are 10 counties in Pennsylvania that have unemployment well over 10 percent.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. THOMAS. A question—

The SPEAKER. A parliamentary inquiry would be a question of the procedure of the House.

Mr. THOMAS. Yes. Would the Appropriations chairman and/or the majority leader, at whatever point, now or later, kind of clarify for me what I am being told, numbers I see versus the information that they give to us? I need to be clear on what the state of employment is in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Secondly, parliamentary inquiry – and they can help me today or tomorrow – in the last 3 years the State, across the State, attendance is down, academic performance is down—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman is not making a parliamentary inquiry. You are making a speech, and that is not in order.

Mr. THOMAS. I do not want to do a speech. I just want some information. I would like to ask the majority speaker and/or the Appropriations chairman to give me some correct information—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. THOMAS. —so that I do not run around with bad information.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

Certainly you are entitled to speak with the other members, but I do not think the comments were of a parliamentary inquiry.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Do I conclude that my questions are not parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. Correct.

Mr. THOMAS. And therefore I should sit down. Is that what you are telling me?

The SPEAKER. No. I said maybe you should walk down and talk to the majority leader or the Appropriations chairman. Maybe they can help give you those answers.

We will come back to the caucus chairman.

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. MICOZZIE. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the call of the recess, there will be a Transportation Committee meeting in the Ryan Building in room 205, 205. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

At the call of the recess, there will be a Transportation Committee meeting in the Ryan Building in room 205.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 1:30. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 1:30. We would be prepared to come back on the floor at 2:30. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### 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 also caucus at 1:30. Democrats will caucus at 1:30. Thank you.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until 2:30, 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 TABLED

**HB 1646, PN 2269**

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act designating the section of Pennsylvania Route 232 in Bryn Athyn, Montgomery County, as the SPC Tristan C. Smith Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 1929, PN 2838**

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 6 at Segment 0730 Offset 1125 over the Marvin Creek, Smethport Borough, McKean County, as the Bucktail Regiment Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 1971, PN 2989** (Amended)

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act designating a portion of State Route 30 in Philadelphia County as the Betty Ann Townes Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 1972, PN 2990** (Amended)

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act designating a bridge in Greene County as the Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Rouse Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

### BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**HB 1913, PN 2803**

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, providing for snowmobile trails.

Reported from Committee on TRANSPORTATION with request that it be rereferred to Committee on TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the bill will be so rereferred.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker turns to leaves of absence. The majority whip indicates there are no requests for leave of absence.

The minority whip requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. GAINNEY, from Allegheny County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

### 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—201

Adolph	English	Knowles	Petri
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pickett
Baker	Evans	Kotik	Pyle
Barbin	Everett	Krieger	Quinn
Barrar	Fabrizio	Kula	Rapp
Benninghoff	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl

Bishop	Farry	Longietti	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Fee	Lucas	Reed
Bloom	Fleck	Mackenzie	Reese
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Regan
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roae
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Major	Rock
Bradford	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Brooks	Gergely	Marshall	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Brownlee	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Burns	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGeehan	Sankey
Carroll	Goodman	McGinnis	Santarsiero
Causser	Greiner	McNeill	Saylor
Christiana	Grell	Mentzer	Scavello
Clay	Grove	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Clymer	Hackett	Metzgar	Schreiber
Cohen	Haggerty	Miccarelli	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	Hickernell	Mustio	Tobash
Dean	James	Neilson	Toepel
Deasy	Kampf	Neuman	Toohil
DeLissio	Kauffman	O'Brien	Truitt
Delozier	Kavulich	O'Neill	Turzai
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Painter	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, W.	Parker	Waters
DiGirolo	Killion	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Kim	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kinsey	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kirkland	Petrarca	Youngblood
Emrick			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Gainey

LEAVES ADDED—2

Sims Wheatley

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

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. READSHAW called up HR 606, PN 2882, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 1, 2014, as "Saint David's Day" to be observed throughout this Commonwealth.

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Mr. READSHAW called up HR 608, PN 2884, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 10 through 16, 2014, as "Random Acts of Kindness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. WHEATLEY called up HR 609, PN 2885, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 7, 2014, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up HR 610, PN 2886, entitled:

A Resolution observing February 12, 2014, as the 205th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States.

