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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. BRYAN BARBIN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Will you join me in bowing your heads to praise the creator.

Lord, today we are here as Your servants. Help us to remember those who have courage. Help us to celebrate those who had the strength to stand on the frontline in defending this country from chaos. Today we honor the fallen, the memory of the fallen policemen, and those not yet policemen, who decided that they would put their service in Your hands and fell to an early death.

This morning let us remember that courage comes from You and that it is not our place to be afraid. We are only able to do our service when we are not afraid and we trust in You.

Lord, today give those families who are recovering from their losses the strength to move forward. Help them to remember that their loved ones were strong enough to give their life for another.

In all these things we pray. 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, April 22, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. However, the following 2015 Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved: Monday, February 23; Tuesday, February 24; and Wednesday, February 25.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 478, PN 1421 (Amended) By Rep. GINGRICH

An Act establishing guidelines and procedures governing certain investigations and interrogations of correctional officers by the Department of Corrections; authorizing certain civil suits by correctional officers; and providing for impact of collective bargaining agreements and for summary suspensions.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

HB 499, PN 1425 (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for evaluation of applications for certification.

EDUCATION.

HB 657, PN 1422 (Amended) By Rep. ROSS

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for local option and for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees.

LIQUOR CONTROL.

HB 752, PN 888 By Rep. SAYLOR

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

EDUCATION.

HB 770, PN 1423 (Amended) By Rep. ROSS

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further defining "eligible entity"; and, in licenses and regulations for liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees.

LIQUOR CONTROL.

HB 805, PN 1424 (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for temporary professional employees, for contracts, execution and form, for causes for suspension and for persons to be suspended and to receive tenure, for collective bargaining agreements and for timing of appeal of suspension; and making editorial changes.

EDUCATION.

HB 1039, PN 1315

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for certificates qualifying persons to teach.

EDUCATION.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 285 By Representatives O'NEILL, COHEN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, FARINA, HELM, JAMES, MURT, READSHAW, THOMAS, VEREB, HEFFLEY and MILNE

A Resolution designating and adopting the Pennsylvania Tartan as the Official Tartan of this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2015.

No. 292 By Representatives BAKER, THOMAS, CALTAGIRONE, QUIGLEY, DIGIROLAMO, MILLARD, CAUSER, BLOOM, MAJOR, PICKETT, HENNESSEY, D. COSTA, KIRKLAND, LONGIETTI, FARINA, SCHLEGEL CULVER, CUTLER, A. HARRIS, V. BROWN, READSHAW, HARHART, KAUFFMAN, WARD, MCGINNIS, GODSHALL, MAHONEY, BARRAR, JAMES, GIBBONS, PAYNE, MENTZER, WATSON, WHEELAND, GINGRICH, B. MILLER, BENNINGHOFF, GILLEN, MURT and GABLER

A Resolution designating the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "American Religious History Week" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 295 By Representatives PASHINSKI, READSHAW, DeLUCA, ROZZI, DONATUCCI, D. COSTA, V. BROWN and COHEN

A Resolution urging the Federal Aviation Administration to promulgate regulations and rules to protect Americans from the use of drones capable of inflicting harm or invading privacy.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2015.

No. 305 By Representatives DIGIROLAMO, CRUZ, READSHAW, KINSEY, ACOSTA, SCHWEYER, COHEN, DAVIS, RADER, ORTITAY, BROWNLEE, WATERS, D. MILLER, GAINEY, HENNESSEY, McNEILL, DRISCOLL, McCARTER, V. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, PASHINSKI, C. PARKER, PEIFER, MURT, DONATUCCI, HEFFLEY, SIMS, STAATS, O'NEILL, M. DALEY and DEAN

A Resolution urging the Commonwealth to adopt and utilize person-first language with respect to people with disabilities.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, May 4, 2015.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 323 By Representatives GROVE, SAYLOR, BLOOM, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROZZI, GREINER, PICKETT, LAWRENCE, DIAMOND, RADER, KORTZ and A. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization of appellate courts, providing for the commerce division of the Superior Court.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2015.

No. 325 By Representatives M. K. KELLER, BENNINGHOFF, COHEN, D. COSTA, EVERETT, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, A. HARRIS, PHILLIPS-HILL, KILLION, KORTZ, MALONEY, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, PEIFER, PETRARCA, PICKETT, PYLE, QUIGLEY, QUINN, ROZZI, SAYLOR, STURLA, TOEPEL, TOOIL and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.327, No.85), known as the Auctioneer Licensing and Trading Assistant Registration Act, further providing for the title of the act, for definitions, for auctioneer and apprentice auctioneer licenses; providing for sales exempt from license requirements; further providing for status of existing licensees and for applications for initial and renewal licenses; providing for registration of trading assistants and trading assistant companies; further providing for special licensees to furnish bond and for authority to transact business not transferable; repealing provisions relating to auction house license, auction company license, trading assistant registration and nonresident licensees; further providing for reciprocity with other states; repealing provisions relating to licensee and registrant to furnish bond; further providing for no other license or registration required and for list of licensees and registrants; providing for contracts; further providing for records of sales; repealing provisions relating to contracts for conduct of transaction; and further providing for display of licenses, for investigations and enforcement actions, for escrow account, for hearing on charges, for administration and enforcement, for revocation or suspension of license or registration, for issuance of new license or registration pending investigation and decision, for issuance of new license or registration after revocation, for penalties, for actions by unlicensed persons prohibited and for the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 24, 2015.

No. 1019 By Representatives MURT, READSHAW, BARRAR, BOBACK, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, COHEN, D. COSTA, COX, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, ELLIS, FARINA, FARRY, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, HARKINS, HEFFLEY, PHILLIPS-HILL, KINSEY, MAHONEY, McCARTER, McNEILL, MILLARD, D. MILLER, RAPP, ROZZI, SAYLOR, SNYDER, TALLMAN, THOMAS, VEREB and WHEATLEY

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in educational gratuity program, establishing the Medal of Honor and Purple Heart Recipient Tuition Waiver Program; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 24, 2015.

No. 1044 By Representatives HARKINS, KOTIK, COHEN, MOUL, D. COSTA and MAHONEY

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions, for classification and authority to issue bonds and notes, for cost of project and for exclusion of other self-liquidating debt to determine net nonelectoral debt or net lease rental debt; providing for preliminary approval by the department of the issuance of certain debt; further providing for small borrowing for capital purposes, for debt statement and for submission to department; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for fees for filing, for certificate of approval of transcript, for effect of failure of timely action by department and for records of department; providing for duties of participants in transactions relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes; and repealing provisions of the Administrative Code of 1929 relating to fees of the Department of Community Affairs.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2015.

No. 1045 By Representatives HARKINS, McNEILL, GOODMAN, COHEN, GODSHALL and MOUL

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions, for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council; and, in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 27, 2015.

No. 1046 By Representatives HARKINS, KOTIK, MILLARD, A. HARRIS, BARRAR, D. COSTA, BOBACK, COHEN, DeLUCA, KORTZ, MAHONEY, SONNEY and MURT

An Act providing for the payment of outstanding court-ordered fines and restitution by the attachment of State tax refunds and lottery winnings.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2015.

No. 1047 By Representatives HARKINS, V. BROWN, DAVIDSON, ACOSTA, SCHLOSSBERG, HARHAI, READSHAW, GRELL, MAHONEY, O'BRIEN, STURLA, CONKLIN, FRANKEL, COHEN, CARROLL, D. COSTA, MURT and ROZZI

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and establishing the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee and the Mental Health and Justice Grant Program.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2015.

No. 1048 By Representatives HARKINS, COHEN, KOTIK, MULLERY, READSHAW, HARHAI, FARINA, MAHONEY, CONKLIN, WARNER, D. COSTA, MURT, ROZZI, GIBBONS, RADER, SABATINA, D. MILLER and SONNEY

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending benefits to certain employees of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 27, 2015.

No. 1049 By Representatives HARKINS, D. COSTA, SONNEY, ROZZI, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, V. BROWN, McNEILL, FARINA, MULLERY, BOBACK, MARSICO, KINSEY, DeLUCA, HARHAI, KIRKLAND, COHEN, RAPP, MAHONEY, MURT, CONKLIN, EVERETT, CARROLL, SAINATO, GOODMAN, GILLEN and GIBBONS

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for license costs and fees.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 27, 2015.

No. 1050 By Representatives HARKINS, McNEILL, CONKLIN, COHEN, MAHONEY, MURT and GIBBONS

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.903, No.362), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the third class to establish an optional retirement system for officers and employees independently of any pension system or systems existing in such cities," further providing for certain increases in compensation.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2015.

No. 1051 By Representatives DEAN, FRANKEL, DiGIROLAMO, KINSEY, SCHREIBER, V. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, C. PARKER, CALTAGIRONE, BROWNEE, O'BRIEN, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, McNEILL, KAVULICH, SCHWEYER, M. DALEY, KIM, FARINA, FREEMAN, EVERETT, TOOHL, MURT, SANTARSIERO, QUINN, LEWIS, COHEN, FARRY and ACOSTA

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, providing for early release or termination of lease because of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, April 27, 2015.

No. 1052 By Representatives HARHAI, CORBIN, MILLARD, V. BROWN, SCHWEYER, THOMAS, MENTZER, KOTIK, COHEN, READSHAW, TAYLOR, DeLUCA, GIBBONS, MURT and KINSEY

An Act providing for the categorization of chemical formulas as illegal synthetic drugs; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania State Police to instantly identify synthetic drugs in the field.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2015.

No. 1053 By Representatives STEPHENS, WHEATLEY, MULLERY, J. HARRIS, KILLION, MACKENZIE, DAVIDSON, MURT and KORTZ

An Act establishing the Pay for Success Pilot Program and the Pay for Success Trust Fund; and providing for duties of the Office of the Budget and the Independent Fiscal Office.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 27, 2015.

No. 1054 By Representatives PICKETT, BAKER, V. BROWN, CAUSER, COHEN, D. COSTA, DRISCOLL, KAUFFMAN, McCARTER, McNEILL, ROZZI, SCHWEYER, SONNEY and WATSON

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, providing for payments for burial expenses; and abrogating 55 Pa. Code 283.21.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 27, 2015.

No. 1055 By Representatives ROEBUCK, LONGIETTI, O'BRIEN, V. BROWN, BROWNEE, COHEN, FREEMAN, KINSEY, McCARTER, MURT, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER, READSHAW 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 certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development; and providing for access to advanced placement for all students.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1056 By Representatives COHEN, BISHOP, V. BROWN, BROWNEE, CARROLL, McCARTER, O'BRIEN, THOMAS and TRUITT

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 distress in school districts of the first class; and providing for school board in distressed school districts.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1057 By Representatives ELLIS, MUSTIO, HARPER, EVERETT, A. HARRIS, SCHLOSSBERG, CUTLER, HELM, CARROLL, HANNA, GAINEY, KORTZ, COHEN, SONNEY and SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in motor carriers road tax identification markers, further providing for definitions, for identification markers and license or road tax registration card required, for false statements and penalties, for special investigators and powers and for exemptions, providing for uncollectible payments and for emergency proclamations; in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for definitions, for liquid fuels and fuels permits and bond or deposit of securities, for imposition of tax, exemptions and deductions, for taxpayer, for distributor's report and payment of tax, for determination and redetermination of tax, penalties and interest due, for examination of records and equipment, for retention of records by distributors and dealers, for discontinuance or transfer of business, for suspension or revocation of permits, for lien of taxes, penalties and interest, for reports from common carriers, for reward for detection of violations, for refunds, for violations, for diesel fuel importers and transporters, prohibiting use of dyed diesel fuel on highways, violations and penalties and for uncollectible checks, providing for emergency assistance in a timely manner and for electric vehicle road fee; in liquid fuels and fuel use tax enforcement, further providing for construction of chapter, for revenue agents and powers and for forfeitures, process and procedures; in taxes for highway maintenance and construction, further providing for imposition of tax; in motor carriers road tax, further providing for definitions, for credit for motor fuel tax payment and for records, providing for recordkeeping, further providing for surety bond for payment of taxes, for penalty and interest for failure to report or pay tax, for manner of payment and recovery of taxes, penalties and interest, for determination, redetermination and review and for timely mailing treated as timely filing and payment, providing for method of filing and

timeliness, further providing for reciprocal agreements and providing for uncollectible payments and for emergency assistance in a timely manner; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1058 By Representatives HARHART, McNEILL, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, SCHLOSSBERG, MARSICO, MURT, HARHAI and READSHAW

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in city revitalization and improvement zones, further providing for definitions, for establishment of contracting authority and for transfers.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, April 27, 2015.

No. 1059 By Representatives D. COSTA, MILLARD, KINSEY, DeLUCA, MASSER, DIAMOND, BOBACK, THOMAS, DONATUCCI, COHEN, IRVIN, CALTAGIRONE, McNEILL, READSHAW, REGAN, SCHWEYER, GRELL, GABLER, MAHONEY and GIBBONS

An Act amending the act of November 29, 1990 (P.L.585, No.148), known as the Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act, further providing for legislative intent and for definitions; providing for certification of significant exposure of inmate's blood or bodily fluid; and further providing for court order.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2015.

No. 1060 By Representatives ROEBUCK, LONGIETTI, O'BRIEN, BISHOP, BROWNEE, COHEN, FREEMAN, KINSEY, McCARTER, MURT, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act establishing the Governor's School of Urban Teaching; and providing for duties of the Department of Education.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 24, 2015.

No. 1061 By Representatives MUSTIO, REED, GERGELY, SONNEY, BOBACK, KAUFFMAN, MARSHALL, M. K. KELLER, A. HARRIS, JAMES, MILLARD, SCHLEGEL, CULVER, TOEPEL, DUSH, ENGLISH, GABLER, W. KELLER, ROZZI, LONGIETTI, HARHAI, McNEILL, MURT, HEFFLEY, REGAN and BARBIN

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for rate and amount of compensation.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2015.

No. 1062 By Representatives KILLION, MURT, HARHART, GODSHALL, McNEILL, O'NEILL, HELM, HAHN, FREEMAN, WATSON, HENNESSEY, COHEN and PICKETT

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, repealing certain provisions relating to county liability for nursing home care for persons at county-owned facilities.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 27, 2015.

No. 1063 By Representatives TAYLOR, GODSHALL, COHEN, MURT, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, O'BRIEN, W. KELLER, McNEILL, BISHOP, D. COSTA, GERGELY, PASHINSKI and WATSON

An Act providing for licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and inspectors; and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 27, 2015.

No. 1065 By Representatives KILLION, GODSHALL, MUSTIO, DiGIROLAMO, READSHAW, WATSON and MILNE

An Act Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by: —In Title 53: As to local transportation in first class cities: In general provisions: further providing for definitions, for legislative findings, for advisory committee, for rates, for power of authority to require insurance, for contested complaints, for driver certification program, for budget and assessments and for funds; providing for transportation network services; and making editorial changes; —In Title 66: In general provisions: further providing for definitions; In contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker: further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; further providing for the regulation of taxi and limousine services; and providing for the regulation of taxi transportation network services and for transportation network services.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, April 24, 2015.

No. 1066 By Representatives R. BROWN, BARRAR, BLOOM, DAVIDSON, DIAMOND, EMRICK, GILLEN, GODSHALL, KAUFFMAN, MOUL, D. PARKER, PICKETT, SACCONI 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 school finances, providing for millage rate increase.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1067 By Representatives R. BROWN, BARRAR, BISHOP, COHEN, DeLUCA, MURT, QUINN, ROZZI and WATSON

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for definitions, for licensure and for application for license.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 24, 2015.

No. 1068 By Representatives R. BROWN, V. BROWN, COHEN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, GABLER, GODSHALL, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, D. PARKER and SCHWEYER

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 24, 2015.

No. 1069 By Representatives R. BROWN, D. COSTA, HEFFLEY, MASSER, MURT and TOPPER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties in general, further providing for departmental reports.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, April 27, 2015.

