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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER. Today the prayer will be offered by Father Alex Goussetis, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Lancaster, PA.

FATHER ALEX GOUSSETIS, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

The final sentence of the U.S. Declaration of Independence reads as follows: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

My beloved Pennsylvanians, it was 193 years ago that another small but spirited group of people sought the same freedom and integrity outlined in the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Bishop Germanos and other Greek patriots on March 25, 1821, blessed a Greek flag at the Monastery of Agia Lavra and proclaimed the national uprising against the Ottoman Empire. Following 400 years of oppression, the Greek people pursued self-determination and autonomy.

Holy God, since You are the true source of liberty and free will, we give thanks on this day to our American ancestors who bravely documented their thirst for freedom, and we offer gratitude to our Greek compatriots of 1821 who refused to live in fear and captivity.

As proud Greek-Americans on this day of celebration and independence, we rejoice in recalling the words of the prophet Isaiah:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the afflicted;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the eyes to those who are bound. 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, March 31, 2014, will be postponed until printed.

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

**HB 1973, PN 3284** (Amended) By Rep. CLYMER

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

EDUCATION.

**HB 2013, PN 2997** By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school directors, further providing for filling of vacancies.

EDUCATION.

**HB 2106, PN 3175** By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending the act of June 27, 1991 (P.L.70, No.10), entitled "An act requiring the superintendent of every public school district to make available, upon request, lists of graduating seniors to armed forces recruiters; and providing a penalty for the misuse of any such lists," further providing for title and for legislative intent; providing for short title and for definitions; and further providing for list of seniors to be compiled, for optional compliance by nonpublic schools and for reimbursement of costs.

EDUCATION.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HR 637, PN 2973** By Rep. CLYMER

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

EDUCATION.

## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2138** By Representatives O'NEILL, CLYMER, ROEBUCK, PEIFER, STURLA, LONGIETTI, BARRAR, BOBACK, R. BROWN, CARROLL, COHEN, DAVIS, DeLUCA, EVERETT, FRANKEL, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, W. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MILNE, MURT, O'BRIEN, QUINN, READSHAW, SAYLOR, SWANGER, THOMAS, TOOHIL, TURZAI and WATSON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in approved institutions; in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for special education payments to school districts and for extraordinary special education program expenses.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 2014.

**No. 2139** By Representatives MARSHALL, SACCONI, MURT, MUSTIO, STERN, SCHLOSSBERG, MATZIE, BIZZARRO, MILLARD, COX, GAINEY, HAGGERTY, KAVULICH, GODSHALL, KOTIK, KORTZ, YOUNGBLOOD, JAMES, READSHAW, GOODMAN, TOEPEL, MOLCHANY, CLYMER, GINGRICH, BENNINGHOFF, COHEN, SWANGER, NEUMAN, MCNEILL, ROCK, CUTLER, EVERETT, WATSON and FLECK

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in uniform military and overseas voters, further providing for definitions, for duties and responsibilities of secretary and for methods of applying for military-overseas ballot.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 2014.

## SENATE MESSAGE

### HOUSE BILL CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 89, PN 744**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

## SENATE MESSAGE

### RECESS RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

In the Senate,  
March 31, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the

Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 7, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 7, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

## BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

### HB 89, PN 744

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for DARE plate and for payments to special funds.

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

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker turns to leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. REGAN, from York County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

The Speaker recognizes the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. MIRANDA, from Philadelphia 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. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

### PRESENT—201

Adolph	English	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	Evankovich	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evans	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Everett	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Fabrizio	Krieger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Farina	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farry	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Fee	Longietti	Reed
Bloom	Fleck	Lucas	Reese
Boback	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roae
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Maher	Rock
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bradford	Gabler	Major	Ross
Briggs	Gainey	Maloney	Rozzi

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

## ADDITIONS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—2

Miranda Regan

## LEAVES ADDED—1

Gergely

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

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. If I could have the members' attention, I would like to introduce some of the guests that are with us today. I would appreciate the attention of the members. Kindly take your seats. Clear the aisles, please. I would appreciate the courtesy of the members. Thank you.

Located up here on the rostrum, I am pleased to welcome a guest from my legislative district, Braden Neal. He is a student at Punxsutawney High School. He is shadowing me for the day. His mother, Michele, who is the director of the Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce, is seated to our left. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also, to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome Jim Van Horn, who is here today as a guest of Representative Kampf. Will our guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome the president of Waynesburg University, Doug Lee, and his wife, Kathy. Also to the left are students and administrators from the university. They are Molly Winters, Parker Kantos, Nika Anschuetz, and Heidi Szuminsky, and they are guests of Representative Snyder. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

In the rear of the House, we would like to welcome guests of Representative Turzai. It is a group of students and administrators from the Community College of Allegheny County. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Additionally in the rear of the House, we would like to welcome Dr. Bettie Ann Brigham, vice president for student development at Eastern University, and along with her is a group of students from the university. They are guests of Representative Adolph and Representative Kinsey, who is also an alum of Eastern University. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

We also welcome students and faculty from the Bucks County Community College, guests of Representative Farry and the Bucks County delegation; seated in the rear of the House. Will our guests please rise.

And we would like to welcome Jim McFalls, Dale Beck, Pam Schuessler, and Mike Gregoire of KenCrest Services. They are here today as guests of Representative Kinsey. They are also in the rear of the House. Will our guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Additionally in the rear of the House, we would like to welcome Anita Barton, a councilwoman from Conshohocken, and she is here today as a guest of Representative Mary Jo Daley. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House; back the center aisle.

And up in the gallery, we would like to welcome some students from Point Park University, and they are here today as the guests of Representative Costa, Paul Costa, and Representative Matzie. Will our guests please rise. Give us a wave, up in the gallery. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Another group of guests that are with us today – I saved them for last because they always challenge my ability to pronounce names – located to the left of the rostrum, we would like to welcome a group from the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Camp Hill, and they are here in honor of Greek Independence Day. We would like to welcome George Varelas, John Harbilas, Tom Paparoidamis, James Gregorakis, and Giannis Tzanetakis. I got that one really messed up; I apologize. Tommy, of course, we all remember, used to be up at the Tavern on the Hill, and he really gets a kick out of me stumbling over these names. There is a group of additional members of the church seated in the rear of the House, and Representative Grell and I are pleased to welcome this group to the floor of the House. So will all of our guests from the Greek community please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

We also have, up in the gallery, some students from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. They are here today as guests of Representative Brooks. Will our guests please give us a wave. Rise up in the gallery; over here on the right side. Welcome to the hall of the House.

The House will be at ease for a moment or two.

The House will come to order.

Some additional guests located in the gallery, I would like to welcome Trinity Academy of Shenandoah, some students from this school. They are here today as guests of Representative Goodman. Will our guests please rise. Give us a wave, up in the gallery. Welcome to the hall of the House; over on the far right corner.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. READSHAW called up HR 682, PN 3073, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. GODSHALL called up HR 717, PN 3165, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month."

