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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 9:30 a.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer today will be offered by Rev. Gary Dull. Reverend Dull is from the Faith Baptist Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Reverend.

REV. DR. GARY G. DULL, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, we come to You today thanking You once again for this beautiful day that You have given us. As we read in the sacred Scriptures, we are reminded that this is the day that You have made and we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We thank You for the opportunity that we have to be in this place, for as we read in Your Word, we are reminded that everyone in this room is a servant of Yours, a minister for that which is good.

And, Father, we realize that in the nation and in this Commonwealth in which we live, it is so important that those who lead us have the wisdom, the discernment, and the understanding to make those decisions that are good and that will glorify You and that will be to the goodness of our Commonwealth and the citizenry of our Commonwealth.

And today, Lord, as this particular session continues, I pray for the Speaker and for others who will be leading the session. I pray for any deliberation that takes place, Lord, that each one will have the wisdom and strength from You to say that which is going to honor and glorify You.

And, Father, we do realize that even these days we are in a discussion over the budget here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and certainly we know that the outcome of that affects so many people from east to west, north to south. And we just ask and pray, Lord, for wisdom and insight and understanding in passing a budget that will be both practical as well as expedient in getting the work of the State accomplished once again for Your glory and for our good.

We do thank You for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and for the history, going back to William Penn. And, Father, it is my prayer that in this particular room, this particular Assembly, You will raise up men and women of William Penn's

character to lead this particular Commonwealth in a way that is godly, in a way that is in agreement with our Judeo-Christian heritage that we might continue to see the blessings upon this country and this State as we have ever since the beginning of our nation.

And so, our Father, today, as we thank You for the opportunity to be here, we just ask and pray for Your guidance and direction and that everything that is said and done will be led by Your spirit, that will be done for our good and for Your glory, and certainly we will be careful to give You the praise and the thanksgiving for it, for it is in Thy name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 22, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who has indicated, as previously denoted, that Representative MICCARELLI and Representative ORTITAY are on leave for the week.

And the minority whip has indicated that Representative BRIGGS of Montgomery County is on leave for the day, Representative DeLUCA of Allegheny County is on leave for the day, and Representative STURLA of Lancaster County is on leave for the day. Without objection, those leaves of absence are granted.

Members, we will be taking the master roll after the respective caucuses, caucus meetings.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The majority caucus will proceed to a caucus meeting at this time in the majority caucus room, and that meeting should last until 10:30 a.m.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. And at this time I call on Representative Dan Frankel for a caucus announcement as well.
 Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 Democrats will proceed to caucus immediately. Thank you.
 The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 10:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. Thank you.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 11 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. We will stand at ease for a few moments, but the House is in session.

The House is called to order.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. REED called up **HR 461, PN 2151**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 18, 2015, as "Falls and Flu Prevention and Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 461, PN 2151, be recommitted to Rules.

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

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

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| Corbin | Hanna | Metcalfe | Simmons |
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| Costa, P. | Harhart | Millard | Snyder |
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| Cruz | Harper | Miller, D. | Staats |
| Culver | Harris, A. | Milne | Stephens |
| Cutler | Harris, J. | Moul | Tallman |
| Daley, M. | Heffley | Mullery | Taylor |
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| Day | Irvin | Neuman | Topper |
| Dean | James | O'Brien | Truitt |
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| Dermody | Kauffman | Parker, D. | Warner |
| Diamond | Kavulich | Pashinski | Watson |
| DiGirolo | Keller, F. | Payne | Wentling |
| Donatucci | Keller, M.K. | Peifer | Wheatley |
| Driscoll | Keller, W. | Petrarca | Whealand |
| Dunbar | Killion | Petri | White |
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| Ellis | Kinsey | Pyle | Zimmerman |
| Emrick | Kirkland | Quigley | |
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ADDITIONS—0

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes a guest of Representative Barrar, Erik Garay. Erik, can you please stand. Representative Barrar was kind enough to introduce Erik to me earlier.

Members, please take your seats. We are going to proceed with the introduction of guests to the House of Representatives. If you would, please, we would like to show them the respect that they deserve. I would ask all members to please take their seats.

