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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (SETH M. GROVE) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by Rabbi Jeffrey Astrachan, Temple Beth Israel, York, PA. Rabbi.

RABBI JEFFREY ASTRACHAN, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Most eternal source of all goodness, we ask Your blessings upon this Assembly, that they may recognize the hallowed spark of life that has been imbued within every human being, each one of us having been created in the image of that which is greater than ourselves.

We ask Your blessings upon our leaders, to affirm the wisdom You bestowed upon our ancestors who foresaw the wisdom of debate by philosophical discourse. Let us be grateful for this forum where our leaders can assemble to argue with words alone on behalf of the people they serve.

May we remember that each one of us has been granted unique gifts to share in life and that our labors can be for the sake of ourselves alone or for the improvement of the lives of others.

We ask Your guidance this day, that the work, decisions, and efforts of those who serve shall be for the good of all – for the people and for the Commonwealth. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 28, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 63 By Representatives F. KELLER, BENNINGHOFF, DIAMOND, DUNBAR, HAHN, JAMES, KNOWLES, MACKENZIE, METCALFE, MILLARD, SAYLOR, SCHEMEL, TALLMAN, KAUFFMAN, MCGINNIS, A. HARRIS, BLOOM, MENTZER, LAWRENCE, CUTLER, MARSICO, GROVE, GRELL, DELOZIER, OBERLANDER, M. K. KELLER, PICKETT, HICKERNELL and ROSS

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, raising threshold for public work.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 2, 2015.

No. 164 By Representatives STEPHENS, HARKINS, RAVENSTAHL, KOTIK, SCHLOSSBERG, O'NEILL, O'BRIEN, JAMES, SCHWEYER, WATSON, KILLION, FARRY, BOBACK, MATZIE, HARPER, CONKLIN, SANTARSIERO, COHEN, TAYLOR, HARHAI, DAVIS, DEASY, KORTZ, CARROLL, LONGIETTI, SNYDER, MURT, FRANKEL, BAKER, KAUFFMAN, D. MILLER, A. HARRIS, SAINATO, MAHER, DiGIROLAMO, GOODMAN, D. COSTA, QUINN, GRELL, GINGRICH, M. K. KELLER, MACKENZIE, PICKETT, READSHAW, GIBBONS, HACKETT, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, DEAN, TOBASH, McCARTER, SAMUELSON and SIMMONS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 193 By Representatives COHEN, BOYLE, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, DIAMOND, GAINEY, J. HARRIS, McNEILL, MULLERY, O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SABATINA, SCHLOSSBERG, VITALI, FRANKEL, McCARTER and V. BROWN

An Act providing for the medical use of cannabis; establishing the State Board of Medical Cannabis Licensing and providing for its powers and duties; imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Department of State; regulating the growing, processing and dispensing of medical cannabis; imposing civil and criminal penalties; and making inconsistent repeals.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 2, 2015.

No. 253 By Representatives GODSHALL, COHEN, DAVIS, MURT, DeLUCA and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, February 2, 2015.

No. 254 By Representatives TRUITT, PICKETT, MACKENZIE, GREINER, KAUFFMAN, MAJOR, SAYLOR, McGINNIS, JAMES, HICKERNELL, BAKER, DIAMOND, DUSH, MENTZER, KNOWLES, GRELL, LAWRENCE, MASSER, A. HARRIS, TALLMAN, GROVE, COX, WATSON, PHILLIPS-HILL, GILLEN and SIMMONS

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

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 258 By Representatives BAKER, JAMES, TOPPER, KAUFFMAN, BOBACK, BARRAR, D. COSTA, WATSON, SAYLOR, GROVE, GABLER, GINGRICH, M. K. KELLER, HICKERNELL, MAJOR and ROEBUCK

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax for a construction contract.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 259 By Representatives BAKER, HARHART, PICKETT, MACKENZIE, COHEN, JAMES, MILLARD, THOMAS, CAUSER, D. COSTA, SCHLOSSBERG, SAYLOR, M. K. KELLER, BROWNLEE, KAUFFMAN, V. BROWN, A. HARRIS, DEASY, READSHAW, MAJOR, MURT, GOODMAN, MARSICO, KORTZ, GINGRICH and WATSON