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Mr. WHEATLEY called up HR 722, PN 3185, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2014 as "National Minority Health Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. GRELL called up HR 737, PN 3232, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 25, 2014, as "Greek Independence Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. STURLA called up HR 738, PN 3233, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 4, 2014, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FABRIZIO called up HR 742, PN 3255, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 2014 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MATZIE called up HR 743, PN 3256, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 2014 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. LONGIETTI called up HR 744, PN 3257, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 2, 2014, as "National Start! Walking Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MACKENZIE called up HR 745, PN 3258, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2014 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MAHER called up HR 746, PN 3259, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 1, 2014, as "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Day" and congratulating Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members for their contribution to this Commonwealth and to this Commonwealth's agricultural industry.

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Mrs. SNYDER called up HR 748, PN 3261, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 1, 2014, as "Mitchell Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. WHEATLEY called up HR 749, PN 3262, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 2014 as "National Jazz Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MARKOSEK called up HR 751, PN 3272, entitled:

A Resolution remembering the accident that occurred on March 28, 1979, at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Londonderry Township, Dauphin County.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Table with 4 columns of names: Adolph, Aument, Baker, Barbin, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bishop, Bizzarro, Bloom, Boback, Boyle, B., Boyle, K., Bradford, Briggs, Brooks, Brown, R., English, Evankovich, Evans, Everett, Fabrizio, Farina, Farry, Fee, Fleck, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Gabler, Gainey, Galloway, Gergely, Kirkland, Knowles, Kortz, Kotik, Krieger, Kula, Lawrence, Longietti, Lucas, Mackenzie, Maher, Mahoney, Major, Maloney, Markosek, Marshall, Petri, Pickett, Pyle, Quinn, Rapp, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Reed, Reese, Roae, Rock, Roebuck, Ross, Rozzi, Sabatina, Saccone



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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Miranda Regan

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

#### STATEMENT BY MR. GRELL

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

Mr. GRELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for welcoming our honored guests here in commemoration of Greek Independence Day. On March 25, 1821, the people of Greece declared independence from the Ottoman Empire after nearly 400 years of oppressive rule.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman suspend one minute.

I would appreciate if the members would kindly hold their conversations down. If necessary, please take them to the rear of the House. Thank you.

The gentleman, Mr. Grell, may proceed.

Mr. GRELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Following 12 years of intense struggle, the Greek people finally won their freedom. Their hard-fought victory inspired nations around the world during the early 19th century to rise up against tyranny. It is the drive and the determination of those

brave forbears of modern Greece that we celebrate here today with HR 737. We also celebrate the innumerable contributions Greek-Americans have made to the culture and vitality of the United States. Indeed America owes much of its current structure of governance to the ancient Greek city-states, where democracy was born.

As our own nation's Founders studied classic literature and sought to establish a government by and for the people, the writings and philosophies of ancient Greece served as a beacon to light the way. I am very honored to represent a legislative district whose diversity includes a sizable Greek-American constituency. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral is an important partner in the 87th Legislative District, playing a key role in the ministry and outreach to the poorest and least fortunate of our citizens. Sadly for me, the location of the church will be in Representative Delozier's district beginning in December, but the vitality of the Greek constituency will still remain within the heart of my district.

I am pleased that so many of the cathedral's members could join us here today. I would be remiss, however, if I did not take just a moment to note the passing of our dear friend, Stella Jatras, who regularly attended and very much enjoyed this annual celebration of Greek Independence Day.

Thank you to all the guests for coming. And I want to thank the members for your affirmative vote on HR 737, which recognizes "Greek Independence Day" here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

We will go over that for a minute.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. MARKOSEK

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

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members for their affirmative vote of HR 751, which commemorates the 35th anniversary of the incident at Three Mile Island. For those of you that have been here for a while, you know that way back on March 28, 1979, there was an incident – an event, as we called it – at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant. I happened to be, at that time, a young employee of Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Monroeville in Allegheny County. I had never been to Harrisburg prior to that in my life, but yet got called, got a phone call, that you and about 100 of your fellow employees are being sent to a place called Three Mile Island in central Pennsylvania. We need to have the Westinghouse expertise down there to help ameliorate the problem, solve the problem, and install a backup cooling system for the plant that had been stricken.

Let me just say that it was an event in my life that certainly was very profound. I always like to joke that I liked the Harrisburg area so well I ran for the legislature a couple years later. So here I am 35 years later after that event that changed the lives of a lot of people, particularly here in central Pennsylvania. And I think it would be, we would not be really

doing our job if we overlook the first responders from this area who reported to duty that day and in those weeks following that incident who did such an outstanding job. Those responders certainly included the fire companies and EMS (emergency medical services), but also the Pennsylvania National Guard, which was called out really to support all of the many, many workers that were called from all over the United States who had experience and nuclear acumen and expertise in order to solve that problem. You had over 1,000 people that were called in on that small area down there, and they needed to be fed and they needed places to do work, and the National Guard in Pennsylvania was very, very, very cooperative in setting up mess tents and just overall 24-hour support for that effort. And I think here we are 35 years later, when we hear about the accident at Three Mile Island, we sometimes forget the first responders, including the Pennsylvania National Guard, that responded.

I might add that the accident itself, while it was a very serious accident in terms of cost, in terms of lost energy, it was really not all that serious in terms of safety. The amount of radiation that was released was relatively small. It was enough to certainly get everybody's attention, and I think that the reaction of the public at that time was appropriate in evacuating pregnant women and activities such as that, but nevertheless, it is interesting to note that the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island, there were no fatalities and really no casualties from that particular accident. It was an example of a nuclear plant that worked, not one that did not work. All of the backup safety systems kicked in. And while the plant was damaged and there was a great cost and cleanup effort, we can say that the safety aspect of that plant was held and the integrity of that safety was held up and nobody was severely injured, or certainly there were no fatalities from that incident.

So 35 years later, here we are. Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the time to just talk a little bit about that incident. And I thank the members for their support of HR 751. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

#### STATEMENT BY MRS. SNYDER

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

Mrs. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to express my appreciation for the support on HR 748, designating April 1, 2014, as "Mitchell Day" in Pennsylvania. The United Mine Workers has long revered John Mitchell – with good reason, as he was one of its founding members back in 1890 and served as its president for 10 years. However, we all should appreciate this man who worked in the coal mines for the social, cultural, and economic achievements he forged.

One hundred and sixteen years ago, on April 1, 1898, to be precise, John Mitchell helped bring about a national contract in coal-producing States. The contract was a triumph for 8-hour days in the mines, safer working conditions, and fairer wages. But think what that national contract entailed. He brought together immigrants from Eastern Europe, Wales, Asia, and across the globe by establishing meaningful representation.

John Mitchell overcame prejudices and language and ethnic barriers to forge a coal industry that powered us through two World Wars and continues to be a vital resource to this day for the United States. Yes, John Mitchell is a man for the ages; in fact, he deserves two John Mitchell Days in Pennsylvania.

In the hard-coal country of northeastern Pennsylvania, John Mitchell is celebrated also on October 29. It was on that date in 1902 that he negotiated an end to the Great Anthracite Coal Strike, an event which required the intervention of President Theodore Roosevelt. The John Mitchell Monument is located in Courthouse Square in Scranton. Just a few miles away is the Anthracite Heritage Museum. John Mitchell's skills and leadership in labor management and conflict resolution are legendary and deserve to be remembered with a day – or two – in Pennsylvania.