No. 1070 By Representatives D. COSTA, KOTIK, KINSEY, DeLUCA, TOEPEL, STEPHENS, KILLION, McNEILL, CALTAGIRONE, HARHAI, READSHAW, COHEN and MURT

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 24, 2015.

No. 1071 By Representatives WARNER, EVANKOVICH, COHEN, DUNBAR, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, DIAMOND, MURT, LAWRENCE, BLOOM, THOMAS and A. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of July 9, 2013 (P.L.362, No.54), known as the Development Permit Extension Act, further providing for the definition of "approval" and for existing approval.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 27, 2015.

No. 1073 By Representatives P. DALEY, BISHOP, V. BROWN, FARINA, FREEMAN, ACOSTA, THOMAS, D. COSTA, McNEILL, COHEN, McCARTER, MAHONEY and MILNE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for second-hand smoke protection for children.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 4, 2015.

No. 1074 By Representatives GALLOWAY, MILLARD, COHEN, FARINA, GERGELY, ROZZI, BROWNLEE, KINSEY, DAVIS, BAKER, O'BRIEN, SIMMONS, THOMAS, BOYLE, GODSHALL, SANTARSIERO, BOBACK, DeLUCA, DEASY, GOODMAN, WATSON, D. COSTA, GILLEN, McCARTER and GIBBONS

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 classes of income.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 27, 2015.

No. 1076 By Representatives GALLOWAY, MILLARD, READSHAW, KINSEY, DAVIS, MOUL, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, GILLEN, QUINN and MURT

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offenses of homicide by vehicle while driving under influence and for aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2015.

No. 1077 By Representatives TAYLOR, HARHART, PICKETT, COHEN, JAMES, JOZWIAK, BROWNLEE, RAPP, HELM, M. K. KELLER, GODSHALL, KINSEY, W. KELLER, MURT, VEREB, MAJOR, FEE, D. COSTA, THOMAS and WATSON

An Act repealing the act of January 14, 1951 (1952 P.L.2046, No.577), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Highways to erect and maintain toll bridges over the Susquehanna River at certain points, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages; providing for the collection of tolls; and making an appropriation."

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1078 By Representatives TAYLOR, HARHART, PICKETT, COHEN, JAMES, BROWNLEE, RAPP, HELM, M. K. KELLER, GODSHALL, W. KELLER, MURT, VEREB, MAJOR, D. COSTA, THOMAS and WATSON

An Act repealing the act of April 2, 1963 (P.L.16, No.14), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to construct a highway, and to erect and maintain a bridge over the Kiskiminetas River in Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation therefor."

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1079 By Representatives TAYLOR, HARHART, PICKETT, JAMES, COHEN, SANKEY, JOZWIAK, BROWNLEE, RAPP, DONATUCCI, HELM, ROZZI, M. K. KELLER, MARSHALL, GODSHALL, KINSEY, W. KELLER, GROVE, VEREB, YOUNGBLOOD, MAJOR, FEE, D. COSTA, THOMAS and WATSON

An Act repealing the act of July 16, 1941 (P.L.386, No.149), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of a mountain ridge road or parkway in the Pocono Mountains through, bordering or accessible to the counties of Monroe, Northampton, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike, to be known as the "Pocono Mountain Memorial Parkway"; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Parkway Commission, and conferring powers, and imposing duties on said commission; authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such parkway; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the parkway; making such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such parkway shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and other agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Highways and authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue refunding bonds."

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2015.

No. 1080 By Representatives D. MILLER, ROZZI, McNEILL and MURT

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for definitions, for open meetings and for minutes of meetings, public records and recording of meetings, providing for agendas and further providing for public participation.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 28, 2015.

No. 1081 By Representatives DAVIS, SNYDER, O'BRIEN, BROWNLEE, PETRARCA, TALLMAN, MILLARD, READSHAW, MURT, SANTARSIERO, DONATUCCI, THOMAS, HANNA, LONGIETTI, BAKER, TOEPEL, STEPHENS, MASSER, WHEELAND, GAINNEY, YOUNGBLOOD, D. COSTA, A. HARRIS, DeLUCA, KINSEY, MULLERY, KOTIK, KORTZ, BARRAR, BRIGGS, HAHN, JOZWIAK, FARINA, DRISCOLL, DEAN, GOODMAN, P. DALEY, BIZZARRO, CAUSER, PASHINSKI, FREEMAN, SAINATO, GERGELY and DAVIDSON

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dissemination of criminal history record information, further providing for fees for background checks; and, in child protective services, further providing for employees having contact with children, adoptive and foster parents and for volunteers having contact with children.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 28, 2015.

No. 1082 By Representatives HARKINS, O'BRIEN, ROZZI, KOTIK, BROWNLEE, MILLARD, READSHAW, W. KELLER, DeLUCA, McNEILL, MAHONEY, COHEN, McCARTER, GIBBONS, SABATINA, MURT, GINGRICH, D. COSTA, BARBIN, GOODMAN, GERGELY, SAINATO, M. DALEY, DiGIROLAMO, FLYNN, FARINA, VEREB and DAVIS

An Act providing for workplace health and safety standards for public employees; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor and Industry; establishing the Pennsylvania Occupational Safety and Health Review Board; providing for workplace inspections; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 28, 2015.

No. 1083 By Representatives PHILLIPS-HILL, M. K. KELLER, LAWRENCE, DUSH, PEIFER, CUTLER, D. PARKER, IRVIN, ZIMMERMAN, MARSICO, MENTZER, HARHART, SAYLOR, WARD, GILLEN, GROVE, B. MILLER, KLUNK, RADER, BAKER, WHEELAND, EVERETT, DIAMOND and TRUITT

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the passage of unfunded directives from the General Assembly concerning education passed through legislation.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 28, 2015.

No. 1084 By Representatives PHILLIPS-HILL, McGINNIS, PICKETT, JAMES, TOEPEL, MUSTIO, CUTLER, IRVIN, TALLMAN, GODSHALL, MENTZER, BLOOM, KAUFFMAN, GROVE, LAWRENCE, B. MILLER, MOUL, KLUNK, TOOHIL, EVERETT, STAATS, ZIMMERMAN, SAYLOR, TRUITT and WARD

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to retirement for school employees, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 28, 2015.

No. 1085 By Representatives MULLERY, KAVULICH, A. HARRIS, GOODMAN, COHEN, GIBBONS, McCARTER, ROZZI, HEFFLEY, McNEILL, FARRY, MURT, SABATINA and KIRKLAND

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for State employees and officers, further defining "enforcement officer."

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 28, 2015.

No. 1088 By Representatives MURT, COHEN, FARINA, McNEILL and MILNE

An Act relating to the practice of opticianry and contact lens fitting; requiring licensing of individuals; and providing for unlawful acts.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 28, 2015.

No. 1089 By Representatives STEPHENS, TAYLOR, BAKER, DAVIS, MILLARD, D. COSTA, LAWRENCE, A. HARRIS, MULLERY, DeLUCA, MOUL, VEREB, MURT, COHEN, READSHAW, M. K. KELLER and MILNE

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1091 By Representatives STEPHENS, TAYLOR, SCHWEYER, HACKETT, DRISCOLL, THOMAS, BARRAR, McNEILL, COHEN, GODSHALL, TRUITT, TOEPEL, MARSICO, GIBBONS, SABATINA, MURT, VEREB, DeLUCA, DEASY, MATZIE, D. COSTA, MOUL, WATSON and MILNE

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1092 By Representatives STEPHENS, D. COSTA, QUIGLEY, HARPER and TOEPEL

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in county officers, further providing for incompatible offices.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, May 4, 2015.

No. 1093 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, V. BROWN, COHEN, CUTLER, DeLUCA, DIAMOND, FEE, GABLER, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GRELL, IRVIN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, METCALFE, MOUL, MURT, PEIFER, SAYLOR, SIMMONS and STAATS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in provisions relating to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, further providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and for explanation of ballot question; and, in ballots, further providing for form of official election ballot.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 4, 2015.

No. 1094 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, BLOOM, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, FEE, GILLEN, A. HARRIS, IRVIN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KLUNK, MARSICO, McNEILL, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, PICKETT, ROEBUCK, STAATS, TOEPEL and WATSON

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in State-related institutions, further providing for reporting, for contents of report and for copies and posting, and providing for contracts.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 4, 2015.

No. 1095 By Representatives MARSICO, TALLMAN, PICKETT, BLOOM, BAKER, KNOWLES, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, DUNBAR, CUTLER, WARD, ROSS, HELM, B. MILLER, MENTZER, FEE, HICKERNELL, MOUL, M. K. KELLER, SAYLOR and MILNE

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, excluding political subdivisions from the act; and authorizing optional prevailing wage ordinances.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1096 By Representatives MARSICO, BLOOM, DIAMOND, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, PICKETT, BENNINGHOFF, McGINNIS, A. HARRIS, TALLMAN, LAWRENCE, METCALFE, MOUL, HELM, FEE, MENTZER, M. K. KELLER, WARD and MILNE

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions; providing for referendum for prevailing wage rates, for subsequent public referenda and for election interference prohibited; and repealing provisions related to the Public School Code of 1949.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1097 By Representatives P. DALEY, GODSHALL, McNEILL, COHEN and MURT

An Act establishing the Water Well Insurance Board and the Water Well Insurance Fund; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection, for the insurance of compensation for damages to subscribers who own water wells; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1098 By Representatives SNYDER, KOTIK, DIAMOND, McNEILL, DiGIROLAMO, M. K. KELLER, DAVIS, BOBACK, J. HARRIS, SANKEY, KINSEY, ENGLISH, MOUL, READSHAW, MILLARD, DONATUCCI, D. COSTA, SCHLOSSBERG, COHEN, MULLERY, A. HARRIS, SAMUELSON, HEFFLEY, SCHWEYER, GILLEN, MURT, MATZIE and GIBBONS

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for the definition of "new motor vehicle."

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, May 4, 2015.

No. 1099 By Representatives MAHER, BLOOM, CAUSER, COHEN, CORBIN, EVERETT, GABLER, HEFFLEY, KILLION, KRIEGER, MACKENZIE, METZGAR, MILLARD, MURT, MUSTIO, RAPP, ROZZI and SANKEY

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in organization of departmental administrative boards and commissions and of advisory boards and commissions, further providing for the Environmental Quality Board.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1100 By Representatives M. DALEY, D. PARKER, FRANKEL, SCHWEYER, CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, MACKENZIE, C. PARKER, COHEN, O'BRIEN, V. BROWN, HARPER, McCARTER, BROWNLEE, TOOHL, DAVIS, KINSEY, READSHAW, KAVULICH, RAVENSTAHL, KIM, SCHREIBER, DONATUCCI, ACOSTA, STURLA, MURT, SAMUELSON, ROZZI, DEASY, DIAMOND, FREEMAN, SIMS, SABATINA, D. COSTA, D. MILLER, KORTZ, DEAN, McNEILL, WATSON, MILNE, RAPP and MARKOSEK

An Act providing for the Workplace Accommodations for Nursing Mothers Act.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1101 By Representatives CALTAGIRONE, McNEILL, GODSHALL, HARHART and COHEN

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in creation, alteration and termination of condominiums, further providing for amendment of declaration; and in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for amendment of declaration.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, May 4, 2015.

No. 1102 By Representatives BARBIN, D. COSTA, THOMAS, GODSHALL, DEAN, COHEN and V. BROWN

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1103 By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, HICKERNELL, LONGIETTI, KAUFFMAN, CAUSER, CUTLER, GODSHALL, BLOOM, MILLARD, GRELL, GABLER, PICKETT, GIBBONS and MURT

An Act amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the Storm Water Management Act, further providing for definitions and for effect of watershed storm water plans.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 4, 2015.

No. 1104 By Representatives GODSHALL, BOBACK, MILLARD, JAMES, MURT, D. COSTA, O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, BARRAR, MARSHALL, KOTIK, QUIGLEY, HARHAI, BARBIN, DeLUCA, LEWIS, COHEN, ROZZI, CAUSER, RAVENSTAHL, PETRI and MILNE

An Act providing for the use of investigational drugs, biological products and devices by terminally ill patients.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, May 4, 2015.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 385, PN 738

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2015.

SB 427, PN 368

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2015.

SB 487, PN 427

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 27, 2015.

SB 494, PN 442

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 24, 2015.

SB 562, PN 731

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2015.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker is in receipt of a communication from the Honorable Glen Grell, which the clerk will read.

The following communication was read:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

April 27, 2015

The Honorable Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House
139 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Speaker Turzai:

I hereby tender my resignation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to be effective April 30, 2015.

It has been the honor and privilege of a lifetime to represent the residents of the 87th Legislative District. I hope you will act promptly to call a Special Election to choose my successor.

Best wishes to all members of the House of Representatives in the coming weeks and months.

Respectfully yours,
Glen R. Grell
State Representative
87th Legislative District

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there requests for leaves of absence? The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentlelady, Ms. TOOIL, from Luzerne County for the day; for the gentleman, Mr. MALONEY, from Berks County for the day; for the gentleman, Mr. MAHER, from Allegheny County for the day; and the gentleman, Mr. DAY, from Lehigh County for the day. Without objection, the leaves of absence will be so granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests a leave of absence for Representative DAWKINS from Philadelphia for the day; Representative SANTARSIERO from Bucks County for the day. Without objection, those leaves of absence will be so granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. The members will proceed to vote.

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—195

Acosta	Evans	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Everett	Kortz	Readshaw
Baker	Fabrizio	Kotik	Reed
Barbin	Farina	Krieger	Reese
Barrar	Farry	Lawrence	Regan
Benninghoff	Fee	Lewis	Roe
Bishop	Flynn	Longietti	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Masser	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Gingrich	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Goodman	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Greiner	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Christian	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sims
Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhai	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harkins	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harper	Moul	Sturla
Cruz	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Culver	Harris, J.	Murt	Taylor
Cutler	Heffley	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, M.	Helm	Nesbit	Tobash
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Neuman	Toepel
Davidson	Hickernell	O'Brien	Topper
Davis	Hill	O'Neill	Truitt
Dean	Irvin	Oberlander	Vereb
Deasy	James	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Parker, C.	Ward
Delozier	Kampf	Parker, D.	Warner
DeLuca	Kaufman	Pashinski	Waters
Dermody	Kauffman	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Kavulich	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Killion	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kim	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	
Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Rapp	Speaker
Evankovich			

ADDITIONS—0**NOT VOTING—0**

EXCUSED—6

Dawkins	Maher	Santarsiero	Toohil
Day	Maloney		

LEAVES ADDED—5

Cruz	Heffley	Pyle	Turzai
Godshall			

LEAVES CANCELED—3

Dawkins	Day	Maher
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The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-five members being present, there is a quorum.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

The SPEAKER. Members, if you could please take your seats, we will be taking our official chamber portrait.

Representatives, if you could please take your seats. Thank you very much. All members, please report to the floor. Members, could you please, your laptops, please put them in the desk. Any items that you have out, please put in the desk. All members, if you could, please place your laptops and any other items that you have under your desktop. All members, please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

I am going to now ask the photographer to give us some instructions. As I indicated, please have your laptops under your desktop and any other papers under your desktop.

Sir, please proceed. Hold on one second.

Thank you, members.

Go ahead, sir.

Mr. FOSTER. Thank you.

My name is Brian Foster. Dave Kutz is here to my left. Thank you again for this opportunity of allowing us to photograph your session.

(Official photographs were taken.)

The SPEAKER. It is unbelievably impressive that we are able to get through half the photos so far.

We are going to be taking – we will be doing some work. The photographers have to reset, as many of you remember. They will reset so that we can take the photo from the other side, and at this time we are going to be doing some official business, so we will start off.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. We are going to recognize the Appropriations chair, Representative Adolph of Delaware County, for an announcement.

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

Mr. Speaker, the House Appropriations Committee will have an immediate meeting in the majority caucus room, immediately. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The House Appropriations Committee will have an immediate meeting in the majority caucus room.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The minority whip requests that Representative CRUZ of Philadelphia be placed on leave of absence for the day. The leave will be granted.