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Mr. GOODMAN called up HR 622, PN 2924, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating February 16, 2014, as "Lithuanian Independence Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ROCK called up HR 628, PN 2945, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 15, 2014, as "Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Adolph	English	Knowles	Petri
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pickett
Baker	Evans	Kotik	Pyle
Barbin	Everett	Krieger	Quinn
Barrar	Fabrizio	Kula	Rapp
Benninghoff	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farry	Longietti	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Fee	Lucas	Reed
Bloom	Fleck	Mackenzie	Reese
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Regan
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roae
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Major	Rock
Bradford	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Brooks	Gergely	Marshall	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Brownlee	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Burns	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Godshall	McGeehan	Sankey
Carroll	Goodman	McGinnis	Santarsiero
Causser	Greiner	McNeill	Saylor
Christiana	Grell	Mentzer	Scavello
Clay	Grove	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Clymer	Hackett	Metzgar	Schreiber
Cohen	Haggerty	Miccarelli	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	Hickernell	Mustio	Tobash
Dean	James	Neilson	Toepel
Deasy	Kampf	Neuman	Toohil
DeLissio	Kauffman	O'Brien	Truitt
Delozier	Kavulich	O'Neill	Turzai
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Painter	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, W.	Parker	Waters
DiGirolamo	Killion	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Kim	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kinsey	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kirkland	Petrarca	Youngblood
Emrick			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Gainey

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

**UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 632, PN 2966**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 7 through 14, 2014, as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. HARHART called up **HR 633, PN 2970**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 7, 2014, as "National Wear Red Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CLYMER called up **HR 634, PN 2963**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 3, 2014, as "Four Chaplains Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ENGLISH called up **HR 636, PN 2972**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 5, 2014, as "SADD Shines Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MACKENZIE called up **HR 642, PN 2964**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2014 as "Greek-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the constructive role Greek Americans continue to play in the economic and cultural development of our nation and this Commonwealth.

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Mr. ENGLISH called up **HR 643, PN 2977**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 2014 as "Hockey Is For Everyone Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 644, PN 2965**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2014 as "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. M. KELLER called up **HR 645, PN 2978**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 16 through 22, 2014, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

**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 gentleman, Mr. SIMS, from Philadelphia County, and the gentleman, Mr. WHEATLEY, from Allegheny County. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35  
CONTINUED**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petrarca
Aument	English	Knowles	Petri
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pickett
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Pyle
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Quinn
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Kula	Rapp
Bishop	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Readshaw
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Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Regan
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roae
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Rock
Briggs	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck

Brooks	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Brown, R.	Gergely	Marshall	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sabatina
Brownlee	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Carroll	Godshall	McGeehan	Sankey
Causer	Goodman	McGinnis	Santarsiero
Christiana	Greiner	McNeill	Saylor
Clay	Grell	Mentzer	Scavello
Clymer	Grove	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Cohen	Hackett	Metzgar	Schreiber
Conklin	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Micozzie	Smith
Costa, D.	Haluska	Millard	Snyder
Costa, P.	Hanna	Miller, D.	Sonney
Cox	Harhai	Miller, R.	Stephens
Cruz	Harhart	Milne	Stern
Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Stevenson
Cutler	Harper	Miranda	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Moul	Tallman
Davidson	Heffley	Mullery	Taylor
Davis	Helm	Mundy	Thomas
Day	Hennessey	Murt	Tobash
Dean	Hickernell	Mustio	Toepel
Deasy	James	Neilson	Toohil
DeLissio	Kampf	Neuman	Truitt
DeLozier	Kauffman	O'Brien	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	O'Neill	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Painter	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Parker	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Pashinski	White
Dunbar	Kim	Payne	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Peifer	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

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

**STATEMENT BY MR. CLYMER**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Clymer, under unanimous consent relative to one of the resolutions just adopted.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, after I finish my remarks, certainly if any members want to also make commentary, they are more than welcome to do so.

It was 71 years ago on February 3, 1943, a German U-boat torpedoed the troop ship *Dorchester* carrying over 900 soldiers, sailors, and crew. Four chaplains were also on the *Dorchester* – a Methodist preacher, a Church of the Brethren, a Catholic priest, and a Jewish rabbi. These four men of the cloth provided an immeasurable service in ministering to those in panic, those wounded, and those dying.

As the *Dorchester* was sinking, the four chaplains gave up their life jackets so that others could survive. As the end was near, an eyewitness indicated the four chaplains embraced each other, praying and singing praises to God as they slipped beneath the cold waters of the Atlantic.