As we go about our business today, I hope all of us can take a moment to remember this giant in Pennsylvania history. John Mitchell did some heavy lifting to bring Pennsylvania not only into the 20th century, but also the 21st.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and happy Mitchell Day, Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. MATZIE

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

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the members for their vote for Limb Loss Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. You know, almost 2 million Americans of all ages, races, and genders have had amputations, with an average of 500 Americans losing a limb daily. Limb loss can result from many factors including vascular deficiencies, bone malignancies, congenital defects, or as the result of an accident. And it is important, in my judgment, that we note that the Amputee Coalition of America states that Limb Loss Awareness Month is really an opportunity for us to raise public awareness about individuals living with limb loss/difference and to prevent limb loss.

You know, as a young man I always knew an amputee, and that was my Uncle Skinny. My Uncle Frank lost his leg at an early age, in his early twenties, and growing up in the homestead, he was there every day as my dad's older brother, and we watched as my Uncle Frank moved about on a daily basis with that very heavy wooden leg.

Fortunately, if there is one good bright side out of what is happening with our war efforts, it is the technology with prosthetics has greatly, greatly gotten better, and they are much lighter, especially for the upper limb differences. And in the amputee community, we oftentimes call it limb difference, because we would rather call it a limb difference rather than a limb disability.

Yesterday before I left for Harrisburg, I asked my 12-year-old daughter, my inspiration, the love of my life, I said, "Claire, do you mind if I talk about you on the floor?" She said, "No, Dad. That's fine. What's the story?" And I explained it to her. She said, "Absolutely." You see, when our daughter – we had our first sonogram when my wife was pregnant, a limb difference was noticed; there was a defect, and we knew that

and kept that from the rest of our family and friends while my wife carried our daughter to full pregnancy.

My daughter has a limb difference. She has no right hand, so she is a lefty. She has had three prosthetics, but at this point at 12 it gets in her way. About 3 years ago she said, "Dad, I don't want to wear it anymore." And I always knew, always knew that that day would come because she knew no other way. It was getting in her way, but the technology with the prosthetics, from her first prosthetic as an infant to her third prosthetic as a young adolescent, the technology had gotten so much better. It went from being a very heavy piece of equipment to a very light piece of equipment. They get better on a daily basis. So I felt it was important to share that story, because she is my inspiration.

And oftentimes folks who get noticed for having an amputation are those who have it via trauma, whether a war-related incident or in the case of the poster that is in my daughter's room of Bethany Hamilton, who in 2003 lost her arm in a surfing accident. She is an inspiration to my daughter to see her and how she has grown into a young woman, and that is someone that she points to.

So I as a policymaker decided that it was important that we here in the House recognize those with limb losses and limb differences. I wear a rubber band around my wrist that says, LIMBSTRONG, L-I-M-B, and that reminds me all the time of my little baby, Claire.

So I thank you for your indulgence, and I thank the members for their affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

## CALENDAR

### RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MICCARELLI called up **HR 725, PN 3201**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life of Bill Guarnere for service to his country and for his heroism during World War II.

The SPEAKER. I appreciate, given the nature of this resolution, if the members would kindly take their seats and please clear the aisles. Thank you.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Bill Keller.

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

And I thank Representative Miccarelli for allowing me to say a few words about my friend, Bill Guarnere.

For the next few minutes you will hear me say a lot about Bill and Babe. Bill Guarnere and Babe Heffron were friends for life, a friendship forged in combat on the major battlefields of World War II when they were 18 and 19 years old, a friendship that lasted 70 years.

I knew Babe from working on the waterfront with him in Philadelphia for many years, and it was just the thing in south Philadelphia. If you knew Babe, you knew Bill, and if you knew Bill, you knew Babe. They were always together.

There is a whole generation of grade-school students in south Philadelphia who knew Bill. They knew Bill from Bill visiting the schools, a whole generation of young kids that he taught and talked about the Second World War. He thought it was important that they saw it from him firsthand. And you could always tell when Bill visited because you could hear the kids saying, "We had a visit today from a guy with one leg." So you knew Bill was in the school that day, because he had lost his leg at Bastogne running to help another Pennsylvanian, Joe Toye, in the battle. They were caught in artillery fire, and Bill left the safety of a foxhole, a fighting hole, to go help his friend who had his leg blown off.

And just to tell you what kind of guy Bill was – you could see it in the movie – they were taking Bill away. So they said, "Take Bill away first. He is more injured and come back and get Toye." So they picked Bill up and they were walking him off on the stretcher, and he turned to Toye and he said, "I told you I'd get home before you." That is the kind of guy Bill Guarnere was. It was really amazing.

So I would like to give you, just real quickly, I will give you an idea of what kind of character these two guys were. They were really, really characters. And you know, in south Philadelphia, messing with people is like an art form, and these two guys, they were Ph.Ds. in messing with people. For example, a number of years ago the chamber was having their big dinner, and they had Gen. Colin Powell as the speaker. It was one of the best speeches I had ever seen, personally, but Gene Barr asked me, he said, "Could you get Bill and Babe to come up and, you know, meet General Powell and be our guest?" I said, "Sure. We'll go. I'll talk to him and they'll come up." So they go to a cocktail reception with General Powell – General Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Ambassador to the United Nations, Secretary of State. Now, Bill is 6 feet 2 and Babe at 5 feet 3, and these guys were really friends. They go to General Powell and they salute him, and the general says, "No, gentlemen. I salute you for your service." He made a mistake. So now they are going to start. Bill says, "General, you know, when we were in combat, we never saw a general. There were no generals around." Well, the reason being, they were on the front lines. It was them, and 200 yards away was the whole German Army. So I guess the generals did not go anywhere near that. So General Powell said to both of them, he said, "Well, I'm here now. Is there anything I can do for you? Bill said, "Yeah, general. I have a question." He said, "I always wondered," he said, "is it easier to pick up girls when you're a general?" This is Colin Powell he is talking to. The general said, "No, Bill. I'm sure that you two were much better at that than any general." So Bill turns to Babe and says, "Babe, how about that. After 60 years we finally found a general we agree with." So I could do a dozen stories like that, but I just wanted to give everybody a flavor of how these two guys were.

And I will leave you with the last words that Bill said to me. It was in January. We were at Babe's funeral Mass, and Bill, very rarely do you see him, and he was in his wheelchair and his daughter was pushing him. So I go over to him. I said, "Bill, how are you doing? So I lean over and shake his hand. He said, "Billy, I'm going to miss our friend."

I'm going to miss our friend, Bill Guarnere. Thank you very much.

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

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

Mr. MICCARELLI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is an old saying that warns us against meeting our heroes because we may end up disappointed. Well, I had the good fortune to get to know SSgt. Bill Guarnere, and I promise you, Mr. Speaker, I was not disappointed. More appropriately, I would say I was awestruck.

The word "hero" is one of the most overused words in our language, and while SSgt. Bill Guarnere was certainly a hero by any definition, the word that I believe most accurately describes him is the word "example." Webster defines "example" as "a person or" a "way of behaving that is...a model that should be followed."

To the enemies of our nation, he was relentless; to his comrades, he was an unwavering symbol of reliance; and to today's soldiers, he is a legend.