Members, we will be at ease for the next 15 minutes. We will be at ease for 15 minutes. We are going to resume the photo at 1:45, 1:45 we will be resuming the session photo. The House will be at ease for 15 minutes. Thank you.

The House will come to order.

Members, the photographers are just about prepared to proceed, so if all members could please take their seats.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. We are calling upon the majority whip, who indicates that Chairman Maher is back and should be placed on the master roll. That will be granted.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

The SPEAKER. All members please return to the floor. We will be resuming the photo for this legislative session.

Okay. We are about ready to proceed. Any instructions? We need the doors closed, please, to the Sergeants at Arms. The back doors could be closed, please. Thank you. It is all yours.

(Official photographs were taken.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you, members. Thank you to our photographers.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MURT called up **HR 134, PN 770**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. D. COSTA called up **HR 199, PN 1019**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 5, 2015, as "Ependymoma Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up **HR 236, PN 1153**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "National Postcard Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Acosta	Everett	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Fabrizio	Kotik	Readshaw
Baker	Farina	Krieger	Reed
Barbin	Farry	Lawrence	Reese
Barrar	Fee	Lewis	Regan
Benninghoff	Flynn	Longietti	Roae
Bishop	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Freeman	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Gabler	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gainey	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Galloway	Markosek	Saccone
Bradford	Gergely	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gillen	Masser	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillespie	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gingrich	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Hanna	Miccarelli	Sims
Conklin	Harhai	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhart	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Culver	Harris, J.	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Hill	O'Brien	Topper
Dean	Irvin	O'Neill	Truitt
Deasy	James	Oberlander	Vereb
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Vitali
Delozier	Kampf	Parker, C.	Ward
DeLuca	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Diamond	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Pickett	White
Dush	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kirkland	Quinn	
English	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
Evankovich	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Day	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

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

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Murt, who will be recognized to speak on two of the resolutions. Representative Murt, the floor is yours.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will just be speaking on HR 134 today. I want to thank my colleagues for supporting HR 134 to declare the week of May 3, 2015, as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week."

Mr. Speaker, as legislators, as teachers, and as parents, we need to continue to assist and support our children with mental health challenges, or those that have special needs, to ensure they feel connected to their communities, their schools, and their families. Such feelings are essential to a child's positive adjustment, self-identification, and sense of trust in others and themselves. Mr. Speaker, building strong and positive relationships among students, school staff, and parents is critically important to promoting mental wellness.

Mr. Speaker, we must also promote resilience. Adversity is a natural part of life, and being resilient is important to overcoming challenges and good mental health. That will promote connectedness and competency. Mr. Speaker, in addition we must help these children know that they can overcome challenges and accomplish goals through their actions. By achieving academic success and developing individual talents, our children will be better prepared for their adult lives.

As legislators, we must ensure that these children have a positive and safe school environment. Feeling safe is a critical component of a child's learning and mental health, and we must be attentive to negative behavior, such as school violence, bullying, and harassment. We can do this by providing easily understood rules of conduct and fair discipline practices, ensuring an adult presence in common areas, such as hallways, cafeterias, locker rooms, and playgrounds.

My hope is that this resolution will encourage Pennsylvanians to help these special children. Mr. Speaker, we need to show these children that they, too, can make a difference. Their positive behavior will build self-esteem, reinforce personal responsibility, and present opportunities for positive recognition, and that will reinforce the importance of being part of a community.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as legislators, we must encourage and educate school staff, parents, and students on the symptoms of and help for mental health problems. Information can break down the stigma surrounding mental health and enable adults and children to recognize when and where to seek help.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Thank you very much.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. TAYLOR called up **HR 299, PN 1359**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 6, 2015, as "Moyamoya Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KORTZ called up **HR 308, PN 1397**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 5, 2015, as "Alzheimer's Awareness Action Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Acosta	Everett	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Fabrizio	Kotik	Readshaw
Baker	Farina	Krieger	Reed
Barbin	Farry	Lawrence	Reese
Barrar	Fee	Lewis	Regan
Benninghoff	Flynn	Longietti	Roae
Bishop	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Freeman	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Gabler	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gainey	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Galloway	Markosek	Saccone
Bradford	Gergely	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gillen	Masser	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillespie	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gingrich	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Grove	Metcalf	Schweyer
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Hanna	Miccarelli	Sims
Conklin	Harhai	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhart	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Culver	Harris, J.	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Hill	O'Brien	Topper
Dean	Irvin	O'Neill	Truitt
Deasy	James	Oberlander	Vereb
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLozier	Kampf	Parker, C.	Ward
DeLuca	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Diamond	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
DiGrolamo	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Pickett	White
Dush	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kirkland	Quinn	
English	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
Evankovich	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

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

STATEMENT BY MRS. WATSON

The SPEAKER. Representative Kortz and Chairperson Watson are recognized to speak on HR 308. In addition, Chairmen Samuelson and Hennessey will be standing at the rostrum with them.

Members, if you will please give your attention to Chairwoman Kathy Watson of Bucks County on HR 308.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we gather here today and every one of us in the room, I think if you look around, has been affected by the reaches of Alzheimer's disease. That is what this resolution is about. Some of us have a loved one who valiantly fought the disease. Some of us know someone who is currently in the early stages or have a friend or a family member who is an Alzheimer's caregiver, an awesome and very difficult job.

Sadly, this is one disease that we see growing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Certainly the growth will increase as our baby boomers age. We will see more occurrences of the disease and also other forms that we have been able to identify of cognitive dementia. Sadly, that places a great strain on the resources we have available at the State level to help both the patients and their loved ones who are often their caregivers.

So to address the issue, we knew we needed a long-term plan to ensure why we have or how we can have appropriate services and programs in place. We have completed that State plan in just the last few months, examining population trends, support and assistance, and the report also recognizes any needed policy changes.

Why did we do this? Because the overall goal is to be thoughtful to caregivers and loved ones who really stand for us and all Pennsylvanians in the frontline of the battle. We want to be able to integrate existing programs and services and make resources cost-effective, both for families and for the taxpayers. Sadly, with so many people affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases, it is imperative that we have to put together a network of resources to crisscross Pennsylvania for all of those who are challenged by the disease.

One of the recommendations was to increase and improve awareness, and that is why I am pleased to be part of HR 308. It designates tomorrow, May 5, 2015, as "Alzheimer's Awareness Action Day" in Pennsylvania. It is a disease that many of us do not want to know anything about because it just seems too frightening, but, ladies and gentlemen, it is a disease we have to understand in order to be helpful and to help our State. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. KORTZ

The SPEAKER. Representative Kortz, the floor is yours.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be here today to stand with our cochair, Kathy Watson, to offer HR 308, designating May 5 as "Alzheimer's Awareness Action Day" in Pennsylvania, and we wish to thank our colleagues for their affirmative vote on this measure.

The purpose of the resolution, Mr. Speaker, is to raise awareness of this terrible disease. It is a disease that knows no bounds. It is a horrible affliction that strikes both men and women from all walks of life, all races, all creeds, and at various ages. It does not discriminate.

Mr. Speaker, over 5 million Americans are living with this irreversible degenerative disease and the cost for caring for those individuals is estimated to be at \$226 billion this year in the United States. Mr. Speaker, 400,000 of our residents of this Commonwealth are currently diagnosed with this debilitating disease. It has no cure yet.

Many have succumbed. One of those was my mother, who passed away in 2005 after a 10-year-long battle. It took a very heavy toll on my father, who was the primary caregiver, and our entire family. Last week, April 29 marked the 10th year since mother passed.

Mr. Speaker, we wear purple to raise awareness of this terrible disease. It is a terrible epidemic in the United States and in this State. Again, Representative Watson and I wish to thank all of you for your affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Kortz. Thank you, Chairperson Watson. Thank you very much, Chairs Hennessey and Samuelson, for joining them.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. I would like to recognize Chairman John Taylor, who is being recognized on HR 299.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

I have remarks that I would like to submit for the record on HR 299.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir. Those will be accepted.

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

I would like to thank everyone for their vote on HR 299, recognizing May 6, 2015, as "Moyamoya Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

This resolution is being offered to highlight the struggle of Jenna Bayona and her parents, Kristina Scott and Jimmy Bayona, who live in my district. Jenna was diagnosed with this rare disease on February 28, 2014, and has undergone brain surgery.

This disease causes arteries at the base of the brain to narrow, resulting in blocked blood flow to the brain. This leads to mini strokes in both children and adults. Because the arteries continue to narrow, surgery is needed to prevent mental decline and recurrent strokes.

Thank you for your vote on this very important resolution to bring awareness to this very rare disorder.

CALENDAR**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SAMUELSON called up **HR 151, PN 846**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Ronald W. Costen, Ph.D., Esquire, on his retirement from Temple University and recognizing his work as the director of the Institute on Protective Services.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We are here today to honor Dr. Ron Costen on his retirement from the Temple University Institute on Aging. I am joined by Representative Hennessey, the majority chair of our Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

Well, the big movie over the weekend was the "Avengers" about a group of superheroes working together to protect the citizens of the earth. We have our own avenger with us today, Dr. Ron Costen, who has dedicated much of his life to protecting Pennsylvania's elderly citizens and also citizens with disabilities. Working with area agencies on aging, district attorneys, and local police, Dr. Costen spots financial fraud, he helps to win convictions, and recoups stolen money and stolen assets. Dr. Costen, please rise and be recognized.

Dr. Costen has been helping senior citizens and the disabled since the 1970s when he was the program director for the Allegheny County MH/MR (mental health/mental retardation) program in Pittsburgh. Since then, Dr. Costen has worn many hats, including Lackawanna County Assistant District Attorney, where he prosecuted those who victimized the elderly, children, and the disabled; Deputy Attorney General for Pennsylvania in the Attorney General's Criminal Law Division, where in addition to prosecuting abuse crimes, he also operated the Pennsylvania Medical/Legal Advisory Board on Child Abuse and directed the statewide elder abuse law enforcement training program. He served as an assistant dean and associate professor and chairperson at Marywood University, where he planned, developed, and implemented the university-wide Gerontology Institute and the off-campus and weekend graduate social work programs. He also taught courses in social policy, aging, human behavior, and health care. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at Shippensburg University, Lebanon Valley College, and Duquesne University. And most recently, he has been Temple University professor and administrator of the institute on older adults protective services, which is a group of geriatric experts who provide educational and consulting services to attorneys, law enforcement, human services professionals, and others in order to better protect Pennsylvania's senior citizens.

In this capacity we have known Dr. Costen the best. He and his staff at Temple established Pennsylvania's first elder abuse task force, a team of district attorneys, local police, and area agencies on aging who investigate and prosecute senior abuse. There are now 33 such task forces across Pennsylvania.

He has testified at committee hearings on elder abuse. He has helped craft bills that better protect our seniors. He has assisted committee staff when they have questions about financial

crimes against the elderly and he has made himself available when we have constituents who might be the victim of financial exploitation.

Like our movie superheroes, Dr. Costen always answers the call when a senior citizen is in trouble. In January Dr. Costen retired from Temple University to pursue a Master of Divinity degree from Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary. And while we may not see him on a daily basis around Temple University's Strawberry Square campus, Dr. Costen will still be the go-to guy when a senior citizen is abused and we need information to help protect that senior citizen.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Ron Costen for all that he has done to ensure the safety, welfare, and happiness of Pennsylvania's senior citizens.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Hennessey for remarks.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am very pleased to join with all of you and my cochair, Steve Samuelson, in honoring Dr. Ron Costen on the occasion of his retirement from the Temple Institute on Protective Services.

If you have never crossed paths with Ron, that is probably a good thing because he tends to protect those who are abused, neglected, who have been taken advantage of, and if you have never crossed swords with him, as I say, that is a good thing. He foils many, many people in their efforts when they have tried to do harm to our elderly or to steal from them.

He is a nationally recognized expert and resource on protective services issues. He is also one of the nicest, most generous people that you will ever meet; always willing to help, whether it is one of his students at Temple, a district attorney involved in a complex case of financial abuse, or a State legislator in need of assistance to help an older constituent.

As chairman of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, I have had the distinct honor and privilege of working with Dr. Costen. I have seen his dedication and commitment to doing everything in his power to help those who have been abused, neglected, or taken advantage of in any way.

Now, even as he retires from the Temple Institute on Protective Services, which he helped found, he will make the world an even better place. As Chairman Samuelson has mentioned to you, he has entered the Lutheran Seminary, so his new calling will build upon his old career and he will make the world a better, not just a safer place, but a better place for our senior citizens and all of us.

Thank you, Dr. Costen, for all you have done for our seniors and the elderly in Pennsylvania, and once again, could we give Dr. Costen a round of applause.

The SPEAKER. Are there any other members that would like to be recognized? Yes, sir.

GUEST INTRODUCED

Mr. HENNESSEY. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker.

I should have taken the opportunity to recognize the fact or acknowledge the fact that we are joined today by Acting Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne, who is here to honor Dr. Costen for his commitment to our elderly.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Bradford	Gergely	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Glillen	Masser	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillespie	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gingrich	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Goodman	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Hanna	Miccarelli	Sims
Conklin	Harhai	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhart	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Sturla
Culver	Harris, J.	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Hill	O'Brien	Topper
Dean	Irvin	O'Neill	Truitt
Deasy	James	Oberlander	Vereb
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Vitali
Delozier	Kampf	Parker, C.	Ward
DeLuca	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Diamond	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Dunbar	Killion	Pickett	White
Dush	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Ellis	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kirkland	Quinn	
English	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has indicated that Representative Day is back on the floor and should be marked on the master roll call. That will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has indicated that Representative Doyle HEFFLEY has asked for a leave of absence for today. That leave will be granted.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Taylor Morrison, who is shadowing the majority whip, Representative Cutler, for the day. Taylor, will you please stand. Thank you very much for being here today.

Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Paige Ashley Coon, who is Miss Crawford County's Outstanding Teen. She is here with her mother, Tracy Coon, and her brother, Zachary Coon. They are the guests of Representative Roae. Thank you very much for joining us here today.

Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Johanna Kim, an exchange student from South Korea, and she is shadowing Representative David Parker of Monroe County for the day. Thank you very much for being with us today.

Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes students from the International Student Exchange Program: Natalya Shirokorad and Anastasia Sayenko from Kazakhstan, and Anastasia Fillipova and Yulia Ishutkina from Ukraine. They are here with their guests, Arlynn and Adam Paris, and they are the guests of Representative Mindy Fee. Please rise and thank you so much for joining us here today in the Capitol.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes a group of senior citizens, if I understand, from Representative Dan Miller's district in Allegheny County. Representative Miller and his guests will please rise. It is great to see you here in the House chamber. Thank you for joining us.

As a guest of Representative Duane Milne, located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes the executive director of the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau, whom I had the opportunity to meet earlier, Susan Hamley. Susan, thank you for being with us today.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read the following supplemental report from Committee on Committees.