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, providing for identity theft verification passport.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 260 By Representatives BAKER, PICKETT, COHEN, MILLARD, CAUSER, D. COSTA, SCHLOSSBERG, M. K. KELLER, KAUFFMAN, A. HARRIS, MAJOR, MURT, GOODMAN, MARSICO, KORTZ, GINGRICH and WATSON

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for action for release of confidential birth information.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 261 By Representatives BAKER, COHEN, FREEMAN, MAJOR, DAVIS, CAUSER, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, READSHAW, O'NEILL, D. MILLER, MULLERY, SCHLOSSBERG, MARSICO, MURT, HARHART, MILLARD, SAYLOR and DeLUCA

An Act providing for verification of person accepting offer of credit.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, February 2, 2015.

No. 263 By Representatives GABLER, CAUSER, METZGAR, MULLERY and KORTZ

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unlawful devices and methods.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 2, 2015.

No. 264 By Representatives MUSTIO, WATSON, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, D. COSTA, MAJOR, KILLION, MARSHALL, CARROLL, BISHOP, PICKETT, O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, COHEN, RAVENSTAHL, MILLARD, SCHLOSSBERG, JAMES, DIAMOND, ZIMMERMAN, V. BROWN, R. BROWN, BOBACK, DEASY, KORTZ, FARRY and SIMMONS

An Act providing standards for carbon monoxide alarms in care facilities; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, February 2, 2015.

No. 270 By Representatives REGAN, KILLION, D. COSTA, DAY, COHEN and KORTZ

An Act amending the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, further providing for regulations.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 271 By Representatives TOPPER, TURZAI, BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BOBACK, V. BROWN, CAUSER, COHEN, DAVIDSON, DEASY, DIAMOND, DUNBAR, FREEMAN, GREINER, HARHART, A. HARRIS, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, MAJOR, MARSICO, MILLARD, O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, RAPP, READSHAW, SACCONI, SAINATO, SCHEMEL, TALLMAN, THOMAS, TOEPEL, TRUITT, WATSON, GOODMAN, GABLER, PEIFER and GIBBONS

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for unwanted telephone solicitation calls prohibited.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, February 2, 2015.

No. 272 By Representatives NEUMAN, CALTAGIRONE, PASHINSKI, COHEN, BIZZARRO, BOYLE, BISHOP, SCHLOSSBERG, McNEILL, O'BRIEN, CONKLIN, DEASY, SNYDER, MURT, SCHREIBER, READSHAW, D. COSTA, THOMAS, BROWNLEE, DAVIDSON, FRANKEL, HARHAI, CARROLL, MAHONEY, GILLEN and McCARTER

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1471, No.165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for the title of the act, for definitions and for sexual assault evidence collection program; and providing for rights of sexual assault victims.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 273 By Representatives DeLUCA, V. BROWN, READSHAW, DAVIS, McNEILL, DEASY, D. COSTA and MURT

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for testing for controlled substances for prospective employees.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 274 By Representatives DeLUCA, PASHINSKI, CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, McNEILL and D. COSTA

An Act providing for prohibition on health care provider self-referral.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 2, 2015.

No. 275 By Representatives DeLUCA, D. COSTA, HARKINS, READSHAW and McCARTER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school finances, further providing for limitations on certain unreserved fund balances.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 276 By Representatives DeLUCA, O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, LONGIETTI, TRUITT, D. COSTA, SCHLOSSBERG, MATZIE, KORTZ, COHEN, McCARTER, READSHAW and SAMUELSON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for Commonwealth reimbursements for charter schools and cyber charter schools.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 277 By Representatives DeLUCA, THOMAS, KINSEY, STEPHENS, DAVIS, McNEILL, MILLARD, KORTZ, BARRAR, O'BRIEN, BOBACK, MENTZER, A. HARRIS, MULLERY, D. COSTA, BROWNLEE, READSHAW, TRUITT, MAHONEY and GIBBONS