The gentleman from Lancaster County, standing here with me today, Representative Aument, is also a graduate of U.S. Army Airborne School and a combat infantryman, and he is well familiar with the trepidation that we feel during our first jump out of Airborne School, and as jump week approached for my company of soldiers, my anxiety level increased significantly. Aside from repeatedly reading the Bible passage that says, "be not afraid," I turned to an additional text for a little bit of inspiration. When our training days were over, I read Stephen Ambrose's account of the actions of the men of Easy Company, 1st of the 506th, called "Band of Brothers." Ambrose recounts how men like Bill Guarnere were amongst our nation's first paratroopers, when the concept of parachute infantry was in its infancy. Many of us who have completed airborne training have had the comfort of doing so after decades of advances in equipment, training, and safety. The men of Easy Company, the 1st of the 506th, had no such luxury.

Ambrose goes on to discuss the first jump of the 506th into France, prior to the amphibious invasion of Normandy. The paratroopers had about as bad a jump as has been recorded in history. Their comrades' aircraft were being blown from the sky, and prior to their jump, one of his comrades looked at Guarnere and said, "Let's go. They're down there waiting for you." It was after reading this account and after determining that there was no German infantry on the drop zone at Fort Benning, Georgia, that I decided to be a man about it and just jump out of the airplane.

Bill Guarnere's feats during World War II are too numerous to detail, but one in particular is worth noting, and I will reiterate the comments of the gentleman from Philadelphia. During the Battle of the Bulge when Easy Company came under a vicious German artillery barrage, despite the Americans' best attempts to take cover, SSgt. Joe Toye, a fellow Pennsylvanian, was severely wounded. His right leg was blown off. Despite repeated orders to remain in his foxhole, Guarnere decided he was not going to leave his friend, who was alone and bleeding profusely, to die in a frozen European forest. As Guarnere was dragging Toye towards cover, another German shell hit and caused the same wound and the complete loss of Guarnere's right leg. Thankfully, both survived and returned to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, we live in a nation where far too many people take the freedoms we have for granted and forget men like Bill Guarnere, soldiers who have sacrificed so much to provide those freedoms. As Pennsylvanians and as Americans, we should strive to mirror the example set by Bill Guarnere. He put the needs of his nation above his own personal safety. He showed us that there are things in this world that are worth fighting and dying for. SSgt. Bill Guarnere was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge with two combat stars, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with oak leaf clusters, among many other awards.

Mr. Speaker, the actions of SSgt. Bill Guarnere have brought the highest credit to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—201

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



DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood
Emrick			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Miranda            Regan

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

### STATEMENT BY MR. CLYMER

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Clymer, rise?

Mr. CLYMER. Mr. Speaker, personal privilege.

The SPEAKER. How about unanimous consent?

Mr. CLYMER. Unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, on that resolution that we just passed, you were here and many others when Representative Bill Keller invited these members of Easy Company to be here, so we actually met Bill Guarnere and Babe and some of the other members. There must have been about seven or eight members from Easy Company that were here. It was such a wonderful day. What a wonderful privilege for us to interact with such great heroes, and I think it should be noted for the record that Bill Keller, Representative Keller, was instrumental in providing that wonderful patriotic scene. Thank you.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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

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

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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 3 p.m. 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 caucus at 1:30. Democrats will caucus at 1:30.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until 3 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

### RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:15 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

#### HB 1091, PN 3193

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

#### HB 1163, PN 3273

By Rep. ADOLPH

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

#### HB 1498, PN 3274

By Rep. ADOLPH

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

#### HB 2081, PN 3195

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

#### SB 33, PN 1644

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse; and providing for protection from employment discrimination.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

## CALENDAR CONTINUED

### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2074, PN 3218**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Governor's Schools of Excellence; and making an appropriation.

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

### LEAVE 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. GERGELY, from Allegheny County for the remainder of the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

### CONSIDERATION OF HB 2074 CONTINUED

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

Mr. **ROEBUCK** offered the following amendment No. **A06320**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "; and making an appropriation"

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "THAT MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, agricultural sciences, engineering and technology or sciences" and inserting  
determined by the department

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 17 through 22, by striking out "THAT MAY INCLUDE ANY of the" in line 17, all of lines 18 through 21 and "(4) OTHER DISCIPLINES" in line 22

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 22 through 25, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out "7" and inserting  
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On the question,  
Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would remove any reference to the three disciplines designated in the bill for which the department may create Governor's Schools of Excellence, and instead would leave the disciplines to be determined by the department.

By way of context, Mr. Speaker, there were previously nine established Governor's Schools of Excellence. Those were in agricultural sciences, arts, global entrepreneurship and information, health care, international studies, sciences, society and technology, teaching, and urban teaching. This would allow then the department at their discretion as to which of these might be a priority; in fact, even if they were able to reestablish all nine schools. It is to be noted that the Arts Governor's School was the first, which was established with the creation of the bill.

Further, the amendment would also remove the \$350,000 appropriation for the fiscal year 2014-15 from this bill.

I would ask, Mr. Speaker, for the approval of the members of this chamber to this amendment, which I believe is agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank Chairman Roebuck. His amendment makes a good bill even better, and yes, it is an agreed-to amendment. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support the Roebuck amendment. The Governor's Schools of Excellence have been a long-standing tradition in Pennsylvania. For members who are not familiar with the program, this is a summer program for gifted and talented youth of high school age. Historically, the program has offered talented high school students the unique opportunity to spend 5 weeks during the summer on a college campus engaged in hands-on experiences working with leading experts and educators in each of several fields. Over the years, Mr. Speaker, students from the various Governor's Schools of Excellence have been chosen by highly competitive processes with room, board, and instruction-related costs covered by the program at a yearly cost to the State. Unfortunately, the program was discontinued in 2009 in large measure.

Its graduates have gone on to highly successful careers. Nineteen thousand alums actually existed when that program ended. Some of those who filled the ranks – a Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, such as Aaron Kernis; an actor, Kevin Bacon; and best-selling author, Alice Sebold.

Thankfully, there is a move, I think in the grassroots now, to make sure that the Governor's School does in fact come back in some form.

Of interesting note, I happen to have a Governor's Schools of Excellence alumnus working in my district office. My staffer, who was accepted by four Ivy League universities and ultimately enrolled in MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), attended what was then the Governor's School for Information, Society, and Technology, which is sadly one of the programs currently not being provided. My staffer said he especially appreciated how the program helped him to expand his horizons and provided him with the resources and instructors to learn aspects of computer science that he had been interested in but did not have the resources or mentors to learn. He recounts an environment that fostered learning and discovery by placing him with other students who had the same interests. For example, my staffer worked on a Web site that aggregated news feeds from prominent news outlets across the globe, such as CNN, MSNBC, Al Jazeera, and BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) News. For the age group, this was cutting-edge technology. My staffer summed up the experience by saying, "It introduced a group of very young people to

technologies that they would be using not only in college but in the professional workforce."

More high school students need these types of opportunities, Mr. Speaker. I commend Representative Boback for introducing HB 2074, and I ask my colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support to Representative Boback and to Representative Roebuck for his amendment.

I have had an opportunity in Philadelphia, in north Philadelphia, to have some kids that took part in the Governor's Schools of Excellence, and it provided a very quality exposure and became a foundation for many kids to pursue careers in health care, pursue careers in teaching, and pursue careers in science. So it represents a bright light on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Governor's Schools of Excellence.