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees Supplemental Report

In the House of Representatives
May 4, 2015

RESOLVED, That

Representative Joe Hackett, Delaware County, resigned as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Representative Martina White, Philadelphia County, is elected as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Godshall, Chairman
Committee on Committees

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. We are going to turn to announcements. We will begin with Chairman Metcalfe, who has an announcement with respect to the State Government Committee. Chairman Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to have the State Government Committee members' attention for a moment. We are going to be having a meeting of the State Government Committee at the break in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider SB 266 and any other business that might come before the committee, Mr. Speaker. So that is G-50, Irvis Office Building, for the State Government Committee members to consider SB 266 at the break, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

The State Government Committee will have a meeting at the break in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider SB 266.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The majority caucus chair, Representative Sandra Major, is called upon for an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus at 2:30. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 2:30. We would be prepared to come back on the floor at 3:30, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The minority chair, Dan Frankel, is called upon for an announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, the House will stand in recess until 3:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. Will members please report to the floor.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 367, PN 1186

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in bonds and recognizances, amending provisions relating to professional bondsmen; and providing for authorization to conduct business within each county, for forfeited undertaking, for private cause of action and for third party sureties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 664, PN 766

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act providing for the annual designation and holiday observance of the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in this Commonwealth.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 720, PN 1198

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 155 over the Allegheny River, Port Allegany Borough and Liberty Township, McKean County, as the Port Allegany Veterans Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of Local Route T-325 over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Lt. William E. Daisley, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 743, PN 880

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contract clauses and preference provisions, requiring Commonwealth agencies to procure flags that are manufactured in the United States and to give preference to American-made products; and imposing a penalty.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 863, PN 1047

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3006 over Spring Creek, Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, as the Bellefonte Veterans Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 866, PN 1199

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act designating a portion of State Route 15 in Lycoming County as the Kelly Rae Mertes DUI Awareness Memorial Highway.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 911, PN 1331

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emergency telephone service.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 79, PN 55

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2014 (P.L.876, No.98), entitled "An act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 15 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, Carroll Township, York County, as the Glenn Bowers Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of 17th Street over the 10th Avenue Expressway, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Blair County Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 764 over 31st Street, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Alvin E. Morrison Memorial Bridge; designating West Erie Avenue from its intersection with North Second Street in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, to the point where it meets North Front Street in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, as Roberto Clemente Way; designating the interchange at the crossing of State Route 33 and Main Street (State Route 1022) in Palmer Township, Northampton County, as the Charles Chrin Interchange; designating the interchange between the portion of State Route 3009 and State Route 119 in South Union Township, Fayette County, as the Fred L. Lebder Interchange; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 711 over the Youghiogheny River in the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, as the Officer Robb McCray Memorial Bridge," further providing for Officer Robb McCray Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 266, PN 839 (Amended)

By Rep. METCALFE

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to grant and convey to the Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority, or its assigns, two permanent utility and access easements from lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Fort Loudon Historical Site situate in Peters Township, Franklin County, for purpose of groundwater withdrawal.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 501, PN 1319**, entitled:

An Act designating the Conodoguinet Bridge on that portion of State Route 641 over the Conodoguinet Creek, Hopewell Township, Cumberland County, as the Army Pfc. Harold "Sam" E. Barrick Memorial Bridge.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 779, PN 1320**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 254 in Northumberland County as the Staff Sergeant Thomas Allen Baysore Memorial Highway.

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 875, PN 1070**, entitled:

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

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

Mr. **FABRIZIO** offered the following amendment
No. **A00718**:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

(e) The requirements of subsection (d) shall not apply if:

(1) The custodial parent is a victim of domestic violence perpetrated by the noncustodial parent. Domestic violence shall be verified using State standards developed under section 402(a)(7) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193, 42 U.S.C. § 602(a)(7)).

(2) The application of subsection (d) endangers the well-being of a child by interrupting the child's continuity of medical care.

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Fabrizio.

Mr. **FABRIZIO**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
This is an agreed-to amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Brown, V.	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Gingrich	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Goodman	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Greiner	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Christiana	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sims
Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhai	Miller, B.	Sonney

Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harkins	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harper	Moul	Sturla
Culver	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Harris, J.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Hill	O'Brien	Topper
Day	Irvin	O'Neill	Truitt
Dean	James	Oberlander	Vereb
Deasy	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLissio	Kampf	Parker, C.	Ward
DeLozier	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Dermody	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Killion	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn	
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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?

The **SPEAKER**. I believe there are no other amendments to this bill.

On the question recurring,
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.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 683, PN 798**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for the definition of "income."

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

Mr. **GOODMAN** offered the following amendment
No. **A00788**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "the" in line 11 and all of line 12 and inserting definitions.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after "amended" and the section is amended by adding a definition

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by inserting a bracket before "or"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by inserting after "or"

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Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by inserting after "dividend"

Federal veterans' disability payments or State veterans' benefits

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 13 and 14

"State veterans' benefits." Service-connected compensation or benefits of any kind provided to a veteran or an unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran by a Commonwealth agency or authorized under the laws of this Commonwealth.

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Goodman.

Mr. **GOODMAN**. Mr. Speaker, very quickly.

My amendment would further exempt all State service-connected compensation to veterans and their spouses with regards to the property tax and rent rebate program. I believe this amendment is agreed to, and I would appreciate the members' support.

The **SPEAKER**. Representative Rapp.

Ms. **RAPP**. Yes, Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment.

The **SPEAKER**. Thank you.

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

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Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
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DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Dermody	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Killion	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn	
Emrick	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
English	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Evankovich			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

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

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

The **SPEAKER**. Are there any other amendments?

On the question recurring,
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.

HB 971, I have been informed, will be over for the day.

Members, we apologize. We are going to in fact call up HB 971. It is my understanding that all the amendments, with the exception of one, have been withdrawn.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 971, PN 1227**, entitled:

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

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

The SPEAKER. For the record, my understanding is that Representative Vitali withdrew his amendment to HB 971. Is that accurate? The minority leader indicates that that is in fact the case. Thank you.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 153, PN 1318**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

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

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A00870**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "50"
Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "50"
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment would do would be to shrink the size of the Senate to 38 members. Essentially what we are doing is combining the bill to shrink the House and the bill to shrink the Senate into the same bill. And although I oppose the shrinkage with regard to either the House or the Senate, I do believe that they should be considered in tandem. I do believe that they are similar concepts and the arguments for and against are similar for both, so they should be considered together.

I believe there is an issue of proportionality here. If we are going to shrink the House, we should shrink the Senate. I think that there have been no arguments that the House is disproportionately large compared to the Senate, so I do believe that they should be considered together.

Now, it has been said that, well, we can do one and then we can do the other; what is the difference? Well, here is the difference. What will happen is, if we pass a bill shrinking the House and move it over to the Senate and then we pass a bill shrinking the Senate and move it over to the Senate, what the Senate will do is put the House shrinkage bill to the Governor's desk for signature and then simply sit on the Senate shrinkage bill. So that will really be not the outcome that anyone wants, whether you are for or against this concept.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the proper way to consider these bills is in tandem, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali, are you done?

Okay. At this time I would call upon Representative Knowles, please. Thank you.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask for a "no" vote on the Vitali amendment.

I think this is an opportunity for us to lead by example. We are going to lead by example by sending this over to the Senate, and hopefully they will come to their senses and decide that the best thing is for them to reduce the size of their body. And lastly, I would say that there is an independent, there is a separate bill on the Senate that you will have an opportunity to vote on. So again, I would ask for a "no" vote on the Vitali amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—100

Acosta	DeLissio	Jozwiak	Petrarca
Baker	DeLuca	Kauffman	Pickett
Barbin	Dermody	Kavulich	Rader
Bishop	DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Rapp
Bizzarro	Donatucci	Kim	Ravenstahl
Boback	Driscoll	Kinsey	Readshaw
Boyle	Dush	Kirkland	Roebuck
Bradford	Evans	Kortz	Rozzi
Briggs	Fabrizio	Kotik	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Farina	Longietti	Sainato
Brownlee	Flynn	Mahoney	Samuelson
Burns	Frankel	Markosek	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Freeman	Masser	Schreiber
Carroll	Gainey	Matzie	Schweyer
Causar	Galloway	McCarter	Sims
Cohen	Gergely	McNeill	Snyder
Conklin	Gibbons	Metzgar	Sturla
Costa, D.	Gillen	Millard	Thomas
Costa, P.	Goodman	Miller, D.	Toepel
Daley, M.	Hanna	Mullery	Vitali
Daley, P.	Harhai	Neuman	Warner
Davidson	Harkins	O'Brien	Waters
Davis	Harper	O'Neill	Wentling
Dean	Harris, J.	Parker, C.	Wheatley
Deasy	James	Pashinski	Youngblood

NAYS—95

Adolph	Greiner	Marsico	Ross
Barrar	Grove	McGinnis	Saccone
Benninghoff	Hahn	Mentzer	Sankey
Bloom	Harhart	Metcalfe	Santora
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Saylor
Christiana	Helm	Miller, B.	Schemel
Corbin	Hennessey	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Hill	Murt	Staats
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Ellis	Killion	Payne	Truitt
Emrick	Klunk	Peifer	Vereb
English	Knowles	Petri	Ward
Evankovich	Krieger	Pyle	Watson
Everett	Lawrence	Quigley	Whealand
Farry	Lewis	Quinn	White
Fee	Mackenzie	Reed	Zimmerman
Gabler	Maher	Reese	
Gillespie	Major	Regan	Turzai,
Gingrich	Marshall	Roae	Speaker
Godshall			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz
DawkinsHeffley
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Santarsiero

Toohil

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?

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A00871**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after "district."

The division or formation of a district for the purpose of political advantage is prohibited.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment would do would be to add one phrase to section 16, Article II, of the Pennsylvania Constitution that reads as follows: "The division or formation of a district for the purpose of political advantage is prohibited." I will just read that again. This is the entire amendment. "The division or formation of a district for the purpose of political advantage is prohibited." And that, of course, refers to legislative or senatorial districts, and I might add that this is in the identical section that the bill in chief amends, shrinking the legislature from 203 to 151.

The purpose of this amendment is to make it very crystal clear to the five-member Pennsylvania Reapportionment Commission that when they are crafting these legislative districts, political advantage should not be something that is their end goal. Mr. Speaker, this is clearly what our constituents want to see happen.

Redistricting, for those who follow what makes State government good and bad realize, this is just one of those fundamental issues that go to the root of what is wrong with State government.

Mr. Speaker, there is no better example than the need for this amendment than my own legislative district. This is a district that— Two members of the Reapportionment Commission from my county were determined to break my legislative district up to make the next district over a safe Republican seat. Mr. Speaker, it served no purpose other than that. This action was initially ruled unconstitutional by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, it is very important that we put this antiredistricting amendment into a bill that shrinks the size of the legislature, because in shrinking the size of the legislature, there is such an opportunity for gerrymandering. When you go from 203 to 153 or 151, you have a lot of opportunity to gerrymander and a lot of opportunity to disserve the public. And this amendment makes sure, if you are going to shrink the size of the legislature, you do not do it in such a way that we are doing it for political advantage or disadvantage.

I might add that the League of Women Voters is supportive of the concept of doing redistricting prior to shrinking the size of the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue very important to the functioning of State government. It is something all our constituents want. This is our opportunity to do it. This issue and the issue of shrinking the size of the legislature are related because both deal with the configuration of legislative districts — one with the size, the other with the shape — but both deal with the configuration of legislative districts. So I would ask for an affirmative vote in your perhaps one chance to make a stand against gerrymandering.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will urge opposition to the gentleman's amendment for the following reasons. The gentleman is focusing on the process of redistricting when the bill before us actually deals solely with the numbers. I believe the gentleman who is the prime sponsor of the bill has set out the belief, and I believe that he is correct, that we should take a look at the number of individuals in the General Assembly. That is solely the context of the bill and the proposal before us.

For the gentleman to get into the procedural piece, which is dictated by the statutes that we have here in this Commonwealth and which we go through every 10 years, I think is somewhat off subject.

GERMANENESS QUESTIONED

Mr. CUTLER. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I would urge, or rather, I would make a motion — I would make a motion, Mr. Speaker, that this amendment is not germane to the underlying bill, and therefore, we should vote accordingly.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler, has raised the question of whether the amendment is in fact germane. Under House rule 27, questions involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall be decided by the House.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I really do not see how an amendment could be more germane. This change is in the exact same paragraph as the change in the bill in chief. The proper place to deal with the issue of redistricting is in the Constitution and in this section. In other provisions of the Constitution, other requirements with regard to the size and shape of legislative districts are contained.

Mr. Speaker, the bill in chief deals with legislative districts; this amendment deals with legislative districts. The bill in chief deals with the number of legislative districts; this deals with the formation of legislative districts. These two changes are probably only about three lines away in the Constitution. Regrettably, in this chamber we use germaneness as a pretext for not taking votes, and I hope we do not do it in this case.

Mr. Speaker, this is clearly germane because it deals with legislative districts. It is the same provision of the Constitution.

It deals with the fundamental process of State government, how the legislature functions. The bill in chief deals with the intent to make the legislature function better; the amendment makes – the intent of the amendment is to make the legislature function better. We are dealing with the legislative process, the functioning of the legislative process, things that should be dealt with in the Constitution, things in the same paragraph.

Mr. Speaker, you can obviously vote the way you want, but I would suggest if you want to be honest with yourself and the people of Pennsylvania, you simply vote "no," "no" on the amendment itself, and do not use germaneness as a smoke screen. Thank you.

I would ask you to vote "no" on the motion for germaneness.

The SPEAKER. Representative Conklin, on the motion, please.

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank Mr. Speaker.

You know, I do not know how you can have this discussion on this bill without having a discussion on the – I do not want to call it gerrymandering – the political districts which will be made by it, because let us think about this. We are actually going to fewer legislators, and one of the fears of many legislators is that the rural districts will not be represented. So when you look at this amendment, there is probably no amendment that is more germane than what the Vitali amendment is.

We are asking individuals that will have their legislature as going to be a smaller legislature, they are going to have more constituents, so I think it is very fair to ask that this amendment be put in. It is very germane when you think about the fact that we know that nobody would ever do a political gerrymandering, that it would be fair, but this should at least give oversight, that there will be somebody who is not a political entity involved in this. I think this is very germane, Mr. Speaker.

I think the fact that many of our rural legislators are very concerned with the fact that they may be gerrymandered some way, this would just take it off the table, and at least we would have that independent voice that would be there, because again, let us remember why it is so germane.

New districts are going to be drawn. Downsizing the legislature is about new districts. This amendment tells how new districts could be done in a fair and equitable manner for the voters and not the politicians. I think it is time to let the voters pick the politician rather than the politician pick the voter when it comes to new districts.

So please, vote for this amendment. It is very, very fair. It is very germane.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody, the minority leader.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the underlying bill is clearly about the formation of districts and how the districts are formed. This amendment is about the formation of districts. It takes politics out of the formation of districts. It is germane. We all know it is germane, and we should vote it is germane.

This gives us the ability to take politics out of redistricting. This is a bill about forming districts. This is an amendment about how those districts are formed also. It is germane. We should vote it is germane.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am looking at the resolution, the underlying resolution – or I am sorry, yeah, the joint resolution, HB 153, and what it does is it amends section 16, "Legislative districts," and the purpose of the resolution is to change the first sentence of section 16. The purpose of this amendment is to change the fourth sentence. So, Mr. Speaker, it is preposterous for anyone to complain that this is not germane.

It is absolutely germane. There is no question it is germane. It is amending the very same section. It is dealing with the very same topic. It is in every way possible germane to this, and I would urge a "yes" vote on the issue of germaneness.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know the majority whip has argued that this amendment is about process and therefore, in his view, should not be considered when considering how districts are drawn in Pennsylvania. But I took a look at the bill in chief here, HB 153, sponsored by Representative Knowles, and if you look on the bottom of page 1, it prints those sentences from the Constitution and the sentence immediately preceding Representative Vitali's language is about process. In fact, let me read it into the record.

This is on the bottom of page 1, the top of page 2, of the gentleman from Schuylkill's legislation. It is written, it says, "Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district." So the gentleman from Schuylkill takes the language from Article II, section 16, of the Constitution, which includes a sentence about process. Now, Representative Vitali from Delaware County proposes to add another sentence saying, "The division or formation of a district for the purpose of political advantage is prohibited."

So I know the gentleman from Lancaster has argued that this is not germane, but if you vote that the Vitali language is not germane, you are going to be in the awkward position of voting that Representative Knowles's legislation is not germane because he is including a sentence about process immediately preceding the proposed language from Representative Vitali.

Clearly, if we are talking about the number of districts, the question of who draws those districts and how they draw those districts is absolutely germane. I urge a vote that this is germane. Let us vote on the substance of the Vitali language.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In regards to the motion, I would like to provide the following case law that I think supports the motion.

In 2002 the Commonwealth Court explained, and directly quoting from that case, "...the procedure to be used in proposing such amendments is exclusively committed to the legislature."