Chairman Barrar has brought us a guest. Erik, if you could come up too, please, with the chairman. Chairman Barrar brought a young man from his district. Erik Garay is a senior at Penn State, majoring in political science and criminal justice. But guess what? He wanted to and just became a citizen of the United States of America. Congratulations, young man, and welcome.

Located to the left of the rostrum, we have guests of Chairwoman Kate Harper. Rich Buttacavoli from North Wales is here with his friend, Liz, and son, Aiden. Please stand. I know that Representative Harper will be speaking more on a resolution, but welcome to the Capitol today. Thank you so much for being with us.

We also have, left of the rostrum – and I believe Representative Santora will be talking about this later – a group of sixth grade students and teachers from the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, and Representative Santora has two family members who are part of this group: his daughter, Kyra, and his sister, Suzanne Robinson, who is the director of the middle school. Would you all please rise, with that group. Thank you.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR CONTINUED**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. BIZZARRO called up **HR 210, PN 1074**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Light the Night Walk Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. TALLMAN called up **HR 454, PN 2139**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 21 through 25, 2015, as "Septic Smart Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 457, PN 2147**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 458, PN 2148**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2015 as "Senior Center Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 459, PN 2149**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 13 through 19, 2015, as "Direct Support Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 460, PN 2150**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the weeks of August 23 through 29, 2015, and August 30 through September 5, 2015, as "Back to School Weeks" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SCHWEYER called up **HR 463, PN 2153**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month September 2015 as "Military Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 467, PN 2156**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2015 as "Employee Ownership Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. HARPER called up **HR 471, PN 2170**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 27 through October 3, 2015, as "Civic Education Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ELLIS called up **HR 472, PN 2171**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CRUZ called up **HR 478, PN 2188**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Leukodystrophy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CRUZ called up **HR 479, PN 2189**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2015 as "Newborn Screening Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. EVANKOVICH called up **HR 485, PN 2194**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 2, 2015, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 491, PN 2200**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 21, 2015, as "Peace Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 492, PN 2201**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 498, PN 2207**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 21, 2015, as "Women In Bio Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SAYLOR called up **HR 499, PN 2209**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 13 through 19, 2015, as "Arts in Education Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BAKER called up **HR 507, PN 2214**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as "National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FABRIZIO called up **HR 508, PN 2215**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Dystonia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. QUINN called up **HR 509, PN 2216**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Sepsis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Cruz | Harper | Miller, D. | Staats |
| Culver | Harris, A. | Milne | Stephens |
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| Driscoll | Keller, W. | Petrarca | Wheeland |
| Dunbar | Killion | Petri | White |
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| Ellis | Kinsey | Pyle | Zimmerman |
| Emrick | Kirkland | Quigley | |
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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

STATEMENT BY MS. HARPER

The SPEAKER. Representative Kate Harper is recognized to speak on HR 471.

Members, members, any conversations please take off to the anterooms to the House chamber. I would ask you to give your undivided attention right now to Representative Harper, who has the floor.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, members of the House, for your unanimous support designating next week, the week of September 27 through October 3, 2015, as "Civic Education Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Maybe you have had the same experience that my constituent, Ricky Buttacavoli, from North Wales, introduced earlier, had when you were working the polls. Here is what he wrote to me a few months ago: "As an elected committee person, one of my responsibilities," he wrote, "is to make sure the residents in my precinct vote on Election Day. I was dismayed to hear that voter turnout throughout Pennsylvania

was 38% for a gubernatorial election [and] I began to research why people don't vote, and through speaking with individuals and groups throughout my county, I realized they don't vote because they do not understand local government and how it works. Many do not know what our Row Officers do. They don't know what a solicitor is or the Prothonotary." I think this goes for State and Federal offices as well.

So Ricky proposed that we shed some light on this problem by drawing attention to it with a week designated for remembering and educating ourselves and others about the importance of "...government of the people, by the people, and for the people,..." in Abraham Lincoln's memorable words that were spoken just down the road from where I am standing today in Gettysburg. So that is what we have done today and what I urge all of you to do next week, Civic Education Awareness Week in Pennsylvania.