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in State funds formula, further providing for certification and calculation of minimum and maximum modifiers and for the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund; providing for senior citizen tax relief; and further providing for State property tax reduction allocation.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 278 By Representatives GREINER, HEFFLEY, SAYLOR, A. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, COX, D. COSTA, WATSON, FEE, COHEN, ZIMMERMAN, MENTZER and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for occupational limited license and providing for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for ignition interlock and for the offense of illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 279 By Representatives SCHWEYER, BOYLE, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLOSSBERG, FREEMAN, McNEILL, MURT, MUSTIO, BOBACK, MACKENZIE, ACOSTA, KORTZ, ROZZI, BISHOP, THOMAS, C. PARKER, KINSEY, D. COSTA, HARKINS, COHEN, GIBBONS, MARSHALL, SAMUELSON, FABRIZIO and McCARTER

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 280 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, COHEN, DRISCOLL, FEE, GABLER, GIBBONS, GREINER, HEFFLEY, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, M. K. KELLER, LONGIETTI, MARSICO, MENTZER, METCALFE, MURT, SAYLOR, SCHREIBER and TALLMAN

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 281 By Representatives SAINATO, SCHREIBER, W. KELLER, KILLION, COHEN, BOBACK, D. COSTA, MILLARD, RAVENSTAHL, FREEMAN, DUNBAR, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, STEPHENS, JAMES, READSHAW, O'BRIEN, DRISCOLL, A. HARRIS, KAVULICH, HARHAI, KAUFFMAN, DEASY, KORTZ, MAHONEY, GOODMAN and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 282 By Representatives F. KELLER, BARRAR, D. COSTA, DAY, DIAMOND, DUSH, GROVE, KAUFFMAN, McGINNIS, MILLARD, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SCHWEYER, TALLMAN and A. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in collective bargaining, providing for notice prior to approval of collective bargaining agreement.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 283 By Representatives F. KELLER, BARRAR, CUTLER, GROVE, HARHAI, KORTZ, MCGINNIS, MILLARD, READSHAW, SAYLOR and GABLER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax for education, further providing for exclusions from sales and use tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 284 By Representatives THOMAS, LONGIETTI, COHEN, KINSEY and V. BROWN

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Small Business Forgivable Loan Program; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 285 By Representatives THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, BISHOP, O'BRIEN, COHEN, KINSEY, BROWNLEE, MAHONEY and McCARTER

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 286 By Representatives THOMAS, LONGIETTI, COHEN, KINSEY, V. BROWN, BISHOP, SCHLOSSBERG, ROZZI, BROWNLEE and McCARTER

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, in Keystone Works Program, further providing for definitions, for program, for administration, for workers' compensation, for eligibility, for business incentives, for performance evaluation system and for annual report.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 287 By Representatives THOMAS, V. BROWN, COHEN and BROWNLEE

An Act providing for the establishment of the Surety Bond Guarantee Program; imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development; establishing the Surety Bond Guarantee Fund; providing for contracts eligible for guarantee and for participation by disadvantaged businesses; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 288 By Representatives THOMAS, COHEN, WHEATLEY, BISHOP, WATSON and McCARTER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for board of pardons.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 289 By Representatives THOMAS, COHEN, KINSEY, V. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, BOBACK, KORTZ, FRANKEL, DONATUCCI and McCARTER

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in health and accident insurance, providing for pregnancy as a preexisting condition and for coverage for maternity care; and, in health care insurance individual accessibility, further providing for policy choice for eligible individuals.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 290 By Representatives HACKETT, JAMES, HEFFLEY, KNOWLES, CORBIN, COHEN, KORTZ, MURT, BARRAR, D. COSTA, M. DALEY, GILLEN, WATSON and GIBBONS

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for commission members.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2015.