In 2005 in the *Grimaud* case, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court again explained that, and again, directly quoting, "Because the plain language of Article XI, §1 does not require the legislature to engage in a specific procedure while proposing amendments, we will not inquire into these internal procedures nor look beyond the recorded votes, for judicial review is precluded pursuant to the Political Question Doctrine." Mr. Speaker, that doctrine is a long-established separation of power and one that has been discussed for years dating back to the very founding of our country.

House rule 27 specifically provides, in relevant part, as follows: "No motion...on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any member may move to amend a bill or resolution, provided the proposed amendment is germane to the subject. Questions involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall be decided by the House."

HB 153 specifically proposes a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Expressed a bit more broadly, the subject of the bill is the number of members, as I previously stated, in the General Assembly. Any amendment to HB 153 would need to directly relate to the subject, which in this case is the number of the members in the General Assembly. This amendment does not relate directly to the size of the General Assembly, but rather speaks to the process that is used, one that we used as recently as the last redistricting process and, until we change the statutes, will again be used.

Therefore, this does not comply with the germaneness requirements specifically listed under House rule 27, Mr. Speaker, and I would argue it is directly within our purview to determine what is and is not related to this bill because that is purely a legislative power and not one that we should give to the courts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that this motion is not germane and request a vote in according to that belief.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Members, those who believe that the amendment is germane will be voting "aye"; those who believe that the amendment is not germane will be voting "no." This is a procedural vote on the motion.

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—80

Acosta	Dean	Harkins	Pashinski
Barbin	Deasy	Harris, J.	Petrarca
Bishop	DeLissio	Kavulich	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Keller, W.	Readshaw
Boyle	Dermody	Kim	Roebuck
Bradford	Donatucci	Kinsey	Rozzi
Briggs	Driscoll	Kirkland	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Evans	Kortz	Sainato
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Kotik	Samuelson
Burns	Farina	Longietti	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Flynn	Mahoney	Schreiber
Carroll	Frankel	Markosek	Schweyer
Cohen	Freeman	Matzie	Sims
Conklin	Gainey	McCarter	Snyder
Costa, D.	Galloway	McNeill	Sturla
Costa, P.	Gergely	Miller, D.	Thomas
Daley, M.	Gibbons	Mullery	Vitali
Daley, P.	Goodman	Neuman	Waters
Davidson	Hanna	O'Brien	Wheatley
Davis	Harhai	Parker, C.	Youngblood

NAYS—115

Adolph	Godshall	Marsico	Regan
Baker	Greiner	Masser	Roae
Barrar	Grove	McGinnis	Ross
Benninghoff	Hahn	Mentzer	Saccone

Bloom	Harhart	Metcalf	Sankey
Boback	Harper	Metzgar	Santora
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Saylor
Causar	Helm	Millard	Schemel
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Simmons
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Sonney
Cox	Hill	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Murt	Stephens
Cutler	James	Mustio	Tallman
Day	Jozwiak	Nesbit	Taylor
Delozier	Kampf	O'Neill	Tobash
Diamond	Kauf	Oberlander	Toepel
DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Ortitay	Topper
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Parker, D.	Truitt
Dush	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Vereb
Ellis	Killion	Peifer	Ward
Emrick	Klunk	Petri	Warner
English	Knowles	Pickett	Watson
Evankovich	Krieger	Pyle	Wentling
Everett	Lawrence	Quigley	Wheeland
Farry	Lewis	Quinn	White
Fee	Mackenzie	Rader	Zimmerman
Gabler	Maher	Rapp	
Gillen	Major	Reed	Turzai,
Gillespie	Marshall	Reese	Speaker
Gingrich			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. There are a number of late amendments that are filed. Representative Cohen, you have filed late amendments numbered 798 and 799. Will you be asking for a vote on those amendments? They are withdrawn; 798 and 799 are withdrawn.

Representative Markosek has filed late amendments, 854 and 849. Representative Markosek, will you be offering those amendments? Yes, sir.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, these amendments, as you mentioned, were not timely filed. I would suggest, at least on amendment 854, since the Vitali amendment passed and now we are talking about both the House and the Senate, my amendment 854 would increase the terms for House members from 2 years to 4 years and terms of Senate members from 4 years to 6 years. I would suggest that the current situation, particularly here in the House, is really, the 2-year term is something that should have been changed a long time ago, quite frankly. I do not think there is anybody in this chamber, certainly any veterans in this chamber, that have not run for reelection, and a lot of folks back home will say, are you up again?

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek, will you please suspend.

Sir, my understanding is— Which amendment are you offering?

Mr. MARKOSEK. 854, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. And you are seeking a motion to suspend, given the lateness of the filing?

Mr. MARKOSEK. Yeah. I had not made that motion yet, but that is my goal.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. You are recognized to make the motion.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I therefore make the motion that we suspend the rules so that I can introduce amendment 854.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. Okay, sir. You may speak on the motion to suspend the rules, please.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I had mentioned, I think it is time that we increase the length of term for House members from 2 years to 4 years. Also, since we have included the Senate, they currently have a 4-year term, and I think a 6-year term that would be modeled after the Federal government would be appropriate for them.

I think there is a great savings, a great savings not only to us personally but to a lot of other folks in the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth itself is saving a lot of money in order—

The SPEAKER. Sir, Representative, if you would not mind please suspending.

At this time it is only on the motion to suspend. We understand what the amendment is.

Does anybody else wish to speak on the motion to suspend?

With that, Representative Reed, on the motion to suspend.

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

We would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—78

Acosta	Dean	Harkins	Petrarca
Barbin	Deasy	Harris, J.	Ravenstahl
Bishop	DeLissio	Kavulich	Readshaw
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Keller, W.	Roebuck
Boyle	Dermoddy	Kim	Rozzi
Bradford	Donatucci	Kinsey	Sabatina
Briggs	Driscoll	Kirkland	Sainato
Brown, V.	Evans	Kortz	Samuelson
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Burns	Farina	Longietti	Schreiber
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Cohen	Freeman	Matzie	Snyder
Conklin	Gainey	McCarter	Sturla
Costa, D.	Galloway	McNeill	Thomas
Costa, P.	Gergely	Neuman	Vitali
Daley, M.	Gibbons	O'Brien	Waters
Daley, P.	Goodman	Parker, C.	Wheatley
Davidson	Hanna	Pashinski	Youngblood
Davis	Harhai		

NAYS—117

Adolph	Godshall	Masser	Regan
Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Roae
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Ross
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Saccone
Bloom	Harhart	Metzgar	Sankey
Boback	Harper	Miccarelli	Santora
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Millard	Saylor
Causser	Helm	Miller, B.	Schemel
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Simmons
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Sonney
Cox	Hill	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stephens
Cutler	James	Murt	Tallman
Day	Jozwiak	Mustio	Taylor
DeLozier	Kampf	Nesbit	Tobash
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DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Topper
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Ortitay	Truitt
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Everett	Lawrence	Pyle	Wheeland
Farry	Lewis	Quigley	White
Fee	Mackenzie	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gabler	Maher	Rader	
Gillen	Major	Rapp	Turzai,
Gillespie	Marshall	Reed	Speaker
Gingrich	Marsico	Reese	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek, will you be offering amendment 899? That is withdrawn; 899 is withdrawn.

Representative Gibbons, I have Representative Gibbons, it is amendment 876. That is withdrawn.

AMENDMENT A00870 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a reconsideration motion. Representatives Cutler and Reed move that the vote by which amendment A870 was passed on this May 4 to HB 153 be reconsidered.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. On that motion to reconsider, Representative Reed.

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

We would ask that the members vote in favor of reconsideration. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody, do you wish to be recognized?

Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the members to oppose this motion to reconsider. I think we rightfully included the Senate in this bill. It is proper that that happened. They should go over together, and we should oppose the motion to reconsider the Vitali amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—108

Adolph	Godshall	Marsico	Roae
Baker	Greiner	Masser	Ross
Barrar	Grove	McGinnis	Saccone
Benninghoff	Hahn	Mentzer	Sankey
Bloom	Harhart	Metcalfe	Santora
Boback	Harper	Metzgar	Saylor
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Schemel
Christiana	Helm	Miller, B.	Simmons
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Farry	Lawrence	Quigley	White
Fee	Lewis	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gabler	Mackenzie	Reed	
Gillen	Maher	Reese	Turzai,
Gillespie	Major	Regan	Speaker
Gingrich	Marshall		

NAYS—87

Acosta	Deasy	Irvin	Rader
Barbin	DeLissio	Kavulich	Rapp
Bishop	DeLuca	Keller, W.	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	Dermody	Kim	Readshaw
Boyle	Donatucci	Kinsey	Roebuck
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The clerk read the following amendment No. **A00870**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "50"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "50"

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On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let me just in outline form repeat the arguments of the previous time at the mike. This amendment combines the other bill that shrinks the size of the Senate to 38 seats with this bill at hand, which shrinks the size of the House. The argument is that both shrinkages should be considered in tandem because they are one concept. The idea is that the arguments for both and against both really are identical for both the House and the Senate.

As we mentioned before, the almost totally expected outcome, if we run these separately, is that the Senate will pass and give to the Governor the House bill, the bill shrinking the House, and will sit on the bill shrinking the Senate, thus we will have disproportionality in chambers.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a "yes" vote. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Reed, on the amendment.

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

We would ask the members to oppose amendment A870. The two bodies were handled separately under two separate pieces of legislation to give each the opportunity to be considered in the Senate on their own merits and the best opportunity to actually pass the legislative process this session, to come back through the new legislature next session, and ultimately end up in the hands of the voters to make this decision for themselves. The acceptance of this amendment would hinder that process of getting to the voters and allowing them to decide the proper size of the legislature. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cohen, on the amendment.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, what the voters can decide under Pennsylvania law – we are not California after all – under Pennsylvania law, what the voters can decide is what we allow them to decide, and what we ought to allow them to decide is whether or not both the House and the Senate ought to have their size reduced, not just whether the House ought to have its size reduced.

I know many members of the Senate well. I have a high respect for them. Nevertheless, I would think that the smarter thing to do, the smarter thing to do that is in the long-range interest of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the people of Pennsylvania is to keep these issues linked together so that the Senate will act responsibly if this bill comes before it.

I urge a "yes" vote for the Vitali amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Kortz, on the amendment.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have already voted on this amendment, so this body has already agreed to lower the Senate down to 38. So if we go the other way, we are saying to the Senate, we are going to raise it back up. So it is already down at 38. Let us keep it at 38. It has already passed at that. The Vitali amendment did go through. So if you go the other way, you are saying to the Senate, we are going to raise you right back up.

This is interlocked. Our chambers are interlocked, bicameral. They are interlocked. We should not bifurcate them. We should keep it the way it is.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. O'Brien, on the amendment.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Bicameral, two chambers, nonetheless, it is the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, one, the General Assembly.

On every swearing-in day there is a joint session that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania sits together, not individuals going their separate ways, but the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are one. We should be treated as one. This amendment should pass.

Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Knowles, on the amendment.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would again urge for a "no" vote on this amendment. For those of you who believe that we should reduce the size of the Senate, you will have an opportunity right after this vote with HB 384. Let us not endanger this bill. We have an opportunity here to lead by example. This is an opportunity for you to lead by example and to give your constituents the opportunity to vote on this, to vote on reducing the size of the House.

So again I would ask for a "no" vote on the Vitali amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Conklin, on the amendment.

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank the Speaker.

You know, I was really excited just a few minutes ago. We lowered the size of both houses. We were working for the taxpayers. We said, "Hey, you know what," as the previous speaker, Mr. Kortz, brought up, "we are going to lower the size," and we did. We lowered the size. Think of what we did historically. We lowered the size of the House and the Senate with one amendment. I am proud of myself.

Now I am asking to make a vote to increase the size of the Senate. That is what you are going to do now. We have lowered the size of government. This vote is to increase the size of the Senate. I do not know about you, but I am trying to save taxpayers money. I am trying to bring it back. You all go ahead. If you want bigger government, go from 38 to 50. I have worked hard to get it from 50 to 38 on the Senate side.

So if you want to increase the size, that is what this vote is. You can talk about it. You can spin it. You can run around the block. You can buy a new car. You can run the old truck. But you are going to vote to increase the size of the Senate from 38 to 50. I worked hard to get it back. I am going to be very disappointed if you raise the size again.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—97

Acosta	DeLissio	James	Petrarca
Baker	DeLuca	Jozwiak	Pickett
Barbin	Dermody	Kauffman	Rader
Bishop	DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Rapp
Bizzarro	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Ravenstahl
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Davidson	Harkins	O'Neill	Wentling
Davis	Harper	Parker, C.	Wheatley
Dean	Harris, J.	Pashinski	Youngblood
Deasy			

NAYS—98

Adolph	Greiner	Masser	Ross
Barrar	Grove	McGinnis	Saccone
Benninghoff	Hahn	Mentzer	Sankey
Bloom	Harhart	Metcalfe	Santora
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Metzgar	Saylor
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

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

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, rise?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was standing at the microphone to ask for suspension of the rules to offer an amendment to HB 153. I have three amendments filed to this bill, and I was going to ask for a suspension for the first of three amendments. I was at the microphone.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Samuelson, we are not aware of any amendments that you have filed.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I have amendment 1096, which is about a nonpartisan redistricting process for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Amendment 1096, which is to the Knowles legislation, HB 153. I rise to suspend the rules.

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair rescinds its announcement that the bill was agreed to for the second time.

On the question recurring,

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, on a late amendment, amendment A01096. You may proceed on suspension.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to make a motion to suspend the rules to offer amendment 1096, which would provide for a nonpartisan redistricting process in Pennsylvania in connection with HB 153, and then I would like to speak on that motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The bill in chief talks about reducing the size of the legislature. If we are going to reduce the size of the legislature, it matters who reduces the size of the legislature. The gentleman from Schuylkill has offered a bill which keeps the existing redistricting process in place. In fact, the majority whip just alluded to this during our previous debate. The majority whip from Lancaster said the process will be the same one we used the last time. You could look it up in the Constitution. Right now the districts of Pennsylvania are drawn by a redistricting commission. It is four party leaders and a fifth person. So if you want the districts in Representative Knowles's legislation to be drawn by those four party leaders, then you would not vote in favor of having a nonpartisan redistricting process.

The language of this amendment, it is a one-sentence amendment. You can look at it on your computer screen. The timing of Representative Knowles's legislation—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman kindly suspend.

It is my understanding that you are speaking on the amendment now as opposed to the reasons for suspension.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Okay.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Mr. Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I ask for a suspension so that we can consider a nonpartisan redistricting process in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you very much.

On the motion for suspension, the Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Reed.

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

These amendments were filed at 11:20 this morning. I am pretty sure that amending the Constitution should probably have more than 4 or 5 hours' notice for the members to consider the content of those amendments. So with that being said, we would ask that the members oppose the motion to suspend the rules. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody, on suspension.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we should all support the motion to suspend because given the opportunity to debate this amendment, we can figure it out. We will have the time to go over it. We will have the time to discuss it. It is a good-government motion; the underlying amendment is a good-government motion to take politics out of redistricting. We ought to do that.

So we should support the motion to suspend so we can talk about it. We can discuss it. We can have the opportunity to understand exactly what this amendment does. That is why we should support the motion to suspend the rules.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, on the motion for suspension for the second time.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The majority leader said we should not favor this motion to consider a nonpartisan redistricting plan because of the length of time this amendment has been available. You know that this amendment was before the House in the previous session, and also, if you read the amendment, this amendment provides 5 years to adopt a nonpartisan redistricting plan. The gentleman from Schuylkill has a bill that takes effect after the 2020 reapportionment. This amendment just says that that effective date—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman kindly suspend. Mr. Samuelson, you are back on the amendment again. I am sorry.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I am trying to read the language of the amendment—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On suspension—

Mr. SAMUELSON. —which provides 5 years. I ask for a "yes" vote on suspension so that we can debate a nonpartisan redistricting plan in Pennsylvania. The language is before you on your computer. I ask you to take a moment and read that one sentence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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Bishop	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Readshaw
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NAYS—118

Adolph	Godshall	Masser	Reese
Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Roae
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
Bloom	Harhart	Metzgar	Saccone
Boback	Harper	Miccarelli	Sankey
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Causar	Helm	Miller, B.	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

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Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, offers to—

Mr. Samuelson. are you intending on offering your next amendment?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Okay. Thank you.

The gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, offers amendment A—Suspension of the rules for consideration of amendment A01098. Is that correct?

Mr. SAMUELSON. Correct.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You are recognized, Mr. Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask for a suspension of the rules to consider amendment 1098. This proposal is a specific nonpartisan redistricting plan modeled after the redistricting process used in the State of Iowa. This language was before the House 2 years ago. A similar proposal was before the State Government Committee in the year 2008. There were 95 bipartisan sponsors on HB 2420 that year to say that we should have a nonpartisan redistricting process in Pennsylvania.

The reason I offer it to HB 153 is because if we do not provide for a nonpartisan redistricting process and HB 153 would become law, you would reduce the size of the House by 52 members, and the party leaders would be the ones making

that decision. That would lead to a process, in my view, where anybody who speaks up, shows some independence, tries to—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman please suspend.

We have been trying to be courteous—

Mr. SAMUELSON. Okay.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. —on suspension, but now you are back on the substance of the amendment.

Mr. SAMUELSON. One sentence. My concern would be that if the party leaders are the ones reducing the size of the legislature, it would be political payback time like we have never seen in the history of Pennsylvania.

I ask for a "yes" vote so we can consider the Iowa plan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the gentleman's motion for suspension, the majority leader, Mr. Reed, is recognized.

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

Much to the same rationale as the previous amendment, we would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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NAYS—118

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Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Roae
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
Bloom	Harhart	Metzgar	Saccone
Boback	Harper	Miccarelli	Sankey
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Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Staats
Cutler	James	Murt	Stephens

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Gingrich	Marsico	Reed	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Samuelson, are you going to proffer your last amendment on suspension, amendment A01100? This is late filed, so a motion for suspension is required.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to offer amendment 1099 to HB 153. So my motion is to suspend the rules to consider amendment 1099.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Mr. Samuelson.

You are correct. The amendment will be A01099.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to offer amendment 1099, which is modeled after the California nonpartisan redistricting plan. That went into effect in the year 2011, and this language is modeled after that. I do realize that the Republican majority in this House has voted twice this afternoon to block consideration of a nonpartisan redistricting plan, but I want to offer this alternative because I know each of us has received a letter from the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania saying that if we are going to reduce the size of the legislature, we need to make sure that it is done by a nonpartisan reapportionment proposal. You cannot have the party leaders reducing that number of seats 5 years from now.

This is an opportunity to have a nonpartisan plan, and I offer the California proposal for discussion and as an amendment to HB 153. I ask for a "yes" vote so that we can discuss and debate a nonpartisan redistricting plan for Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Reed, on the motion for suspension.

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

We would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question recurs, will the House adopt the motion on suspension?

On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Hanna, is recognized.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Not to belabor this, but I would remind members that this could be the single most important vote you take this session. The amendment, the underlying amendment, is critical to getting the legislature to get things right, and this is your opportunity to vote in favor of that.

So I would urge a "yes" vote to suspend the rules so that we can consider this nonpartisan redistricting proposal.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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Boyle	Dermody	Keller, W.	Rozzi
Bradford	Donatucci	Kim	Sabatina
Briggs	Driscoll	Kinsey	Sainato
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Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
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Gillen	Major	Rader	
Gillespie	Marshall	Rapp	Turzai,
Gingrich	Marsico	Reed	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

On the question recurring,

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.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 384, PN 421**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A00869**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by inserting after "district."

The division or formation of a district for the purpose of political advantage is prohibited.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. I am going to be withdrawing that amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. At this time amendment 638, Representative Cohen, is withdrawn; 797, amendment 797, Representative Cohen?

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce 797.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So, Representative Cohen, if I might. You are withdrawing amendments 638 and 640?

Mr. COHEN. Yes.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So amendments 638 and 640 are withdrawn, but you are calling up House amendment 797?

Mr. COHEN. That is correct.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. Okay. My understanding is, that is late filed. So are you making a motion to suspend?

Mr. COHEN. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. Okay. So on the motion to suspend to allow the vote on amendment 797 to HB 384, Representative, you have the floor. Representative Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is very close to being a technical amendment. It strikes out 37 Senators and inserts 38 Senators. The reason for this is to maintain the even numbers of the Senate and justify the position of the Lieutenant Governor.

I urge that the rules be suspended to do this. This does not deal with the fundamental philosophical desire to reduce the size of the legislature.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend, Representative Reed.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, we would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—76

Acosta	Davis	Hanna	Pashinski
Barbin	Dean	Harhai	Petrarca
Bishop	Deasy	Harkins	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Readshaw
Boyle	DeLuca	Kavulich	Roebuck
Bradford	Dermoddy	Keller, W.	Rozzi
Briggs	Donatucci	Kim	Sabatina
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kinsey	Sainato

Brownlee	Evans	Kirkland	Samuelson
Burns	Fabrizio	Kortz	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Farina	Kotik	Schreiber
Carroll	Flynn	Longietti	Schweyer
Cohen	Frankel	Mahoney	Snyder
Conklin	Freeman	Markosek	Sturla
Costa, D.	Gainey	Matzie	Thomas
Costa, P.	Galloway	McCarter	Vitali
Daley, M.	Gergely	McNeill	Waters
Daley, P.	Gibbons	O'Brien	Wheatley
Davidson	Goodman	Parker, C.	Youngblood

NAYS—119

Adolph	Greiner	McGinnis	Regan
Baker	Grove	Mentzer	Roae
Barrar	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
Benninghoff	Harhart	Metzgar	Saccone
Bloom	Harper	Miccarelli	Sankey
Boback	Harris, A.	Millard	Santora
Brown, R.	Helm	Miller, B.	Saylor
Causser	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Schemel
Christiana	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Corbin	Hill	Moul	Sims
Cox	Irvin	Mullery	Sonney
Culver	James	Murt	Staats
Cutler	Jozwiak	Mustio	Stephens
Day	Kampf	Nesbit	Tallman
Delozier	Kaufert	Neuman	Taylor
Diamond	Kauffman	O'Neill	Tobash
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Toepel
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Ortitay	Topper
Dush	Killion	Parker, D.	Truitt
Ellis	Klunk	Payne	Vereb
Emrick	Knowles	Peifer	Ward
English	Krieger	Petri	Warner
Evankovich	Lawrence	Pickett	Watson
Everett	Lewis	Pyle	Wentling
Farry	Mackenzie	Quigley	Wheeland
Fee	Maher	Quinn	White
Gabler	Major	Rader	Zimmerman
Gillen	Marshall	Rapp	
Gillespie	Marsico	Reed	Turzai,
Gingrich	Masser	Reese	Speaker
Godshall			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Chairman Markosek calls up amendment 642. It is my understanding that both amendments 642 and 898, which were late filed, will be withdrawn. Is that correct, sir? Those amendments are withdrawn.

Representative Gibbons calls up amendment 680. That would be under suspension. Representative Gibbons waives off. That is withdrawn.

Is that also true, Representative Gibbons, for amendment 878? Okay. Both amendments 680 and 878 have been withdrawn.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson calls up late-filed amendment 1093.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson, you have the floor.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask for suspension of the rules to consider amendment 1093. This is the one-sentence amendment which provides that SB 384 would take effect as long as a nonpartisan redistricting plan has been adopted within the next 5 years. I ask for a "yes" vote on suspension so we can debate the merits of nonpartisan redistricting in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. Representative Reed.

Mr. REED. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—77

Acosta	Dean	Harhai	Petrarca
Barbin	Deasy	Harkins	Ravenstahl
Bishop	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Readshaw
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kavulich	Roebuck
Boyle	Dermody	Keller, W.	Rozzi
Bradford	Donatucci	Kim	Sabatina
Briggs	Driscoll	Kinsey	Sainato
Brown, V.	Evans	Kirkland	Samuelson
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Kortz	Schlossberg
Burns	Farina	Kotik	Schreiber
Caltagirone	Flynn	Longietti	Schweyer
Carroll	Frankel	Mahoney	Sims
Cohen	Freeman	Markosek	Snyder
Conklin	Gainey	Matzie	Sturla
Costa, D.	Galloway	McCarter	Thomas
Costa, P.	Gergely	McNeill	Vitali
Daley, M.	Gibbons	O'Brien	Waters
Daley, P.	Goodman	Parker, C.	Wheatley
Davidson	Hanna	Pashinski	Youngblood
Davis			

NAYS—118

Adolph	Godshall	Masser	Reese
Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Roae
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
Bloom	Harhart	Metzgar	Saccone
Boback	Harper	Miccarelli	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Millard	Santora
Causar	Helm	Miller, B.	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Staats
Cutler	James	Murt	Stephens
Day	Jozwiak	Mustio	Tallman
Delozier	Kampf	Nesbit	Taylor
Diamond	Kaufer	Neuman	Tobash
DiGirolamo	Kauffman	O'Neill	Toepel
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Topper

Dush	Keller, M.K.	Ortitay	Truitt
Ellis	Killion	Parker, D.	Vereb
Emrick	Klunk	Payne	Ward
English	Knowles	Peifer	Warner
Evankovich	Krieger	Petri	Watson
Everett	Lawrence	Pickett	Wentling
Farry	Lewis	Pyle	Wheeland
Fee	Mackenzie	Quigley	White
Gabler	Maher	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gillen	Major	Rader	
Gillespie	Marshall	Rapp	Turzai,
Gingrich	Marsico	Reed	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0**EXCUSED—6**

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson calls up amendment 1097. It is late filed.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask for a "yes" vote so the House can consider amendment 1097, which provides a specific nonpartisan redistricting plan modeled after the Iowa plan that has been in place in the State of Iowa for many years. If we are going to reduce the size of the Senate as the gentleman from Snyder County proposes, I want to make sure that we do that in a nonpartisan way. Without that, the decisions on which districts would be reduced, which districts would be eliminated, would be made by party leaders, four party leaders, as provided in the current process.

So I ask for a "yes" vote so we can debate the merits of nonpartisan redistricting as per the Iowa plan.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend, Representative Reed.

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

We would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—77

Acosta	Dean	Harhai	Petrarca
Barbin	Deasy	Harkins	Ravenstahl
Bishop	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Readshaw
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kavulich	Roebuck

Boyle	Dermody	Keller, W.	Rozzi
Bradford	Donatucci	Kim	Sabatina
Briggs	Driscoll	Kinsey	Sainato
Brown, V.	Evans	Kirkland	Samuelson
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Kortz	Schlossberg
Burns	Farina	Kotik	Schreiber
Caltagirone	Flynn	Longietti	Schweyer
Carroll	Frankel	Mahoney	Sims
Cohen	Freeman	Markosek	Snyder
Conklin	Gainey	Matzie	Sturla
Costa, D.	Galloway	McCarter	Thomas
Costa, P.	Gergely	McNeill	Vitali
Daley, M.	Gibbons	O'Brien	Waters
Daley, P.	Goodman	Parker, C.	Wheatley
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Davis			

NAYS—118

Adolph	Godshall	Masser	Reese
Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Roe
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
Bloom	Harhart	Metzgar	Saccone
Boback	Harper	Miccarelli	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Millard	Santora
Causar	Helm	Miller, B.	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Staats
Cutler	James	Murt	Stephens
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DiGirolamo	Kauffman	O'Neill	Toepel
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Topper
Dush	Keller, M.K.	Ortitay	Truitt
Ellis	Killion	Parker, D.	Vereb
Emrick	Klunk	Payne	Ward
English	Knowles	Peifer	Warner
Evankovich	Krieger	Petri	Watson
Everett	Lawrence	Pickett	Wentling
Farry	Lewis	Pyle	Wheeland
Fee	Mackenzie	Quigley	White
Gabler	Maher	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gillen	Major	Rader	
Gillespie	Marshall	Rapp	Turzai,
Gingrich	Marsico	Reed	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Samuelson calls up late-filed amendment 1100.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson, the floor is yours.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you.

I rise to ask the House to suspend the rules to consider amendment 1100, which is modeled after the California plan, which has been in place in that State since 2011. This would be a nonpartisan redistricting plan.

I ask you to read closely what the League of Women Voters wrote to us just in the last week, that if we are going to reduce the size of the legislature, it has to be done in a nonpartisan fashion. If we do not reduce the size of the legislature, if we reduce the size of the legislature using a partisan process as provided for currently, we will have a situation where party leaders get to decide which Senate seats, which House seats get eliminated. The underlying bill does not change that process. The underlying bill—

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson, this is just on the motion to suspend, sir.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Okay.

The SPEAKER. Please.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I ask, I know the House of Representatives has voted five times today. I know the Republican majority in this House of Representatives has voted five times today to block consideration of nonpartisan redistricting.

I believe the high-water mark was back in 2008 when we had a bipartisan coalition of 95 sponsors on a nonpartisan bill. I ask for a "yes" vote so we can consider and debate the merits of nonpartisan redistricting in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend, Representative Reed.

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

I appreciate the gentleman's passion on this particular issue. He had several weeks in order to file amendments, chose to wait till today, a couple of hours before consideration, and for that reason, once again, we would ask the members to oppose the motion to suspend the rules. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—77

Acosta	Dean	Harhai	Petrarca
Barbin	Deasy	Harkins	Ravenstahl
Bishop	DeLissio	Harris, J.	Readshaw
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kavulich	Roebuck
Boyle	Dermody	Keller, W.	Rozzi
Bradford	Donatucci	Kim	Sabatina
Briggs	Driscoll	Kinsey	Sainato
Brown, V.	Evans	Kirkland	Samuelson
Brownlee	Fabrizio	Kortz	Schlossberg
Burns	Farina	Kotik	Schreiber
Caltagirone	Flynn	Longietti	Schweyer
Carroll	Frankel	Mahoney	Sims
Cohen	Freeman	Markosek	Snyder
Conklin	Gainey	Matzie	Sturla
Costa, D.	Galloway	McCarter	Thomas
Costa, P.	Gergely	McNeill	Vitali
Daley, M.	Gibbons	O'Brien	Waters
Daley, P.	Goodman	Parker, C.	Wheatley
Davidson	Hanna	Pashinski	Youngblood
Davis			

NAYS—118

Adolph	Godshall	Masser	Reese
Baker	Greiner	McGinnis	Regan
Barrar	Grove	Mentzer	Roae
Benninghoff	Hahn	Metcalfe	Ross
Bloom	Harhart	Metzgar	Saccone
Boback	Harper	Miccarelli	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Millard	Santora
Causar	Helm	Miller, B.	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Staats
Cutler	James	Murt	Stephens
Day	Jozwiak	Mustio	Tallman
DeLozier	Kampf	Nesbit	Taylor
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DiGirolamo	Kauffman	O'Neill	Toepel
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Oberlander	Topper
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Ellis	Killion	Parker, D.	Vereb
Emrick	Klunk	Payne	Ward
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Fee	Mackenzie	Quigley	White
Gabler	Maher	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gillen	Major	Rader	
Gillespie	Marshall	Rapp	Turzai,
Gingrich	Marsico	Reed	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER. Are there any further amendments with respect to HB 384 that are in front of us? Okay.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 367, PN 1186**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in bonds and recognizances, amending provisions relating to professional bondsmen; and providing for authorization to conduct business within each county, for forfeited undertaking, for private cause of action and for third party sureties.

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—195

Acosta	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Baker	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barbin	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Barrar	Farry	Lewis	Regan
Benninghoff	Fee	Longietti	Roae
Bishop	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Masser	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Gingrich	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Goodman	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Greiner	Metcalfe	Schweyer
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Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhai	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harkins	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harper	Moul	Sturla
Culver	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Harris, J.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Hill	O'Brien	Topper
Day	Irvin	O'Neill	Truitt
Dean	James	Oberlander	Vereb
Deasy	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLissio	Kampf	Parker, C.	Ward
DeLozier	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Dermody	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Killion	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn	
Emrick	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
English	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Evankovich			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

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 866, PN 1199**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 15 in Lycoming County as the Kelly Rae Mertes DUI Awareness Memorial Highway.