As United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy put it, all of us have an "obligation to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, but you cannot preserve what you do not revere. You cannot protect what you do not comprehend. You cannot defend what you do not know." Civic education matters not just in our public schools, where it is supposed to be taught and learned, but also for adults as well. Civic education matters because democracy matters.

Please join me and Rick Buttacavoli of North Wales, Pennsylvania, next week in encouraging our schools, our families, and our civic organizations to appreciate and understand civics, our form of government, and to encourage every citizen you know to exercise not just their rights but also their responsibilities as citizens.

Thank you. Thank you, colleagues, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Eli Evankovich is recognized to speak on HR 485.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the membership for their unanimous support of HR 485, which designates October 2 as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, manufacturing accounts for more than 10 percent of our State gross product and employs over 500,000 Pennsylvanians directly and several million indirectly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the balance of my comments for the record.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my House colleagues for their unanimous support of HR 485, which designates Friday, October 2, 2015, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania.

The designation is part of a nationwide effort to promote the contributions of the manufacturing industry led by the National Association of Manufacturers, and in our State, by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Speaker, manufacturing is the lifeblood of the Commonwealth's economic well-being, generating more than \$70 billion annually in State gross product; employing 570,000 hardworking Pennsylvanians on the factory floor; and supporting supply, distribution, and retail networks that sustain millions of additional Pennsylvania jobs. However, there are upward of 10,000 jobs that remain unfilled at

manufacturing facilities statewide. Increasing awareness among our young people as to the opportunities that exist in this sector remains a challenge and a priority of the House Manufacturing Caucus, which I cochair.

Manufacturing jobs have above-average wages and benefits. The average annual income of over \$65,000 is 44 percent higher than nonmanufacturing sectors. Despite that fact, the stigma that a career in manufacturing is dirty, dangerous, and unfulfilling often remains uncontested. We must change that perception, and becoming involved in Manufacturing Day is a critical first step.

Mr. Speaker, our intention on October 2 is to recognize the overwhelming economic contributions manufacturing makes in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ongoing potential it has in continuing to create the workforce of tomorrow.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Kerry Benninghoff is recognized to speak on HR 467.

Representative Benninghoff waives off and will submit remarks for the record.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize companies that build themselves on an employee-ownership base, cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit by both the owners and the employees of such companies. This is a growing practice in Pennsylvania, and we honor business creators who share the ability with their employees to become owners of the company and have common interests and sense of ownership in the company's success.

This resolution honors employee-owned companies, and I ask my colleagues to join me in unanimous support of HR 467 to honor these creative, innovative companies.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 444, PN 2118**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing August 26, 2015, as "Women's Equality Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. I am going to be calling Representative Donatucci after the vote is taken, on unanimous consent.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Driscoll | Keller, W. | Petrarca | Wheeland |
| Dunbar | Killion | Petri | White |
| Dush | Kim | Pickett | Youngblood |
| Ellis | Kinsey | Pyle | Zimmerman |
| Emrick | Kirkland | Quigley | |
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

STATEMENT BY MS. DONATUCCI

The SPEAKER. Representative Donatucci is recognized on unanimous consent.

Ms. DONATUCCI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their support of HR 444, recognizing August 26, 2015, as "Women's Equality Day" in Pennsylvania.

This resolution is based off a Congressional measure offered in 1971 by New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug, a women's rights leader in her own time.

On August 26 of this year, we celebrated the 95th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. As we all know, this particular amendment gave women the hard-fought right to vote. Today we honor women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, and so many more who broke down gender barriers and put their reputations on the line to ensure that women's voices could be heard. The courage and passion of these suffragettes serve as the hallmarks of the women's rights movement here in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States today.

However, although we have come far, we need to remember that we still have a long way to go to make sure women have equal rights with men. Women are paid only 77 cents for every dollar a man makes. They are still pushed out of their jobs if they are pregnant or take maternity leave to spend time with a newborn, even though it is illegal to do so. Some women suffer violence at the hands of their partners or are subject to unwanted harassment from strangers, and a majority of minimum-wage workers are women, who find it hard to support themselves and their families.