So I strongly support the Roebuck amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farina	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bloom	Fee	Lucas	Reese
Boback	Fleck	Mackenzie	Roae
Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Rock
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Ross
Briggs	Gabler	Maloney	Rozzi
Brooks	Gainey	Markosek	Sabatina
Brown, R.	Galloway	Marshall	Saccone
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sainato
Brownlee	Gillen	Masser	Samuelson
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McCarter	Santarsiero
Carroll	Godshall	McGeehan	Saylor
Causar	Goodman	McGinnis	Scavello
Christiana	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Clay	Grell	Mentzer	Schreiber
Clymer	Grove	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cohen	Hackett	Metzgar	Sims
Conklin	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Smith
Corbin	Hahn	Micozzie	Snyder
Costa, D.	Haluska	Millard	Sonney
Costa, P.	Hanna	Miller, D.	Stephens
Cox	Harhai	Miller, R.	Stern
Cruz	Harhart	Milne	Stevenson
Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tallman
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Taylor
Davidson	Heffley	Mundy	Thomas
Davis	Helm	Murt	Tobash
Day	Hennessey	Mustio	Toepel
Dean	Hickernell	Neilson	Toohil

Deasy	James	Neuman	Topper
DeLissio	Kampf	O'Brien	Truitt
Delozier	Kauffman	O'Neill	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Oberlander	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Painter	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Gergely                      Miranda                      Regan

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 **SB 267, PN 1858**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for excuses from attending school; and making an editorial change.

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 2063, PN 3088**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **CUTLER** offered the following amendment No. **A05971**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "review" and for electronic public safety and criminal justice information

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 and 11, by striking out "a section" and inserting sections

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 3 and 4

(4) Inquire whether the Department of Education has received notification of pending criminal charges against the applicant.  
 Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting between lines 3 and 4 Section 111.2. Electronic Public Safety and Criminal Justice Information.—(a) Subject to subsection (b), the Department of Education shall obtain and monitor public safety and criminal justice information, including, but not limited to, arrest and disposition information, for all educators from any Statewide electronic database to the extent such public safety and criminal justice information is available to the Department of Education and shall use such information for certification and discipline purposes.

(b) For purposes of this section, "educator" shall mean all of the following:

(1) Any person who holds a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania certificate, commission, letter of eligibility or permit issued under this act or under the act of January 28, 1988 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the "Private Academic Schools Act," or who has applied for a certificate, commission, letter of eligibility or permit.

(2) Any person who is a charter or cyber charter school staff member or who is a contracted educational provider or contracted educational provider staff member as those terms are defined in the act of December 12, 1973 (P.L.397, No.141), known as the "Educator Discipline Act."

(3) Any person over whom the Professional Standards and Practices Commission has disciplinary authority pursuant to the "Educator Discipline Act."

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

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

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Very briefly, this is an agreed-to amendment, and it would require the Department of Education to cross-reference any publicly available databases regarding arrests or criminal convictions.

Unfortunately, we had a local situation where we had someone who was a certified teacher who pled guilty to corruption of a minor and a variety of other inappropriate charges, and that individual was able to hold their teaching certificate for some point of time after she pled guilty because the place where the offense occurred was her church and the church was not technically her employer, and therefore the church was not required to notify PDE of the offenses. This will, hopefully, close that loop and use items that are already publicly available.

And as I mentioned previously, it is an agreed-to amendment, and I would appreciate the members' support. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farina	Lawrence	Readshaw
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Boback	Fleck	Mackenzie	Roae
Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Rock
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Brooks	Gainey	Markosek	Sabatina
Brown, R.	Galloway	Marshall	Saccione
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sainato
Brownlee	Gillen	Masser	Samuelson
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McCarter	Santarsiero
Carroll	Godshall	McGeehan	Saylor
Causer	Goodman	McGinnis	Scavello
Christiana	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Clay	Grell	Mentzer	Schreiber
Clymer	Grove	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cohen	Hackett	Metzgar	Sims
Conklin	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Smith
Corbin	Hahn	Micozzie	Snyder
Costa, D.	Haluska	Millard	Sonney
Costa, P.	Hanna	Miller, D.	Stephens
Cox	Harhai	Miller, R.	Stern
Cruz	Harhart	Milne	Stevenson
Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tallman
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Taylor
Davidson	Heffley	Mundy	Thomas
Davis	Helm	Murt	Tobash
Day	Hennessey	Mustio	Toepel
Dean	Hickernell	Neilson	Toohil
Deasy	James	Neuman	Topper
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Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Waters
DiGirolo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Gergely                      Miranda                      Regan

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 1773, PN 3109**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, further providing for title of act; providing for declaration of fiscal emergencies and receivership in municipalities; authorizing certain taxes; providing for



disincorporation of municipalities and the establishment of unincorporated service districts; establishing the Unincorporated Service District Trust Fund; and making extensive amendments, additions and editorial changes.

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

Mr. ROSS offered the following amendment No. **A06364**:

Amend Bill, page 27, line 25, by inserting after "203(c)" and (g)

Amend Bill, page 27, line 26, by striking out " is" and inserting are

Amend Bill, page 28, by inserting between lines 5 and 6

(g) Appeal.—A determination by the secretary under this [act] section is appealable pursuant to [Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to administrative law and procedure)] 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).

Amend Bill, page 37, line 6, by striking out "15.1" and inserting 16

Amend Bill, page 38, line 8, by striking out "16" and inserting 17

Amend Bill, page 38, lines 26 through 30; page 39, lines 1 through 5, by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 39, lines 6 through 12, by striking out "amended by adding a" in line 6 and all of lines 7 through 12 and inserting repealed:

[Section 253. Termination of status.

(a) Determination by secretary.—Following a duly advertised public hearing with notices given as provided in section 203, the secretary may issue a determination that the conditions which led to the earlier determination of municipal financial distress are no longer present. The determination shall rescind the status of municipal financial distress and shall include a statement of facts as part of the final order.

(b) Determination upon petition by a municipality.—A financially distressed municipality may petition the secretary to make a determination that the conditions which led to the earlier determination of municipal financial distress are no longer present. Upon receiving the petition, the secretary may issue a determination to rescind following a duly advertised public hearing with notices given as provided in section 203.

(c) Factors to consider.—In determining whether the conditions which led to the earlier determination of municipal financial distress are no longer present, the secretary shall consider that:

(1) Monthly reports submitted by the coordinator to the department under section 247(a)(3) indicate that termination of the status of municipal financial distress is appropriate.

(2) Accrued deficits in the municipality have been eliminated.

(3) Obligations issued to finance all or part of the municipality's deficit have been retired.

(4) The municipality has operated, for a period of at least one year, under a positive current operating fund balance or equity, as evidenced by the municipality's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.]

Amend Bill, page 39, line 17, by striking out "Five-year limitation" and inserting

Limitation of status

Amend Bill, page 40, line 2, by striking out "253" and inserting 255.1

Amend Bill, page 40, line 14, by inserting after "rescinded" or has been continued in accordance with section 710.1

Amend Bill, page 40, line 15, by inserting after "a"

final

Amend Bill, page 40, line 16, by inserting after "date" where it occurs the first time

no more than

Amend Bill, page 40, line 17, by inserting after "receivership."

Section 255 shall not apply to a termination of status under this paragraph.