No. 291 By Representatives DeLUCA, SCHWEYER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, COHEN, MATZIE, MILLARD, BROWNLEE, FLYNN, DAVIDSON, SCHREIBER, SCHLOSSBERG, D. COSTA, PASHINSKI, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, O'BRIEN, MULLERY, V. BROWN, CARROLL, DEASY, READSHAW, GOODMAN, BARBIN, KORTZ, MAHONEY, DEAN, ROEBUCK and McCARTER

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for early voting in primaries and elections.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2015.

No. 292 By Representatives DeLUCA, SCHREIBER, THOMAS, KINSEY, SCHWEYER, SCHLOSSBERG, O'BRIEN, MULLERY, BROWNLEE, YOUNGBLOOD, KAVULICH, V. BROWN, GOODMAN, COHEN, McCARTER and DEAN

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for methods of voter registration, providing for same day voter registration and further providing for time and for preparation and distribution of applications.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2015.

No. 293 By Representatives DeLUCA, BAKER, THOMAS, TOEPEL, MILLARD, D. COSTA, HEFFLEY, McNEILL, MATZIE, MURT, GOODMAN, GIBBONS and GILLEN

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sentences for second and subsequent offenses; and, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for general criteria for parole.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 294 By Representatives DeLUCA, DAVIS, THOMAS, DEASY, KORTZ, MURT, BARRAR, D. MILLER, COHEN, D. COSTA, READSHAW and HARHAI

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for nondiscrimination by payers in health care benefit plans.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 295 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BOBACK, COHEN, DRISCOLL, DUSH, GINGRICH, GREINER, GRELL, JAMES, M. K. KELLER, MENTZER, MILLARD, MURT, PICKETT and SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for the composition of the State Veterans' Commission.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 2, 2015.

No. 296 By Representatives EVANKOVICH, JAMES, DAVIS, GERGELY, MATZIE, LONGIETTI, REESE, DEASY, BLOOM, HEFFLEY, METCALFE, TALLMAN, MILLARD, A. HARRIS, CUTLER, DeLUCA, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, McGINNIS, COHEN, MAHONEY, GABLER, READSHAW, GILLEN and SIMMONS

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contract clauses and preference provisions, adding provisions relating to steel and blast furnace slag aggregates.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2015.

No. 297 By Representatives EVANKOVICH, COHEN, KNOWLES, READSHAW, DAVIS, WATSON, TOPPER, A. HARRIS, DEASY, McGINNIS, MILLARD, GRELL, SAYLOR, O'NEILL, MURT, GABLER and ROEBUCK

An Act providing for release of information by coroners and medical examiners.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 2, 2015.

No. 298 By Representatives HICKERNELL, O'NEILL, BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, COHEN, DeLUCA, DUNBAR, FEE, GABLER, GINGRICH, GREINER, GRELL, GROVE, A. HARRIS, JAMES, M. K. KELLER, LAWRENCE, MAJOR, MENTZER, MILLARD, MURT, PEIFER, PICKETT, READSHAW, SAYLOR, ZIMMERMAN and WATSON

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 2, 2015.

No. 299 By Representatives BIZZARRO, COHEN, KOTIK, SCHLOSSBERG, O'BRIEN, McNEILL, FREEMAN, GODSHALL, DAVIDSON, YOUNGBLOOD, MATZIE,

DEASY, KORTZ, SNYDER, MURT, PETRI, MULLERY, THOMAS, WATSON, ROZZI, KINSEY, FLYNN, BISHOP, QUINN, D. COSTA, HARKINS, KIM, SONNEY, BROWNLEE, DAVIS, BLOOM, MAHONEY, FABRIZIO and McCARTER

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions and for durable powers of attorney.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 301 By Representatives COHEN, FRANKEL, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, M. DALEY, McNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS and McCARTER

An Act amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial change of name, further providing for court approval required for change of name and change by order of court.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 302 By Representatives COHEN, BARBIN, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CARROLL, D. COSTA, DAVIDSON, DAVIS, DEASY, DeLUCA, KORTZ, MATZIE, McCARTER, McNEILL, O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, DEAN, GIBBONS and ROEBUCK

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for absentee voting.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2015.