I will continue to fight for women's rights for as long as it takes to get us over the finish line. I have yet again offered legislation to update the State's equal pay law, and I support raising the minimum wage. I also stand with the Women's Health Caucus to ensure women have access to quality health care. I hope my colleagues will support me and women across the State in those efforts. We need to understand that women's issues are everyone's issues. We all succeed when women are able to tap into their full potential, and it is up to us to fight so that our daughters and granddaughters can live in a world where they are valued just as much as men are.

About a century ago Susan B. Anthony said, "The day may be approaching when the whole world will recognize woman as the equal of man." We are still waiting on that day.

Again, thank you to my colleagues for their support of HR 444, and let us all continue to fight for women's equality.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MR. SANTORA

The SPEAKER. Representative Jamie Santora is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. SANTORA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise to celebrate with the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, who is here today celebrating their 150th anniversary of teaching young ladies in the Philadelphia area. They have been in three different locations and for the past several years have been in their Bryn Mawr location. They not only teach them the basics, they teach them how to become successful ongoing in life, and that is extremely important. They do it by showing them how to do hard work and having faith in God, and I am proud to be a part of this Sacred Heart tradition.

As you had mentioned, my daughter is a student there, my sister is the director of the middle school and also an alum. I have another sister who is an alum and five nieces all that graduated, as well as my mother, who was a teacher at this fine institution.

This school will continue on many years teaching these young ladies the right direction in education and in life. Thank you again. And we congratulate the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart on their 150th anniversary. The SPEAKER. Thank you.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. DELOZIER called up **HR 503, PN 2210**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2015 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Again, I will call on Representative Delozier on unanimous consent after the vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Dush | Kim | Pickett | Youngblood |
| Ellis | Kinsey | Pyle | Zimmerman |
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| English | Klunk | Quinn | Turzai, |
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NAYS—0

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

STATEMENT BY MS. DELOZIER

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Delozier will be recognized on HR 503.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we stand here today, there is someone somewhere in Pennsylvania that is being abused physically, emotionally, or sexually. It is a sad but startling fact that 141 people were killed in Pennsylvania due to domestic violence in 2014. The personal stories behind these statistics are very startling and they are all heartbreaking.

When we deal with the issue of domestic violence, it is more personal. It is someone you are supposed to love. That violence is against someone that you live with, someone that you are supposed to care about. We have an epidemic on domestic violence in Pennsylvania.

October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time when we should be looking for ways to help educate and understand this issue and fight against it. Domestic violence brutalizes men, women, and children, both physically and mentally, and destroys families.

HR 503 officially designates October 2015 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. In recognition of the awareness, we will be having, Cumberland and Perry, what is called a Red Lady in the rotunda the week of October 19 to bring awareness to this issue, and I invite you to stop by and learn about the cases that it talks about. The display will include a life-sized red figure of a woman who was murdered in the act of domestic violence. This story is one that we all need to be aware of. They call the figure the Red Lady, and I would encourage you to stop by when it is in the rotunda.

I would also urge you to vote "yes," and I thank you for voting unanimously to support HR 503. We need to get help to the victims to gain the strength they need to break the cycle of violence and make sure that the education is out there and we teach our children that it is not okay to hurt someone that you love.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. METZGAR called up **HR 496, PN 2205**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 11, 2015, as the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, Al Qaeda attacks on our nation and honoring the sacrifices of the victims and first responders.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Members, this resolution, offered by our colleague, Representative Metzgar, honors the sacrifices of the victims and first responders from the September 11 attacks.

I would ask everybody to please rise in a moment of silence with respect to the individuals who are being honored under HR 496.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Acosta | Evans | Kortz | Rapp |
| Adolph | Everett | Kotik | Ravenstahl |
| Baker | Fabrizio | Krieger | Readshaw |
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| English | Klunk | Quinn | Turzai, |
| Evankovich | Knowles | Rader | Speaker |

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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| Briggs | Miccarelli | Ortitay | Sturla |
| DeLuca | | | |

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

**RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The SPEAKER. Chairman Adolph, for an announcement.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce a Rules Committee meeting immediately in the House Republican conference room, and then about 11:45 we are going to have an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room, at 11:45. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Members, the Rules Committee will be first, that is in room 245, followed by the Appropriations Committee meeting, which will be in the majority caucus room.