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—195

Acosta	Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Everett	Kotik	Readshaw
Baker	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reed
Barbin	Farina	Lawrence	Reese
Barrar	Farry	Lewis	Regan
Benninghoff	Fee	Longietti	Roae
Bishop	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Maher	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Mahoney	Rozzi
Boback	Gabler	Major	Sabatina
Boyle	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gibbons	Masser	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
Brownlee	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Gingrich	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Goodman	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Greiner	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Christiana	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sims
Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Corbin	Harhai	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Staats
Costa, P.	Harkins	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Harper	Moul	Sturla
Culver	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Harris, J.	Murt	Taylor
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash

Davidson	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Hill	O'Brien	Topper
Day	Irvin	O'Neill	Truitt
Dean	James	Oberlander	Vereb
Deasy	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLissio	Kampf	Parker, C.	Ward
DeLozier	Kaufert	Parker, D.	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Waters
Dermody	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Killion	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kirkland	Quinn	
Emrick	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
English	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Evankovich			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Cruz	Heffley	Santarsiero	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney		

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has indicated that Representative PYLE of Armstrong County has asked to be marked on leave for the day. That leave of absence will be granted.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 79, PN 55**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2014 (P.L.876, No.98), entitled "An act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 15 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, Carroll Township, York County, as the Glenn Bowers Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of 17th Street over the 10th Avenue Expressway, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Blair County Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 764 over 31st Street, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Alvin E. Morrison Memorial Bridge; designating West Erie Avenue from its intersection with North Second Street in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, to the point where it meets North Front Street in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, as Roberto Clemente Way; designating the interchange at the crossing of State Route 33 and Main Street (State Route 1022) in Palmer Township, Northampton County, as the Charles Chrin Interchange; designating the interchange between the portion of State Route 3009 and State Route 119 in South Union Township, Fayette County, as the Fred L. Lebder Interchange; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 711 over the Youghiogheny River in the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, as the Officer Robb McCray Memorial Bridge," further providing for Officer Robb McCray Memorial Bridge.

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—194

Acosta	Evankovich	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Readshaw
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Reed
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reese
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Regan
Benninghoff	Farry	Lewis	Roae
Bishop	Fee	Longietti	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Flynn	Mackenzie	Ross
Bloom	Frankel	Maher	Rozzi
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Boyle	Gabler	Major	Saccone
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Brownlee	Gillen	Matzie	Saylor
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Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Murt	Thomas
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DeLuca	Kaufman	Parker, D.	Waters
Dermody	Kauffman	Pashinski	Watson
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DiGirolo	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheeland
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Emrick	Kirkland	Rader	Turzai,
English	Klunk	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Cruz	Heffley	Pyle	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney	Santarsiero	

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 without amendment.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 664, PN 766**, entitled:

An Act providing for the annual designation and holiday observance of the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in this Commonwealth.

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—194

Acosta	Evankovich	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Evans	Kortz	Readshaw
Baker	Everett	Kotik	Reed
Barbin	Fabrizio	Krieger	Reese
Barrar	Farina	Lawrence	Regan
Benninghoff	Farry	Lewis	Roae
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Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petri	White
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Dush	Kim	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kinsey	Quinn	
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English	Klunk	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Cruz	Heffley	Pyle	Toohil
Dawkins	Maloney	Santarsiero	

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.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, the Speaker recognizes Representative Helm to speak on the previously passed bill.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, all my colleagues, for the passage of HB 664, Juneteenth National Freedom Day. I am going to submit my comments for the record. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much. Those will be accepted, Representative Helm.

Ms. HELM submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask my colleagues for their support of HB 664, legislation that would designate the annual observance of Juneteenth National Freedom Day in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Under the bill, the third Saturday in June would be set aside every year as a time to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States – a celebration of the triumph and hope and the human spirit over oppression and despair.

Mr. Speaker, Juneteenth Day has its roots in the Texas city of Galveston. News of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was slow to reach what was at that time a western outpost.

Consequently, slaves languished in bondage for more than 2 years after that landmark Federal edict had mandated their liberation.

It was Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger who led Union troops into Galveston on June 19, 1865, and issued the proclamation that all slaves were free. That evening, thousands of former slaves spilled into Galveston's streets to celebrate their freedom on what was the very first Juneteenth, 150 years ago.

Over the years, the tradition spread through the African-American community, with observances held across the country.

Mr. Speaker, today Juneteenth is regarded as the oldest African-American holiday in the nation. The Juneteenth movement gained great momentum in 1980, when Texas made it an official State holiday. Thirty-six other States have done the same.

Congress has voted to recognize Juneteenth as the Independence Day for Americans of African descent.

And just last month we here in the House unanimously adopted a resolution, sponsored by Rep. Ron Waters, designating June 19, 2015 as Juneteenth Day in our Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, it is certainly warranted that governments and communities should officially acknowledge Juneteenth every year. The day symbolizes the plight, the perseverance, and the ultimate liberation of African-Americans. Juneteenth is part of the American fabric. Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. It is time for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to officially join in the celebration.

Mr. Speaker, we unanimously passed similar legislation of mine during the last session, and I look forward to the unanimous approval of HB 664 today. I would urge the Senate to do the same.

I thank my colleagues for their support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 743, PN 880**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contract clauses and preference provisions, requiring Commonwealth agencies to procure flags that are manufactured in the United States and to give preference to American-made products; and imposing a penalty.

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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Benninghoff	Farry	Lewis	Roae
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Cruz	Heffley	Pyle	Toohil
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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 720, PN 1198**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 155 over the Allegheny River, Port Allegany Borough and Liberty Township, McKean County, as the Port Allegany Veterans Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of Local Route T-325 over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Lt. William E. Daisley, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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—194

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Cruz	Heffley	Pyle	Toohil
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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 911, PN 1331**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emergency telephone service.

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?

Representative Metcalfe is recognized.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will result in the citizens of Pennsylvania paying more for government services. Mr. Speaker, when I have talked to constituents across my district, residents across Butler County, most recently, as I have been out around the county a good bit this year, and as I have talked to the residents of Butler and citizens in Pennsylvania, the majority I have talked to think they are paying enough for government services already.

Most of the members on my side of the aisle that run for office do not generally go to their constituents and say, "You know, I'm running for office because I think we're not paying enough for government services. Don't you agree with me?" The citizens of Pennsylvania, most understand they are overtaxed, whether it is coming through an official tax or if it is coming through a government-imposed fee. Now, the argument being made that this is something we need. We need it for safety. Other times we are hearing it is for the kids.

Well, Mr. Speaker, excuses run rampant, and there is an old saying about excuses. Everybody has one, right? There are all kinds of excuses about why we have to have more money for government. But most of my constituents do not buy the excuses. Most of my constituents think we are spending too much in government. Just to come up with an excuse that, well, this is for your safety, well, their answer is, well, why do you not find it somewhere else? Because when I have talked to most of you from the constituents' perspective, generally if they talk to somebody in the legislature, they are going to tell them, oh yeah, we do not think you should pay more here or there. We think you should keep your own money.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the vote for this is counter to the position that you would like your constituents to keep more of their own money. Whatever the excuse, the expenditures are worthy, but the way that we are getting the money is not the right way to take money from the people of Pennsylvania. I was just out and about in Butler yesterday, and that was one of the issues that I recall somebody making a point of, they are paying too much to government.

The citizens of Pennsylvania do not believe they are undertaxed, especially those who are the hardworking taxpayers that are paying those taxes. Just because it is hidden in another form of a fee in another service that they are paying for does not mean it is going to be okay with them, that old process of turning the temperature up slowly to boil the frog. Our constituents are being boiled.

Too much is being taken, and this bill will just take more. So whatever the argument for the worthy cause, if it is a worthy cause, then let us do our job and prioritize spending in this building so that we do not have to pass legislation like this to take more from the taxpayers through a fee or a tax, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the bill?

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, about 2 weeks ago this body considered several amendments to HB 911. While the bill before us today addresses our primary concerns, the rate of the subscriber fee and the system's primary funding mechanism still needs to be addressed. As I stated before, I believe amendment A00710 offered by the gentleman from Allegheny County was the last chance we had in the House to ensure sufficient funding for our 911 service centers.

Mr. Speaker, our counties have achieved one of the best systems in the nation, while operating on the same \$1 to \$1.50 monthly subscriber fee established in 1990. The system costs have become overwhelming for our counties. Access to 911 service is a public necessity, yet the \$1.65 surcharge under this bill is insufficient for some, if not most, of our counties. The funding formula needs to be fair, and as long as it is fair and proportional, it can then begin to reflect the 911 system needs.

According to the recent Legislative Budget and Finance Committee 911 report, "Adjusting the fees for inflation alone, on a 1990 base, would mean the fees should be at least \$1.97." Let me repeat that, Mr. Speaker. Adjusting for inflation alone, the fees should be at least \$1.97. HB 911, if passed today, only provides a flat rate fee of \$1.65. This alone illustrates that we are not adequately funding our county systems and that this rate does not account for technology change absorbed by the counties over the years.

I realize the need to address the funding system is immediate and our system will reach crisis proportions if action is delayed beyond the June 30, 2015, sunset, which will cause for the expiration of the wireless telephone subscriber surcharge. However, I wish we would have recognized the need to fully vet this proposal, as I believe more could have been done.

The bill is not a comprehensive piece of legislation. It does not address the concerns that were mentioned here on the floor 2 weeks ago, and it lacks critical aspects to make this service a

success for years to come and should have more adequately addressed the statute's structural issues over the next few years. Regardless, I recognize the bill includes provisions to improve collections, but improvement is a matter of equity and application of the fee. It is not a substitute for increasing the fee to the level needed to fund current costs and meet future needs.

While I do not believe this bill adequately addresses future system needs, if passed, our counties will begin to develop and administer a system that more closely meets their current needs. Therefore, while I know there is room for improvement, I will stand with my county commissioners, with whom I greatly respect, in support of their efforts to fight for change, all while vigorously stating that we need and will continue to pursue a \$2 rate.

Mr. Speaker, I had hoped for full 911 reform by June 30, 2015, so as to see our 911 system continue to provide the essential link between those in need and those who respond. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am voting in favor of passage because I know our counties need this increase in funding, and I know that our counties need any and all relief they can get.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge a "yes" vote on HB 911.

The SPEAKER. Representative Metzgar.

Mr. METZGAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, I really like Pennsylvania. We have a lot of great slogans that we have in our history. "You've Got a Friend in Pennsylvania," "Visit Pennsylvania," but I think we can have a new one now. It is, "If you ain't first, you're last." The reason why I say that is right now Pennsylvania is second place in the amount that we collect for 911 fees, second place in the nation, and "if you ain't first, you're last."

But the problem is that Texas is number one, and Texas has twice as many people as Pennsylvania. So that means per capita we are taxing our people a lot more than any other State for these 911 services. And I know they are important, and I applaud the chairman and the committee for the good work to bring it here, but the question always is, how much money is enough for this? And one of the things that I want to point out is, and this is just a commonsense issue, but one of the arguments that is continually made is that because we lose all these landlines, we are not getting as much money into this 911 fee. But for every cell phone that we get, we get \$1 more per month, and if you look at the numbers for cell phones or wireless lines as opposed to the landline decline, it is actually a 250-percent increase with regard to those landlines as opposed to – with regard to the wireless lines as opposed to the landline.

So by all accounts, except for certain interest groups, more money is coming into this fund than ever before, and yet they are still asking for more. So I bring it back to if you are not first, you are last. And I think that we have put far too much money into this and we could merely go with what we are doing now, but to say this arbitrary number of \$1.65 is our new number and we will dump more money into it, how much is enough? What is enough for emergency services? What is enough for any of our government services? Our job is to draw that line. And I respectfully request that we draw this line somewhere far lower than where we are today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kortz.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 911 is very concerning to myself. Being from Allegheny County, the cost of that system is currently \$26 million. What we got in from the State last year was

\$19 million, so there is a gap of \$7 million. The concerning part is, how much money is Allegheny County going to get from this? That has not been thought out. We are not guaranteed to get the amount of money we need to cover 911 costs.

Now, there were some amendments that were put into the committee that I introduced that would have taken care of that with some enabling legislation. Unfortunately, it did not make it through. However, we are not addressing that gap in money as far as I am concerned, and we should be looking at enabling legislation, which I hear the Senate is going to do.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I am very concerned about this today. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of a request for a leave of absence from the majority leader for the gentleman, Mr. TURZAI. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 911 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Roae, on HB 911.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 911 is a very well-intended bill, but I cannot support it. When you look at the taxes that taxpayers in Pennsylvania pay, we are about the 10th highest in the country in terms of all taxes. Fees and taxes are really the same thing. If the government says you have to pay it, it is a tax. You can call it a fee, you can call it a tax, but it is a tax.

Mr. Speaker, all 50 States have 911 centers. All 50 States have schools. All 50 States have roads. All 50 States have State parks. All 50 States basically do the same thing, but one key difference is, in Pennsylvania we charge our taxpayers more for those things. We are already in the top 10 in the whole country as far as how much we charge our taxpayers for government services.

Now, I fully support 911 centers; 911 is probably one of the most important things that a county does. So when a county is putting their budget together, that is the first thing they should fund. There are many things that counties do that are not as important as 911. So I think, Mr. Speaker, when a budget is being worked on, you have to fund the most important things first, and then if there is money left over, you fund things that are not as important.

In my own county, Mr. Speaker, they are planning on building a \$30 million courthouse expansion project, even though our county population is going down. We have lost 2,000 people in the last 15 years, but the county says they have the money to build a \$30 million courthouse renovation and expansion. But the county is also saying they do not have money to fund the 911 center. Well, Mr. Speaker, I think fancy office buildings are less important than 911 dispatch services. So this is all about priorities, Mr. Speaker.

Now, another issue I have with this legislation, if you think back about a year and a half ago, there was a concern that bridges in this State were going to start collapsing and school buses were going to fall, and all of our kids were going to die, so this chamber voted for a gas tax increase so that would not happen. Right now they are basically saying that if we do not do this, you are going to call 911 and you are going to get a busy signal. Well, later on this summer, they are going to be saying that if we do not do a severance tax for natural gas, all the schools are going to have to close.

So I am very concerned, Mr. Speaker. Whenever people want to do a tax increase, they know they cannot just say, "Hey, let's raise taxes," so they pin it to one specific thing. Let us pin this to preventing school buses from falling through bridges, or we will pin this to we cannot have 911 unless we raise this tax, or we cannot have schools unless we raise a severance tax.

Mr. Speaker, people in Pennsylvania, they are tired of paying the high level of taxation. We are charging our taxpayers more than the taxpayers in 40 other States. The real issue, Mr. Speaker, with county budgets, the State budget, municipal budgets, the real issue is the lack of public-sector pension reform. As counties pay more money for pensions, they do not have as much that they can spend on 911. As the State spends more on pensions, it becomes hopeless that we can throw in more money for 911 service if that is what is really needed.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would encourage everybody. What the real conversation should be is, we should be talking about public-sector pension reform so counties in the State can afford to have 911 services. I will say it again. We should be supporting public-sector pension reform.

Mr. Speaker, this surcharge—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman kindly suspend. The issue before us is HB 911 on final passage.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The only reason this is even a topic of conversation is because of how money is being spent in other areas. So if we were not spending so much on pensions, the counties in the State would be able to fund 911 centers with more money. So, Mr. Speaker, I would encourage everybody to vote "no" on this legislation, say "no" to higher taxes. And this is a tax; this is not a fee. And send the message that we are already the 10th highest in the country in how much we charge our taxpayers, and we are not going to pile on even more on top of that.

All these little increases, Mr. Speaker, add up to a lot. We increased the gas tax a little bit. We increased the 911 fee a little bit. We increased vehicle registration fees a little bit. Counties raised their property tax a little bit. The school district, they raised their property tax a little bit. The city raises their property tax a little bit. All these little increases, Mr. Speaker, they add up to be real money.