No. 303 By Representatives COHEN, FRANKEL, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, McCARTER, O'BRIEN, ROEBUCK, SCHLOSSBERG and SCHWEYER

An Act providing for equal treatment for transgender pupils.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

No. 304 By Representatives COHEN, FRANKEL, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, KINSEY, McCARTER, O'BRIEN, SCHLOSSBERG and THOMAS

An Act providing for transgender health benefits.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 2, 2015.

No. 306 By Representatives COHEN, FRANKEL, BISHOP, J. HARRIS, KINSEY, McCARTER and THOMAS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, providing for protection of employment of voters.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2015.

No. 308 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, J. HARRIS, COHEN, KOTIK, FREEMAN, PETRARCA, YOUNGBLOOD, HARKINS and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in marriage ceremony, further providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 309 By Representative THOMAS

An Act providing for an independent prosecutor to investigate peace officers.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

No. 310 By Representatives HICKERNELL, BARRAR, COX, DIAMOND, GREINER, HEFFLEY, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, MAJOR, MENTZER, METCALFE, PEIFER, PICKETT, ROAE, TRUITT and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in district and assistant superintendents, further providing for eligibility.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2015.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 79, PN 55

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 2, 2015.

SB 147, PN 238

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 2, 2015.

SB 148, PN 95

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 2, 2015.

SB 283, PN 161

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 2, 2015.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes David Barie, the president of the Reserve Township Board of Commissioners. He is the guest of Speaker Turzai and Representative Dom Costa. Welcome to the House.

Also located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes the father of our Guest Chaplain, Rabbi George Astrachan, and his children, Abby and Steven Astrachan. They are guests of Representative Phillips-Hill and residents of York County. Welcome to the House.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. REED. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just an announcement for the members. The Republicans will caucus at 2:30, and we would anticipate returning to the floor at 3 o'clock.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Matzie.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will also caucus at 2:30. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House stands at recess until 3 o'clock, unless sooner recalled by the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip announces the following leaves of absence: Representative O'NEILL of Bucks County for the day, Representative TOOIL of Luzerne County for the day.

The minority whip requests leave of absence for Representative SAMUELSON of Northampton County for the day. Without objection, the leaves of absence are granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. Please vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—199

Acosta	Evankovich	Kirkland	Rader
Adolph	Evans	Klunk	Rapp
Baker	Everett	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Fabrizio	Kortz	Readshaw

Barrar	Farina	Kotik	Reed
Benninghoff	Farry	Krieger	Reese
Bishop	Fee	Lawrence	Regan
Bizzarro	Flynn	Lewis	Roae
Bloom	Frankel	Longietti	Roebuck
Boback	Freeman	Mackenzie	Ross
Boyle	Gabler	Maher	Rozzi
Bradford	Gainey	Mahoney	Sabatina
Briggs	Galloway	Major	Saccone
Brown, R.	Gergely	Maloney	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Markosek	Sankey
Brownlee	Gillen	Marshall	Santarsiero
Burns	Gillespie	Marsico	Santora
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Masser	Saylor
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ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

O'Neill Samuelson Toohil

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

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. STEPHENS called up **HR 9, PN 11**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 6, 2015, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 39, PN 155**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 2, 2015, as "Rheumatoid Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DAY called up **HR 41, PN 157**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the passing of Samir (Sam) P. Ashmar, a volunteer firefighter who was killed in the line of duty on November 20, 2014.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

O'Neill

Samuelson

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes guests of Representative Youngblood and Representative Kinsey, the national champion Northwest Raiders Football Team. The team, which hails from the Germantown area of Philadelphia, defeated Connecticut's New Britain Raiders to capture their first Pop Warner Super Bowl Championship. Congratulations, all the players and the coaches. Thank you for being our guests today and thank you to Representative Youngblood and Representative Kinsey.

To the left of the Speaker's rostrum, Lauren Mullery, daughter of Representative Mullery, is here as a guest. Could you please stand. We would love to say hello. Thank you very much for joining us today.