The House will remain at ease.

Will all members please take their seats. Will all members please take their seats.

The House is back in order.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 760, PN 1862

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for civil and criminal immunity.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1195, PN 2011

By Rep. ADOLPH

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 210, PN 1265

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juries and jurors, further providing for exemptions from jury duty.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 748, PN 1264

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic; and providing for drivers of certified escort vehicles; in other required equipment, further providing for identification of certain vehicles; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for scope and application of chapter, for conditions of permits and security for damages and for permit for movement during course of manufacture.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 897, PN 1087

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Center Square Commons, L.P., certain lands situate in the Township of Whitpain, Montgomery County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1000, PN 1232

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund and the Multimodal Transportation Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; and to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1001, PN 1233

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board and for expiration; in the Tobacco Settlement Fund, further providing for use; in the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, further providing for distribution; in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of Community and Economic Development and for the Pennsylvania State Police; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation and for 2015-2016 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; and making related repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE****HB 224, PN 2180**

By Rep. REED

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the posting of annual financial information for public school entities; in pupils and attendance, further providing for education and training of exceptional children; in charter schools, further providing for definitions and for school staff; in vocational education, further providing for vocational education equipment grants; in community colleges, further providing for financial program and payment reimbursement; in disruptive student programs, further providing for applications; in private alternative education institutions for disruptive students, further providing for contracts with private alternative education institutions; in funding for public libraries, providing for State aid for fiscal year 2015-2016; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for student-weighted basic education funding; further providing for payments to intermediate units, for special education payments to school districts, for extraordinary special education program expenses, for special education funding for eligible students with disabilities in Cost Category 3, and for assistance to school districts declared to be in financial recovery status or identified for financial watch status; and providing for ready-to-learn block grants.

RULES.

RESOLUTIONMs. WHITE called up **HR 437, PN 2100**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense to expeditiously address the safety and protection of United States Armed Forces personnel within the borders of the United States.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Briggs has requested to be placed back on the master roll. That request will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 437 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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| Dunbar | Kim | Pickett | Youngblood |
| Dush | Kinsey | Pyle | Zimmerman |
| Ellis | Kirkland | Quigley | |
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| English | Knowles | Rader | Speaker |
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NAYS-0

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 897, PN 1087**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Center Square Commons, L.P., certain lands situate in the Township of Whippain, Montgomery County.

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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| DiGirolamo | Keller, M.K. | Peifer | Wheatley |
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| Dunbar | Kim | Pickett | Youngblood |
| Dush | Kinsey | Pyle | Zimmerman |
| Ellis | Kirkland | Quigley | |
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| English | Knowles | Rader | Speaker |
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NAYS-0

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1000, PN 1232**, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund and the Multimodal Transportation Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; and to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

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?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Sturla has requested to be placed back on the master roll. That request will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1000 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Representative Joseph Markosek, on the bill.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, now, here we are, September 24, doing a stopgap budget. Now, we all know how the budget process works and the timing. We know that the fiscal year starts July 1, and traditionally, what we try to do is get a bill passed, get a budget bill passed prior to that so that when the fiscal year

starts, we will have a budget in place and all of the folks that use State money and all of the money that is under the auspices of the State to spend get spent and get driven out in the way that we as the legislature designate.

This year, as we know, because there is no agreement on a fiscal year budget, that we do not have a budget, and instead of this week continuing to work hand in hand trying to come up with something that we would find consensus on, not only the two caucuses here but the two caucuses in the other chambers and the Governor's Office and staff, instead of doing that, we are here today attempting to run a stopgap budget.

Now, what does that mean? What that means is this budget would be a budget that would cover the timeframe from July 1 – that has already passed – for 4 months, in this case it is one-third of a fiscal year, and it would end October 31, Halloween. And this stopgap budget is full, is full of treats, of treats for our human services folks, of treats for our educational communities, our basic ed, our higher ed; it is full of plenty of treats, but what all of those recipients will soon find out if we pass this is that come Halloween they will all see that they would have a trick hoisted upon them by the passage of this stopgap bill.