Now, again, government needs to prioritize. If more money is needed for the 911 centers, that should happen, but that should happen as part of the budgeting process. Counties in the State should give better priority to that need. Things that are less important should get less funding. Mr. Speaker, we cannot continue to keep going to the taxpayer saying, "Give us more, give us more." We are already charging you one of the highest tax rates in the country when you look at all the different taxes you pay, but we need more. Other States can do everything we do for less money, but we still need more.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everybody to vote "no." Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Harris, on final passage.

Mr. J. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition to final passage of HB 911.

While a Representative from Philadelphia, we understand the great need for this legislation and we respect the men and women that work in our 911 centers throughout the Commonwealth.

In its current format, this bill looks at Philadelphia County, a county already underfunding our 911 – a county where our 911 system is already underfunded, and there is not a permanent seat on this board to represent this Commonwealth's city of the first class. Without that seat on the board, the city of the first class cannot ensure that the funding will be distributed in the way that it is beneficial to Philadelphia County to help us meet our obligation.

While you look at the number, the sheer number of calls that we get in Philadelphia County, in one day we can get more calls than many counties get in a whole month. That alone requires that a city of the first class have a seat on the board so that we can ensure that the funds are distributed in a way that is beneficial to all of the Commonwealth but also beneficial to the Commonwealth's first-class city.

And with that, I respectfully ask all of my colleagues to vote "no" on HB 911. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Dawkins, on the floor of the House, and he will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 911 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Pashinski, on final passage.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the sponsor of the bill please stand for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has agreed, and you may proceed, sir.

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

I know that everyone in this great hall is very much concerned about the safety and the welfare of the people that we represent. In Luzerne County we have had a number of incidents that have actually caused the death of several of our residents. In the process of trying to determine the reason why these people succumbed, because of the fact that the dispatching of the equipment and the emergency system did not arrive at the correct place, we discovered that there was a great deal of problems with coding, and one of the things in the visit that was made very, very clear, landlines actually do play a major role in determining exactly where the call is coming from that is alerting the 911 centers where the emergency exists.

In Luzerne County a call came in to 911 stating that there was a fire in Conyngham Township, and because of that, the fire and emergency vehicles were displaced to Main Street in Conyngham Borough rather than the township. So it became very evident that part of the problem was, one, that the coding did not identify where the emergency was. Number two, because it was not a landline, they could not determine exactly where the call was coming from. And in our discussions with the emergency personnel, they indicated time and time again that the cost of the equipment necessary to update and make sure that our 911 centers have the equipment that can actually deal with an emergency call swiftly and directly and accurately, they had to make sure that they had the right equipment.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the maker of this bill, does your bill address the concern of updating the equipment and the concern of coding and the concern of landline versus the nonlandline equipment?

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you for your question, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, in that that is the main reason that the fee here is very important that we came up with. We all realize going forward the technology is going to become more and more advanced in this area, and we made sure that in this fee that PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) has the authority to set uniform standards for the equipment going forward so that we do not have one county with this type of equipment than another county. It sets a standard up that the counties when they purchase equipment will have to buy from.

There is a huge part of the money in this new fee. A lot of that will go to upgrading and consolidation of technology, which was so important because it is. Every year the technology gets more and more expensive, especially the technology for us to pinpoint the exact location of a person on a cell phone calling 911.

Go ahead; sorry.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I continue the interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. My apologies, Mr. Pashinski. Would you restate your question?

Mr. PASHINSKI. If the maker of the bill is complete, may I continue my interrogation?

Mr. BARRAR. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman wants to continue his interrogation. The maker of the bill has agreed. You may proceed.

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

Mr. Speaker, the good gentleman from Delaware County that is making this bill a very important part of saving people's lives, a couple more things because you just touched on, and I have a couple more questions.

You talk about the fact that it was going to upgrade the equipment. Is it correct that the equipment now has become extremely sophisticated, highly complicated? And in visiting our center, there are approximately five or six monitors that that particular caller – I am sorry – the receiver of the calls has to be able to manipulate all that equipment. It takes a great deal of education and competence in order to operate that equipment. Is any money also going to make sure that we hire qualified people that are going to be able to interpret that equipment to be able to save the lives necessary?

Mr. BARRAR. We certainly would hope so. The hiring of the personnel for the 911 centers, it will be done by the counties, but the groups, the two groups that oversee it, called

APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials) and NENA (National Emergency Number Association) – they are acronyms for the groups that actually run the 911 centers – they have been involved in this from day one. As you may recall from our debate last week, that for 2 years we sat with these people and allowed them to put this bill together the way that they saw the best way to. I do not run a 911 center. I do not know how. But we sat with the experts from PEMA, from APCO, NENA, from the counties, and allowed them to pretty much draft this bill, and we finalized a lot of this stuff in here.

But here in the fund, 5 percent of the fund will be— First of all, the counties will get – 75 percent of the fund will go directly to the counties to help them run their 911 centers, 5 percent of the fund will be distributed on a pro rata basis each quarter to each county for their needs, 12 percent of the fund will be used for shared service regionalization projects, and up to 6 percent of the fund shall be used for PEMA to enhance statewide interconnectivity of 911 centers once the system is built out. So a lot of that will go to the upgrading of the equipment that is necessary. We cannot do this fee. The whole purpose of this bill was to take into consideration the upgrading of what we refer to as "next generation 911."

Mr. PASHINSKI. And I really appreciate the good gentleman from Delaware County for all the good work that he has done. He has sufficiently answered my questions that I can, without any question, go back to Luzerne County and say that I can support this bill because it is going to save lives.

You are talking about connectivity. This is 2015 where we have the capabilities to connect throughout the entire State for major disasters as well as for the individual ones that occur within our counties.

I want to compliment you, sir, and those that worked on this. My conversations with your committee members, as we discussed the problems of Luzerne County, you have obviously listened to our concerns, you have obviously put them in this bill, and I stand behind you 100 percent.

I encourage everyone to vote for this bill. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Dom Costa, on final passage.

Mr. D. COSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to interrogate the maker of the bill, please, a brief interrogation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has agreed, and you may proceed.

Mr. D. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, could you answer, how did you come up with the formula of \$1.65?

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you for your question, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, during our 2-year discussions and public hearings through this, of course there are a lot of numbers that had been thrown around. If you attended the hearings – and I know you attended quite a few of them – I was hell-bent on the \$1.50 figure, and I kept mentioning that I was not going to go higher than \$1.50. Even though the counties were telling us they wanted \$2, I felt, you know, one of the issues in this was, we felt if we took the fee too high, there would be very few cost savings that would be taken up by the counties and there would be— If we made the fee too high, we certainly realized we would kill any type of consolidation, because if you have all the money you want, you are not going to look for ways to save money. And cost savings in this was an important part of this bill. So after about 2 years I was stuck on \$1.50. We sat down,

we crunched numbers. My committee, Chairman Sainato's Committee, we sat and talked about the numbers, and really, when we worked it all out, \$1.65 came out to be, in my opinion, the best number for us to take up at this time. I just think \$2 is too high of a fee.

As you saw, we had some members who were not happy, felt we should go to \$2, and then we had other members who thought \$1.50 was too high. So we did a balancing act here based on the best data from the counties that we had to make sure that, first of all, they had the money to continue the operation. So I cannot imagine anything worse than if one of our constituents dials 911 and nobody picks up the phone. So we made sure there is enough money there to continue the operation, and then we also made sure that we incentivized the consolidation of the 911, either the 911 centers or the technology, and to make sure that the money would be available there going forward for the implementation for the training of the next generation 911.

Mr. D. COSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill, sir?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has concluded his interrogation and may proceed on final passage.

Mr. D. COSTA. Thank you.

On final passage, I stand in support of this bill. After 28 years of law enforcement, I see how virtually important our 911 systems are to our communities. If we do not support them, if we do not support the new technology, the personnel – I have been in 911 centers where the people are really stressed out and working overtime. They are not just a phone line; they are a lifeline between our emergency personnel and our families and our constituents. It is very important.

I personally believe that the \$1.65 is not enough. You know, you can say what you want about taxes, but this is public safety. This is lives on the line.

So again, I stand in support. And I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the maker of the bill for his efforts.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Sainato, on final passage.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For 2 1/2 years the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee has been going through this process on this piece of legislation. Chairman Barrar, myself, and our committee members have been all over the State listening to testimony, trying to come up with something that is fair and reasonable.

Nine-one-one is critical. We are talking public safety. We are talking when someone has a disaster, someone is in an automobile accident, someone has a heart attack, you want them there as quickly as possible. We are talking public safety here.

We have tried to work with all the stakeholders. We are trying to be reasonable, Mr. Speaker. No one wants the increases, no one wants additional money, but it came down to some interesting statistics. Come June 30 if we do nothing, come June 30 if we do nothing, the whole responsibility goes back to the county. So if the county, each individual county is going to be paying for 911 100 percent, what happens to property taxes? The property taxes will have to go up, and I know that is a big issue for many in the House.

We are trying to be fair. Everybody has to have a stake. The counties have to have a stake in this as well, but I think when you are looking at the total picture, it is public safety; it is public safety and next generation.

As my colleague from up in the Scranton area asked about public safety and getting things and getting them there, next generation technology is here. We want to give the tools to our 911 people where they can take pictures, take video, send them to the fire, or send them to the police, the emergency responders, so they know what is happening when they get to the scene. It may save a life, it may save many lives, but if it is your relative whose life it is saving, that is what the important thing is. No one thinks about it until a disaster occurs, and may many of us not have that occur, but unfortunately, someone in your family someday is going to be dialing 911 and you want to make sure that your county has the complete top-of-the-line, most technology out there, Mr. Speaker.

I urge my colleagues to support this. I know not everybody is happy about it, and it is going over to the Senate and the Senate will make some changes to what we have done. Okay? But the alternative of doing nothing will not solve the problem. And like I said, 2 1/2 years we put into it. This was a very bipartisan effort amongst our committee. So I encourage my colleagues to support this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of a request for leave of absence from the majority leader for the gentleman, Mr. GODSHALL, for the rest of the day. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 911 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Chairman Barrar on final passage of HB 911.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the members to vote "yes" on this bill. I ask you to vote "yes" because a "no" vote will be devastating to our counties and to our 911 systems and could possibly result in no one picking up that phone.

Mr. Speaker, this is probably the most important bill that our committee will pass this year. We have worked on this bill for 2 1/2 years. We have held six formal public hearings across the State, dozens of stakeholder meetings, and countless numbers of working group meetings in my office and other offices.

This legislation for the first time since 1990 increases the 911 surcharge by making it a uniform surcharge on all monthly phone plans or prepaid plans.

The running of our 911 centers, which operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, is very expensive and they use very expensive equipment to stay operating, especially with the advent of next generation technologies for texting, Skyping, video, et cetera. It has become a very expensive responsibility for our county 911 centers.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation brings financial stability and greater financial accountability for our county 911 center operations and will indeed greatly enhance the public safety of residents across this Commonwealth.

I would like to just take a moment and thank Chairman Sainato and his staff for their participation in this over the last 2 years. They have been great to work with. In particular, I would like to thank the County Commissioners Association, APCO, and NENA for their hard work on this legislation. I also look forward to working with the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

It is so important that we have this bill done by September 30, and I hope that the Senate will take quick action for it.

And I do ask you all to vote "yes" on HB 911. I think it is one of the most important votes you will make this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—134

Adolph	Flynn	Lawrence	Rapp
Baker	Frankel	Lewis	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Gainey	Longietti	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Galloway	Maher	Reed
Bizzarro	Gergely	Mahoney	Regan
Boback	Gillen	Major	Ross
Bradford	Gillespie	Markosek	Rozzi
Briggs	Gingrich	Marshall	Saccone
Brown, R.	Goodman	Marsico	Sainato
Caltagirone	Greiner	Matzie	Santora
Carroll	Grove	McCarter	Saylor
Causar	Hanna	McGinnis	Schemel
Corbin	Harkins	Mentzer	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Harper	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Millard	Sonney
Cox	Helm	Miller, B.	Staats
Culver	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cutler	Hickernell	Milne	Tallman
Daley, M.	Hill	Moul	Taylor
Daley, P.	Irvin	Mullery	Tobash
Davidson	James	Murt	Toepel
Dean	Jozwiak	Neuman	Topper
Deasy	Kampf	O'Neill	Truitt
Delozier	Kaufer	Oberlander	Vereb
DeLuca	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Vitali
Dermody	Kavulich	Pashinski	Ward
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Warner
Ellis	Killion	Peifer	Watson
English	Kim	Petri	Wentling
Everett	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheatley
Fabrizio	Klunk	Quigley	Wheeland
Farina	Knowles	Quinn	White
Farry	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Fee	Kotik		

NAYS—59

Acosta	DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Reese
Barbin	Donatucci	Keller, W.	Roae
Bishop	Driscoll	Kinsey	Roebuck
Bloom	Dunbar	Krieger	Sabatina
Boyle	Dush	Mackenzie	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Emrick	Masser	Sankey
Brownlee	Evankovich	McNeill	Schlossberg
Burns	Evans	Metcalfe	Schweyer

Christiana	Freeman	Metzgar	Simmons
Cohen	Gabler	Mustio	Sims
Conklin	Gibbons	Nesbit	Stephens
Davis	Hahn	O'Brien	Thomas
Dawkins	Harhai	Ortitay	Waters
Day	Harhart	Parker, C.	Youngblood
DeLissio	Harris, J.	Petrarca	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Cruz	Maloney	Toohil	Turzai,
Godshall	Pyle		Speaker
Heffley	Santarsiero		

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker submits for the record subcommittee chairmen changes.

The following communications were read:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

May 4, 2015

Honorable Marcy Toepel
House of Representatives
Room 405, Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Marcy:

This is to advise you that I am appointing you Subcommittee Chairman on Family Law under the Judiciary Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Legislative Sessions of the General Assembly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this appointment.

Sincerely,
Mike Turzai
The Speaker

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House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

May 4, 2015

Honorable Tim Krieger
House of Representatives
Room B-11, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Tim:

This is to advise you that I am appointing you Subcommittee Chairman on Courts under the Judiciary Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Legislative Sessions of the General Assembly. You will no longer be serving as Subcommittee Chairman on Crime and Corrections.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this appointment.

Sincerely,
Mike Turzai
The Speaker

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House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

May 4, 2015

Honorable Mike Vereb
House of Representatives
Room 400, Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mike:

This is to advise you that I am appointing you Subcommittee Chairman on Crime and Corrections under the Judiciary Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Legislative Sessions of the General Assembly. You will no longer be serving as Subcommittee Chairman on Family Law.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this appointment.

Sincerely,
Mike Turzai
The Speaker

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Katharine E. Wiley, who has recently been awarded Girl Scouting's highest honor – the Gold Award.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit in the name of Katharine E. Wiley.

Whereas, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honors Katharine E. Wiley, who has earned the Gold Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that the Girl Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young woman. She is a member of Troop 2034.

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

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Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Elizabeth G. Sauers, who has recently been awarded Girl Scouting's highest honor – the Gold Award.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit in the name of Elizabeth G. Sauers.

Whereas, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honors Elizabeth G. Sauers, who has earned the Gold Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that the Girl Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young woman. She is a member of Troop 21119.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Freeman, on unanimous consent.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a meeting of the Democratic members of the Local Government Committee immediately at the conclusion of session. It will be a brief meeting in my office, room 207, Irvis Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Democratic members of the Local Government Committee in room 207, Irvis Office Building.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Just a reminder for the members of the House that we are reconvening tomorrow at 10 a.m. We are meeting here, reconvening at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 153;
HB 384;
HB 501;
HB 683;
HB 779;
HB 875; and
HB 971.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 74;
HB 122;
HB 124;
HB 410;
HB 424; and
HB 972.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 919**, **PN 1109**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 919 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Ms. Acosta, from Philadelphia County, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 10 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 5:46 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.