STATEMENT BY MR. STEPHENS

The SPEAKER. At this time I would like to recognize Representative Todd Stephens to speak on HR 9, Keith Valley Challenge Day.

Representative Stephens, you have the floor.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to rise and thank the members for their support of HR 9. HR 9 is really about kids helping kids, and there is not much better or more important than kids helping other kids that need a helping hand.

Just by way of brief background, in 1977 at Keith Valley Middle School, there was an eighth grade boy named Billy Whitehead, who, unfortunately, died as a result of a rare congenital heart defect. And in response to that, his classmates at Keith Valley Middle School, again, a bunch of eighth graders, decided they were going to conduct a floor hockey marathon, 17-hour floor hockey marathon, and raise funds for, in this instance, St. Christopher's Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. Since 1977 that floor hockey marathon has continued. I actually participated in the floor hockey marathon when I was in middle school, at Keith Valley Middle School. It has supported 14 different charities since 1977. Last year alone it raised \$58,696. This is eighth graders playing floor hockey. All told, over the last 38 years these eighth graders have raised over \$890,000 for these different charities by simply playing floor hockey for 17 hours and going out and seeking contributions for their efforts.

This year's beneficiary is the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is anything better than seeing kids helping other kids that are less fortunate than themselves, and for that reason I want to thank my colleagues for their

unanimous support in recognizing February 6, 2015, as Keith Valley Challenge Day in Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. DAY

The SPEAKER. Representative Day is recognized to speak on HR 41.

It is a condolence resolution, so I would ask that the doors of the House be closed.

You may proceed, sir.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good afternoon. I thank all of you for being here today.

Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you with a heavy but a proud heart as we pay tribute to a man from Breinigsville in Lehigh County, who was the epitome of a public servant.

Samir Ashmar, whom we all lovingly called Sam, served our community in so many ways: Upper Macungie Township's vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors, a member of the Planning Commission and Township Authority as well; he was a 30-plus-year volunteer firefighter for three different companies – Upper Macungie Township Station 56 and previously had served Good Will Fire Company in Trexlertown as well – he was the fire marshal; he was an EMT (emergency medical technician); he was a mentor, and the list goes on.

This November, this past November at the young age, young age of 51, Sam passed away in the line of duty, just after answering a medical call.

In addition to his countless hours of volunteer service, doing everything from investigating fires to serving as a mentor and a friend of the fire service, he was the vice president in the credit management group for Wells Fargo. That was his all-day, full-time job. He spent additional after-hours time with many other community organizations, and if you knew Sam, if Sam was sitting here, he would be saying – he always had a wisecrack when things got a little too heavy and somebody might be a little uncomfortable – he would be whispering to me right now, "All right, Day. That's enough," he would say.

He was also a member of the Bethany United Methodist Church, Wescosville, and served on the board of directors for the Burn Prevention Foundation for 9 years. You see, if you knew him, those little wisecracks, he would say, "Okay; that's enough, that's enough," but it is not enough.

Although his loss was a tremendous shock to us all, we were so fortunate to have Sam as a member of our community, having been blessed by all of his contributions. He was such a hardworking, selfless, supportive role model. He was a great father, friend, brother, son. Having been blessed by all of his contributions to our community, I know he was such a hardworking and selfless person, warm and welcoming to everyone. He displayed boundless energy, intelligence, a strong work ethic, and devotion to his family.

One local attorney, often presenting before the Board of Supervisors or the Planning Commission, said, "Everyone knew, Sam wanted the best decisions for his community." We know what that means.

As a testament to just how beloved Sam was in his community, literally hundreds of loved ones, friends, neighbors, first responders, people he probably helped, even former Fire Commissioner Ed Mann, attended his funeral right before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Speaker, due to many factors of grief, work, and weather today, only his daughter, Makala, could be with us today, and I ask this distinguished body to show respect for this young woman representing her family and her dad today. Ladies and gentlemen, Makala Ashmar. Thank you. I knew I could count on you for that.