Amend Bill, page 40, line 19, by striking out "In" and inserting

Not later than 180 days after the beginning of

Amend Bill, page 40, line 20, by striking out "(b)" and inserting (b)(1)

Amend Bill, page 40, line 25, by striking out "253." and inserting 255.1. A report containing a recommendation under this paragraph shall address each of the factors set forth in section 255.1(c).

Amend Bill, page 40, lines 28 through 30; page 41, lines 1 through 6, by striking out "as specified in section 261 exist and the" in line 28, all of lines 29 and 30 on page 40 and all of lines 1 through 6 on page 41 and inserting

are such that the secretary should request a determination of a fiscal emergency in accordance with Chapter 6.

Amend Bill, page 41, line 7, by striking out "(5)" and inserting (4)

Amend Bill, page 43, by inserting between lines 5 and 6

Section 255.1. Termination of status.

(a) Public hearing.—Within 30 days of the date for the filing of a final report containing a finding as provided in section 255(a)(1) the secretary shall conduct a public hearing, advertised with notices given as provided in section 203.

(b) Determination.—Within 90 days of the conclusion of the public hearing, the secretary shall issue an administrative determination of whether the termination of status is appropriate and reasons for the determination. The determination shall include findings addressing each of the factors in subsection (c) and shall consider information provided in the report of the coordinator and any additional information received during the public hearing.

(c) Factors to consider.—If the secretary concludes that substantial evidence supports an affirmative determination for each of the following factors, the determination shall be that distressed status will be rescinded. The secretary shall consider whether:

(1) Operational deficits of the municipality have been eliminated and the financial condition of the municipality, as evidenced by audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and projections of future revenues and expenditures, demonstrates a reasonable probability of future balanced budgets absent participation in this act.

(2) Obligations issued to finance the municipality's debt have been retired, reduced or reissued in a manner that has adequately refinanced outstanding principle and interest and has permitted timely debt service and reasonable probability of continued timely debt service absent participation in the act.

(3) The municipality has negotiated and resolved all claims or judgments that would have placed the municipality in imminent jeopardy of financial default.

(4) The reasonably projected revenues of the municipality are sufficient to fund ongoing necessary expenditures, including pension obligations and the continuation or negotiation of collective bargaining agreements and the provision of municipal services. Projections of revenues shall include any anticipated tax or fee increases to fund ongoing expenditures for the first five years after a termination of distressed status.

(d) Appeal.—A labor organization that is a party to a collective bargaining agreement with a financially distressed municipality and any other party withstanding under section 202 may appeal the determination of the secretary pursuant to 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 Subch. A

(relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).

(e) Suspension of subsequent proceedings.—The coordinator and secretary shall not take any action under sections 256 and 257 until a final decision is issued for any appeal under subsection (d) or (f). The duration of distressed status of the municipality shall be extended subject to subsequent action in accordance with section 257.

(f) Action of the secretary preserved.—Except as otherwise provided in chapters 6 and 7, the secretary may, following a duly advertised public hearing with notices given as provided in section 203, at any time issue a determination as provided in this section upon written recommendation of the coordinator setting forth a discussion of each of the factors specified in subsection (c). The determination may be appealed in accordance with subsection (d).

Amend Bill, page 44, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "declare a fiscal emergency and initiate proceedings under Chapter 7" and inserting

make a determination of a fiscal emergency in accordance with Chapter 6

Amend Bill, page 44, lines 24 and 25, by striking out "filing a final report containing a finding as provided in section 255(a)(1)" and inserting

a determination or final decision requiring termination of status as provided in section 255.1

Amend Bill, page 45, lines 2 through 10, by striking out "authorize an" in line 2 and all of lines 3 through 10 and inserting request a determination of a fiscal emergency in accordance with Chapter 6.

Amend Bill, page 45, line 15, by striking out "253" and inserting 255.1

Amend Bill, page 45, lines 16 and 17, by striking out "petition the Governor to initiate proceedings under Chapter 7" and inserting request a determination of a fiscal emergency in accordance with Chapter 6

Amend Bill, page 45, lines 20 through 30, by striking out "upon a written" in line 20 and all of lines 21 through 30 and inserting terminate the distressed status of the municipality.

Amend Bill, page 46, line 2, by inserting after "amended" and the section is amended by adding a subsection

Amend Bill, page 46, line 5, by inserting a bracket before "Authorization.—In"

Amend Bill, page 46, line 6, by inserting after "a"

] General authorization.—A

Amend Bill, page 46, line 9, by inserting after "seq.)"

, if at least one of the following conditions is present

Amend Bill, page 46, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

(a.1) Filing after determination of distress.—The municipality's authorization under subsection (a) shall continue after the issuance of a declaration of distress under section 203, so long as the municipality is not in a state of fiscal emergency pursuant to a declaration under section 602. A municipality that is in a state of fiscal emergency shall not be authorized under subsection (a) to apply to the department to file a municipal debt adjustment.

Amend Bill, page 47, lines 13 through 15, by striking out "COLLECTIVE" in line 13, all of line 14 and "MUNICIPALITIES AND" in line 15

Amend Bill, page 48, line 2, by striking out "service" and inserting services

Amend Bill, page 52, lines 15 through 19, by striking out "that a receiver" in line 15, all of lines 16 through 18 and "emergency" in line 19 and inserting

request a determination of a fiscal emergency in accordance with Chapter 6

Amend Bill, page 52, line 21, by striking out "253" and inserting 255.1

Amend Bill, page 83, line 13, by inserting a bracket before "or" where it occurs the second time

Amend Bill, page 83, line 13, by inserting after "or" where it

occurs the second time

] and

Amend Bill, page 83, line 15, by inserting a bracket before "and" where it occurs the second time

Amend Bill, page 83, line 15, by inserting after "and" where it occurs the second time

] or

Amend Bill, page 83, line 16, by inserting a bracket before "(i)"

Amend Bill, page 83, line 16, by inserting a bracket after "(i)"

Amend Bill, page 83, line 16, by inserting after "implement"

:(i)

Amend Bill, page 83, line 19, by inserting a bracket before "has"

Amend Bill, page 83, line 19, by inserting a bracket after "implement"

Amend Bill, page 86, line 11, by inserting a bracket before the comma after "authority"

Amend Bill, page 86, line 12, by inserting a bracket after "jurisdiction"

Amend Bill, page 88, line 29, by inserting a bracket before the comma after "authority"

Amend Bill, page 88, line 30, by inserting a bracket after "jurisdiction"

Amend Bill, page 90, line 20, by inserting after "agreement"

, provided, however, that the provisions of section 252 shall apply to any consent agreement adopted in accordance with this subchapter

Amend Bill, page 92, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "or as provided in Subchapter C.1 of Chapter 2"

Amend Bill, page 93, lines 12 and 13, by striking out "or as provided in Subchapter C.1 of Chapter 2"

Amend Bill, page 93, line 30; page 94, line 1, by striking out "or a notification by the secretary" in line 30 on page 93 and "as provided in Subchapter C.1 of Chapter 2" in line 1 on page 94

Amend Bill, page 94, lines 19 and 20, by striking out "or Subchapter C.1 of Chapter 2"

Amend Bill, page 97, line 9, by inserting a bracket before the comma after "authority"

Amend Bill, page 97, line 10, by inserting a bracket after "jurisdiction"

Amend Bill, page 98, line 28, by inserting after "plan"

, provided, however, that the provisions of section 252 shall apply to any recovery plan adopted in accordance with this chapter

Amend Bill, page 101, line 20, by inserting a bracket before the comma after "authority"

Amend Bill, page 101, line 21, by inserting a bracket after "jurisdiction"

Amend Bill, page 103, line 27, by striking out "253" and inserting

255.1

Amend Bill, page 104, lines 18 and 19, by striking out "SUBJECT TO FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 2, SUBCHAPTER C.1"

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. ROSS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a negotiated and agreed-to amendment that provides modifications for appeal from determination of distress, the duration of the distress status, conditions warranting declaration of the fiscal emergency, contents and effects of the consent agreement, and clarifications of the provisions in the bill, and I urge a positive vote.