In 1943 Nazi Germany was terrorizing Europe. Millions in prisons and millions killed. These four chaplains made the supreme sacrifice so that America would not fall victim to these destructive forces of evil. So here we are, 71 years later, to reverence the memories of these four brave chaplains.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that "We the People" will never forget the example of these four men and that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – these inalienable rights given to us by our creator – will never be diminished or blotted out. Defending these priceless freedoms is the least we can do to honor these courageous chaplains and all our fellow Americans who have defended this exceptional nation, this nation called America.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

**STATEMENT BY MR. KELLER**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Perry County, Mr. Mark Keller, under unanimous consent relative to one of the resolutions just adopted.

Mr. M. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to take the opportunity to thank the members for the unanimous vote on HR 645 designating the week of February 16 through 22 of this year as "FFA Week."

As you all see throughout your districts those young individuals wearing those blue jackets, it is very important that we acknowledge them because, to be honest with you, that is our future, and it is very nice to see us supporting this resolution for FFA Week.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

**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.

We just voted in favor of designating February 7 through 14 as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Congenital heart disease is considered to be the most common birth defect and is the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths worldwide, affecting 40,000 babies each year in the United States alone.

Despite the fact that CHD affects approximately 1.8 million families in the United States, a relatively small amount of funding is currently available for parent-patient education services. CHD is serious and requires surgery and/or medications which often present an emotional and financial hardship for families.

My hope is by voting this resolution, which we just did, we are going to bring more awareness across the State for those families who have a child who suffers from CHD. Thank you for your unanimous support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

**STATEMENT BY MRS. HARHART**

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

Mrs. HARHART. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also want to thank everybody for their unanimous vote on my HR 633.

I am pleased to be the sponsor of HR 633 declaring February 7 as "National Wear Red Day" in Pennsylvania. The intent of the resolution is to raise women's awareness of cardiovascular disease by wearing the color red on February 7.

Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death in women. "Go Red for Women" is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease and to inspire women to take charge of their own heart health. The American Heart Association is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the national wear red women day this year. I am happy to partner with them by encouraging all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

**CALENDAR****BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1874, PN 2935**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for counseling of sexually violent predators.

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 1985, PN 2936**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of sex offenders, further providing for legislative findings and declaration of policy, for definitions, for applicability, for sexual offenses and tier system, for period of registration and for assessments.

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 1945, PN 2939**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands and buildings situate partly in the City of Harrisburg and partly in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County.

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 1246, PN 1588**, entitled:

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

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 1415, PN 1843**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Share the Road plate.

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 1831, PN 2644**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 15 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, Carroll Township, York County, as the Glenn Bowers Memorial Bridge.

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 1921, PN 2817**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of 17th Street over State Route 56 in Windber Borough, Somerset County, as the Trooper Joseph Sepp Memorial Bridge.

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

Mr. **BURNS** offered the following amendment No. **A05701**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "began his service to" and inserting

enlisted with

Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by striking out ", following his graduation" and inserting

. He later graduated

Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by striking out "immediately" and inserting

in 60 days

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Cambria County, Mr. Burns.

Mr. BURNS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to, technical amendment. It simply changes the effective date from immediately to 60 days. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Gainey                      Sims                      Wheatley

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1938, PN 2937**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of 17th Street over the 10th Avenue Expressway, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Blair County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

Mr. **McGINNIS** offered the following amendment  
No. **A05425**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "Street" and inserting Avenue

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "Street" where it occurs the second time and inserting Avenue

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by striking out "Street" and inserting Avenue

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Blair County, Mr. McGinnis.

Mr. McGINNIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment is simply technical in nature to make specific the bridge that is being named.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

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

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

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1939**, **PN 2850**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 74 over 31st Street, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Alvin E. Morrison Memorial Bridge.

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 1097**, **PN 1367**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 4007 in the Borough of Indiana, Indiana County, as the James Nance Memorial Highway.

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

**REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Stephens, is recognized under unanimous consent.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just have some remarks to submit for the record.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman. Deliver them to the clerk and they will be noted in the record.

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

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

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

Whereas, Brady Gallagher earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Brady is a member of Troop 547.

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

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

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

Whereas, Taylor Lauer earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Taylor is a member of Troop 3.

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

**BILLS RECOMMITTED**

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

HB 1246;  
HB 1415;  
HB 1831;  
HB 1874;  
HB 1921;  
HB 1938;  
HB 1939;  
HB 1945;  
HB 1985; and  
SB 1097.

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

**BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 84 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER. Seeing no further business before the House, the Speaker recognizes the lady, Ms. Molchany, from Allegheny County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February, 5, 2014, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:56 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.