And, Mr. Speaker, being a volunteer firefighter and a community leader takes great courage and commitment, and Sam passed that along to his children. His son is a firefighter and his daughter serves as legislative aide for our local Congressman Dent. I ask this body to pray and send your wishes of divine parental guidance to his children.

As we stand here today and honor Sam's memory, I am personally thankful that there are still young men and women who share the sense of community by becoming first responders. They put their lives on the line to protect us, and for that I know I and I know along with all of you here are grateful.

I am also proud of the programs that the Commonwealth maintains to support our community volunteer firefighters. Those volunteer firefighters save us millions of dollars, and those are great programs to help support them.

You know, one other thing. I have this long list and I sometimes wonder, we know where the time came from for Sam. It came from his family. He tried his best to be a good father, but on that long list was also one other thing that was important to him. He was an organ donor, and he would be sitting back here saying, "Don't forget to mention about organ donation. We've got to get a plug in for organ donation," and because of this personal decision that he was an organ donor, he will continue to serve his fellow man for many years to come, having donated his skin to probably a burn survivor and giving sight to a fellow person, human, human being.

We know that his family's loss will be felt every day in their home, and it continues to be felt by our community. I would like to request and thank you all for unanimous passage of this HR 41 in memory of a true public servant and dedicated public servant in municipal government, the medical and the fire service.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, thank you for your indulgence today.

The SPEAKER. I would ask all members to please rise in a moment of silence for our fallen firefighter. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of volunteer firefighter Samir P. Ashmar.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

We will now move to the House resolutions.

The gentlelady, Representative Youngblood, along with the good gentleman, Representative Kinsey, have before us HR 34, and I would ask that Representative Youngblood and Representative Kinsey please come forward. Thank you.

And, Sergeants at Arms, if you could open the doors of the House. Thank you.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD called up **HR 34, PN 135**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Northwest Raiders Football Team from the City of Philadelphia on capturing the 2014 Pop Warner National Super Bowl Championship for the Midget Division.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Representative Youngblood.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank the members of the House for their support of HR 34.

As some of you know or may not know, Pop Warner is a nonprofit organization that provides youth programs in 42 States across the country. It is the only youth football program that requires participants to maintain academic standards, and I will repeat that, academic standards in order to play. So the young men of the Northwest Raiders Football Program have not only proven themselves on the football field but also as students and positive members of our community in the Northwest.

Once again, congratulations to these young men. Well deserved.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to echo some of the sentiments of my colleague, the good lady from Philadelphia, and I want to share with my colleagues here on the House floor, Mr. Speaker, that the New England Patriots are not the only Super Bowl winners. That is true. Let me tell you why. It is a pleasure and an honor to commend the hard work that young athletes put into becoming their best. With a 26-to-6 victory over a team from Connecticut, on December 13 the Northwest Raiders, hailing from the Germantown section of Philadelphia, captured their first Pop Warner Super Bowl Championship since the program began in 1971. In case you missed it, the game was at Disney World and was televised live on ESPN2.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleague mentioned, the Pop Warner Little Scholars is a nonprofit organization that provides football, cheerleading, and dance programs in 42 States across the country, and again, it is the only youth football program that requires that the participants maintain academic standards.

So it is fitting to honor the Philadelphia Northwest Raiders, their coaches, and their parents for not only winning the Super Bowl but also for their dedication and commitment off the field. Can the Northwest Raiders please stand. Can the Northwest Raiders please stand. Mr. Speaker, I present to you again the Super Bowl champions from the Germantown section of Philadelphia, the Northwest Raiders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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English			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

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

FORMER MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize a former member of the House of Representatives from Montgomery County who is visiting us today, Representative Rick Taylor. Please rise. Thank you for visiting us today.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 49, PN 43**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, providing for the payment of death benefits to members of the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol.

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 131, PN 115**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled, as amended, "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania," further providing for attendance at State-related and State-owned institutions of higher learning and community colleges.

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 152, PN 232**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, providing for the payment of death benefits.

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

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Evankovich.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise to briefly discuss an amendment that I had offered to HB 152.