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

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

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the gentleman rise for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Ross, indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may proceed.

Mr. BARBIN. As a result of your amendment, if your amendment is adopted into the bill, could you explain – under section 123, page 12, lines 15 through 17, it says that a "...municipality may apply...for emergency financial aid in the form of a grant or loan...." – is there currently any aid, grant, or a loan in the Act 47 trust fund?

My question is, is there any revenue that will be provided to existing municipalities that are under Act 47 as a result of your amendment? Will they be able to get any additional funds to get out of Act 47?

Mr. ROSS. Currently under Act 47, the municipalities get preferential status on applying for grants and loans, and they also have the access by way of court appeal to some enhanced revenues. We have not changed that or adjusted that in this amendment, or actually, under the underlying bill.

Mr. BARBIN. Will there be any money as a result of this bill for the existing Act 47 municipalities?

Mr. ROSS. This bill is not an appropriations bill, so it does not appropriate any money.

Mr. BARBIN. All right. And additionally, under the terms of the original bill, it indicates that there will be a power on behalf of the municipality to petition a court to increase the tax burden on both residents and nonresidents. Could you explain those provisions under page 12?

Mr. ROSS. We do not change the right that is currently available under Act 47 for a municipality to petition the court. We do not under this particular amendment but under the underlying bill allow alternative taxes, but they must give up the enhanced right under the earned income tax. So the amendment does not adjust that.

Mr. BARBIN. Okay, so just following up on that, you have the right, if you are under Act 47 as a result of the underlying bill, to petition a Court of Common Pleas to raise a tax on both residents and nonresidents?

Mr. ROSS. That is not changed. That is existing law and the amendment does not affect that.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the amendment? Mr. Speaker, may I speak on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The underlying amendment is agreed to through negotiation. The problem with the bill, even with the amendment, is there is no new funding to get any of the current Act 47 municipalities out of Act 47. What it does is it provides a mechanism for people going into Act 47 and limits the time period that you can be in the Act 47 status.

So I am going to be voting in favor of the amendment, but we are still not solving the problem of getting the existing Act 47 municipalities out of Act 47.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—200

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

#### NAYS—0

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—3

Gergely                      Miranda                      Regan

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.)

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. HEFFLEY called up **HR 659, PN 3181**, entitled:

A Resolution establishing the task force on opioid prescription drug proliferation and its impact on heroin use in this Commonwealth; and creating an advisory committee.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. HEFFLEY offered the following amendment No. **A06371**:

Amend Resolution, page 4, line 4, by striking out the semicolon after "ASSOCIATION" and inserting

(24) A representative recommended by the American Cancer Society.

(25) A representative of a national nonprofit with the mission of developing solutions to prescription drug diversion.

(26) A representative of a national nonprofit with the mission to connect, inform and educate those living with pain.

(27) A representative of a health system pharmacy recommended by the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania.

(28) A representative of a recovery support initiative recommended by the Pennsylvania Recovery Organization-Achieving Community Together;

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

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

Mr. HEFFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues for their support of amendment 06371.

This amendment will broaden the scope of the participants on the advisory committee by adding five more representatives from a variety of interest groups, including the American Cancer Society; a representative from a nonprofit with the mission of developing solutions to prescription drug diversion; a representative from a national nonprofit with a mission to connect, inform, and educate those living with pain; a representative appointed by the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania; and a representative recommended by the Pennsylvania Recovery Organization-Achieving Community Together.

I would ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on the amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—200**

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

**NAYS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—3**

Gergely	Miranda	Regan
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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 adopt the resolution as amended?



Mr. **DiGIROLAMO** offered the following amendment  
No. **A06414**:

Amend Resolution, page 4, by inserting between lines 5 and 6  
RESOLVED, That as a first order of business, the Joint State  
Government Commission is directed to recommend guidelines for  
prescribers which shall be submitted within 60 days of the formation of  
the advisory committee; and be it further

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

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

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. It just gives as a first order  
of business, will ask the Joint State Government Commission to  
do the recommendations on the prescribing of opiates, and I ask  
for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farina	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Reed
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Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Rock
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Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tallman
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Taylor
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Davis	Helm	Murt	Tobash
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DeLuca	Kavulich	Oberlander	Vereb

Denlinger	Keller, F.	Painter	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Gergely	Miranda	Regan
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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 recurring,  
Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
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Bloom	Fee	Lucas	Reese
Boback	Fleck	Mackenzie	Roae
Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Rock
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Conklin	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Smith
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Cutler	Harper	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tallman
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Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Waters

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Gergely	Miranda	Regan
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution as amended was adopted.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 33, PN 1644**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse; and providing for protection from employment discrimination.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
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Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Rock
Boyle, K.	Frankel	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Major	Ross
Briggs	Gabler	Maloney	Rozzi
Brooks	Gainey	Markosek	Sabatina
Brown, R.	Galloway	Marshall	Saccone
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marsico	Sainato
Brownlee	Gillen	Masser	Samuelson
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McCarter	Santarsiero

Carroll	Godshall	McGeehan	Saylor
Causer	Goodman	McGinnis	Scavello
Christiana	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Clay	Grell	Mentzer	Schreiber
Clymer	Grove	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cohen	Hackett	Metzgar	Sims
Conklin	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Smith
Corbin	Hahn	Micozzie	Snyder
Costa, D.	Haluska	Millard	Sonney
Costa, P.	Hanna	Miller, D.	Stephens
Cox	Harhai	Miller, R.	Stern
Cruz	Harhart	Milne	Stevenson
Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Sturla
Cutler	Harper	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tallman
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Mullery	Taylor
Davidson	Heffley	Mundy	Thomas
Davis	Helm	Murt	Tobash
Day	Hennessey	Mustio	Toepel
Dean	Hickernell	Neilson	Toohil
Deasy	James	Neuman	Topper
DeLissio	Kampf	O'Brien	Truitt
Delozier	Kauffman	O'Neill	Turzai
DeLuca	Kavulich	Oberlander	Vereb
Denlinger	Keller, F.	Painter	Vitali
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Waters
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Watson
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
Ellis	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1163, PN 3273**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—200

Adolph	Emrick	Kirkland	Petri
Aument	English	Knowles	Pickett
Baker	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Barbin	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barrar	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bishop	Farina	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bloom	Fee	Lucas	Reese
Boback	Fleck	Mackenzie	Roe
Boyle, B.	Flynn	Maher	Rock
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Cutler	Harper	Molchany	Swanger
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Davidson	Heffley	Mundy	Thomas
Davis	Helm	Murt	Tobash
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DeLuca	Kavulich	Oberlander	Verb
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Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	White
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## NAYS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—3

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2081**, **PN 3195**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

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

Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank the committee chairs, Chairman Scavello and Chairman Keller, for their help with this, as well as their staffs.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Pennsylvania Workers' Comp Act to exclude workers who are covered by the Federal Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and the Federal Merchant Marine Act.

Mr. Speaker, it was about a year and a half ago the House Appropriations Committee visited the Philadelphia Shipyard, and during the hearing a subject came up regarding a double payment for workers' compensation, one to the State of Pennsylvania and one to the Federal government. The management of this Aker shipbuilding company, who employs 1200 full-time employees and supports another 7,000 jobs in the Philadelphia area, which generates about \$250 million a year to the regional economy, said that they were paying almost \$1 million more in premiums as a result of this double workers' compensation premium. After extensive research by our staff, as well as Chairman Scavello and Chairman Keller's staffs, we realized that our Pennsylvania companies are under a disadvantage as far as competing for these jobs. This Aker company has delivered 18 large ocean liners, which represents about 50 percent of the United States ongoing commercial fleet production.

Mr. Speaker, by voting for this, you are going to be keeping our Pennsylvania employers competitive, going to bring in jobs for Pennsylvania, and I really appreciate the help that the Labor and Industry Committee has done to move this bill.

I ask each and every one of you to support this bipartisan effort in order to bring jobs to Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

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

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

I just want to thank Chairman Adolph and Chairman Scavello. It is another example if we get together. It is a good bill for Pennsylvania and a good bill for the workers. We talked to management, sat down and talked to labor, and we came to an agreement. So this is, as Chairman Adolph said, this is a good bill, and all the workers agree with it also. Thank you.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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#### NAYS—0

#### NOT VOTING—0

#### EXCUSED—3

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

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

### BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 1773;  
HB 2063;  
HB 2074; and  
SB 267.

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

### BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1772;  
HB 1778;  
HB 1980; and  
HB 2005.

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

The SPEAKER. Seeing no further business, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Clay, from Philadelphia County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the—  
Hold off on that adjournment motion.

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Dauphin County, Mr. Marsico, rise?

Mr. MARSICO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit remarks for the Journal, for the record.

The SPEAKER. Please provide them to the clerk and they will be noted in the record.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Speaker, it seems that every day we read about, hear about, or have a constituent tell us about an incident of bullying of children. This of course is not a new problem. It has probably been around as long as there have been children.

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Several years back the General Assembly recognized the particular problem that bullying in schools presented. We addressed it on the schoolyard, in the classroom, and on the school bus by passing Act 61



in 2008. It requires schools to establish policies and define responses to bullying that occurs in school or in a school setting.

Today, however, young bullies do not need a schoolyard or school bus to confront their victims. Bullying today is just as likely to occur over the Internet or through other electronic means. Today a victim can be tormented with a few keystrokes and a click of the mouse. This not only has made bullying much easier to perpetrate but much more pervasive. Electronic media has emboldened bullies and brought about new ways to cause serious emotional distress to children of all ages.

Mr. Speaker, the Judiciary Committee has held hearings on the problem of bullying during this session. We have heard from children who have been victims, along with child mental health experts and school administrators. They have given our committee a wealth of information about the way bullying occurs and the impact it can have on a child's performance, both in the present and down the road.

We have heard about the efforts schools have made to confront it, as well as the limitations on their authority and ability to do so. It is clear from those hearings that Act 61 has helped immensely to raise awareness in schools and the ability to address it, but there is only so much schools can do since only so much bullying takes place in a school setting today.

We have laws on the books that prohibit harassment, of course, but those laws were written long ago. The hearings we held make clear they are inadequate to address bullying in the electronic age. It is time for our statutes to catch up with the technology that has changed the bully's playing field. Mr. Speaker, HB 1163 will go far toward doing that. This bill, with the addition of Representative Barbin's thoughtful amendment, will bring the authority of the courts into play where persistent conduct that results in serious emotional distress is taking place. The bill will establish a subsection within the current harassment statute to specifically prohibit cyber harassment of a child. It will classify as a misdemeanor, a continuing course of conduct perpetrated through electronic means that is intended to cause serious emotional distress to a child.

To ensure that normal childhood behavior directed, however, at a particularly sensitive child is not swept into the net, the law would only apply if the bullying is likely to cause serious emotional distress to the average child the age of the victim.

Some may feel that grading of cyber harassment as a misdemeanor is overreaching. They may feel this is something that can be dealt with as a summary offense with a citation, then perhaps a fine and a few hours of community service. Mr. Speaker, I believe, however, our current summary harassment law has proven inadequate, and that grading cyber harassment of a child as a misdemeanor will add an important element to the strategy for dealing with the problem.

As a misdemeanor, jurisdiction over a bully under the age of 18 will lie with the juvenile court. Unlike the magisterial district courts, juvenile courts address offenses by young people through principles of balanced and restorative justice. Rehabilitation, acceptance of responsibility, and restoration of the victim are the primary focus of the juvenile system. By involving the juvenile court, the response to persistent, serious bullying will include the full spectrum of juvenile court remedies that are unavailable in cases brought before the minor judiciary. This will, I believe, also serve as a deterrent. Children engaging in cyberbullying and their parents are much more likely to respond to complaints, knowing the consequences may involve an appearance in juvenile court if they do not.

Mr. Speaker, every child in this Commonwealth has the right to grow up free from intimidation, torment, and emotional distress. They deserve to grow up in an environment that allows them to focus their energy on achieving their full potential. I believe HB 1163 will go a long way toward helping children to do so, and I ask for the support of the members in passing this bill. Mr. Speaker, I ask for an affirmative vote.

## REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Lehigh County, Mr. Mackenzie, rise?

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to submit remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will deliver them to the clerk and they will be noted in the record.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to urge passage of HR 745, which would establish April as Child Identity Theft Awareness Month in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Unfortunately, identity theft affects not only adults, but children as well. The Federal Trade Commission, FTC, testified to Congress that child identity theft is especially pernicious because the theft may not be detected until the child becomes an adult and seeks employment or applies for a student or car loan.

The length of time it takes to uncover identity theft in children compounds the frustration, because often many years have passed since the initial incident and the perpetrators of the crime have long since disappeared and are out of the reach of law enforcement. Children are an attractive target for identity thieves because the risk of prosecution due to the delay in the crime's discovery is quite low.

A study conducted by ID Analytics found that over 140,000 children in the United States annually are victims of identity theft. Additionally, the FTC reports that the misuse of Social Security numbers is becoming widespread in children as young as 14. Older teenagers and young adults should not have to begin their personal and professional lives with ruined credit ratings and false charges ascribed to their names, though many do.

May the passage of this resolution serve as a reminder to parents and guardians to safeguard their children's personal identifying information and to periodically check the status of their Social Security and other data to ensure no crime has taken place. The earlier the crime of child identity theft is detected, the easier it is to undo the damage and to apprehend those responsible.

Thank you very much, and please vote "yes" on HR 745.

## 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. Going once, going twice. Now we will recognize the gentleman, Mr. Clay, from Philadelphia County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 3:58 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.