Mr. Speaker, HB 152 is a very necessary change to existing law to ensure the survivor and death benefits.

And, Mr. Speaker, there is another issue that this chamber, I would hope, would have the ability to deal with sometime this session, and that is dealing with a change that was made in Act 51 of 2009 to death benefits for law enforcement. Mr. Speaker, in that original law change, there seemed to have been some

confusion created with respect to those benefits for third-class cities' fallen officers. Mr. Speaker, as a result, there has been some financial impact to those third-class cities in their pensions that we have the ability to resolve if we move HB 79 on its own.

And, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully withdraw my amendment to this bill.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Appropriations Committee chair, Representative Adolph, for a committee announcement.

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

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

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

The House will be at ease for a few minutes. Thank you.

Members, would you please take your seats. We are now back. The House will come to order.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 159, PN 145

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for medical professional liability reciprocal exchange-to-stock conversion and for adoption of plan of conversion; imposing duties on Insurance Commissioner; providing for contents of plan of conversion, for optional provisions of plan of conversion, for alternative plan of conversion, for effective date of plan, for rights of subscribers whose policies are issued after adoption of plan and before effective date, for corporate existence, for conflict of interest, for failure to give notice, for limitation on actions, for reciprocal insurer insolvent or in hazardous financial condition, for rules and regulations, for laws applicable to stock company, for licensing of stock company and commencement of business as an insurance company, for amendment of policies and for prohibition on acquisitions of control.

APPROPRIATIONS.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 157, PN 143**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. It is my understanding that amendment 16, the good gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Keller, is withdrawing that amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **WHEATLEY** offered the following amendment No. **A00038**:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 and 3, by striking out "served on active duty in the armed forces" and inserting has served in the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component and National Guard.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Wheatley.

Mr. **WHEATLEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment that basically just clarifies the language that includes reservists and National Guardsmen. I would ask all of my colleagues to support the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The good gentleman, Representative Heffley, asks to be recognized, sir.

Mr. **HEFFLEY**. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say this is an agreed-to amendment, and I ask all for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

O'Neill	Samuelson	Toohil
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 159, PN 145**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for medical professional liability reciprocal exchange-to-stock conversion and for adoption of plan of conversion; imposing duties on Insurance Commissioner; providing for contents of plan of conversion, for optional provisions of plan of conversion, for alternative plan of conversion, for effective date of plan, for rights of subscribers whose policies are issued after adoption of plan and before effective date, for corporate existence, for conflict of interest, for failure to give notice, for limitation on actions, for reciprocal insurer insolvent or in hazardous financial condition, for rules and regulations, for laws applicable to stock company, for licensing of stock company and commencement of business as an insurance company, for amendment of policies and for prohibition on acquisitions of control.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Delozier	Jozwiak	Parker, C.	Warner
DeLuca	Kampf	Parker, D.	Waters
Dermody	Kaufner	Pashinski	Watson
Diamond	Kauffman	Payne	Wentling
DiGiroloamo	Kavulich	Peifer	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Youngblood
Dunbar	Keller, W.	Pickett	Zimmerman
Dush	Killion	Pyle	
Ellis	Kim	Quigley	Turzai,
Emrick	Kinsey	Quinn	Speaker
English			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED—3

O'Neill Samuelson Toohil

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.

GROUNDHOG DAY REMARKS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Dush, on unanimous consent. Representative.

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker and members of the House, I rise to bring you news from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where the seer of seers, the prognosticator of prognosticators, Punxsutawney Phil, has officially declared that we will experience 6 more weeks of winter weather.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Dush.

Mr. DUSH. In response to the questions of the floor, the lady who has graciously provided you the cookies over the past several years through Speaker Sam Smith, unfortunately for us as a body with the Speaker's retirement, she has also announced her retirement. I am in the process of looking for a replacement.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 127 and HB 139 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

HB 49;

HB 131;

HB 152; and

HB 157.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes today.

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. The good Representative Pickett moves that this House be adjourned until Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. Thank you.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 3:48 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.