You know, there has been a lot of talk about, gee, we cannot come to a consensus because we have these other issues that we cannot agree on. Well, right now, considering the lateness of the budget, there should only be one issue that we are talking about, and that is getting the budget done. You know, just about a year and a half ago we did a massive major transportation bill by itself, by itself. There were not a whole lot of other issues hanging out there that we were depended upon to do. We rolled up our sleeves and got busy and did that. We got that bill done and got it out of the way, and thank goodness we did it at that particular time, because I think if we were talking about the transportation bill now, we certainly – it would probably not be on the agenda.

But, however, getting back to this budget, as I mentioned, this is loaded with a lot of phony treats that will only eventually trick folks into thinking that we have a budget and then, come the end of October, we are back here doing exactly the same thing again, still trying to do stopgaps.

And by the way, you know, it is interesting that Washington, DC, for the last 2 days has been on the news with the visit of the Pope, the papal visit to Washington. He spoke to the Congress this morning. And one of the things that the folks back home, for all of us, for all of us, one of the things that we all hear from our constituents is, "Don't be like Washington. Get something done. Those folks can't agree on anything. They don't want to compromise, and they just keep kicking the can down the road." If there has ever been a quintessential kicking of the can down the road, this stopgap budget is it. This is nothing more than buying some additional time to just delay, delay what we really have to do, and I think everybody in this room knows that the 800-pound gorilla sitting at the table is going to be some very, very difficult revenue-enhancing votes that will have to be done along with this budget, and that is what we keep avoiding here.

You know, getting back to the Halloween theme. You know, what is showing up at the door here today as a trick-or-treater is the cowardly lion, the cowardly lion and the tin man and the scarecrow, and what were they looking for? The scarecrow wanted a brain. The tin man wanted a heart. The lion wanted courage. And what we have today are those three showing up and none of that will get us done and get this budget out of the way.

We need to look here today for the courageous lions among us here today to be able to vote "no" on this stopgap and to eventually, hopefully in a very short time, put up some very difficult votes in order to get this budget done. The human services, the educational communities, our elderly, our children, the parents of students in college all deserve better than what we have given them and they certainly deserve better than a temporary fix, the temporary fix that is put before us today.

So as we move to Halloween, let us hope by that time that when the scarecrow and the tin man show up at our door, they will have a brain, they will have a heart, and more importantly, let us see the lion, the courageous lion, that we all can be, showing up and getting a budget, a real budget done for our constituents in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The majority Appropriations chairman, Bill Adolph.

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

I do not have any fairy tales to tell you. This is about reality. It is about responsibility. It is about the efforts that we have tried since early June to see how this legislature can pass an on-time budget.

I agree with Chairman Markosek. I certainly would like standing here before all of you with a full-year budget. However, I can share with you many of your frustrations that we all are going through as well as our constituents, our human service agencies, our school districts in the inability to move forward much-needed cash for our most vulnerable citizens.

It was obvious to me and anybody who was present in those budget meetings that the Governor was going to move and stay on his budget, whether it was the spend number or whether it was the tax increases since March. There have been various votes taken to see where this House stands on those issues. When it was obvious there was not support for the Governor's tax proposal or his spending plan, this House moved a bill that invested an increase of \$300 million in education and over \$500 million in human services.

And, Mr. Speaker, just like the Governor was voted in November of 2014, so were we, and we were also asked to be mindful of the taxes the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's residents were being asked to pay. We passed an on-time budget that had record spending in education and record spending in human services with not a single tax increase.

Step two: Within 45 minutes of that document going to the Governor's desk, he vetoed the entire budget. That is the first time a Governor in my lifetime decided to do that. There was approximately \$3 billion of agreed-to line items. When you put it in line items, 270 of the 400 line items, that budget that was passed, we had an equal amount or greater than the Governor's proposal. Why he did not go the course of other Governors and use what is constitutionally given to him to blue-line what he did not like so we could have continued a debate and these agencies would have been receiving their money.

Step three: We tried to override those specific line items on August 25. Override, first time I was involved in it; pretty difficult thing, 66 percent of the vote. The override for funding for Catholic school textbooks, rape crisis centers, domestic shelters failed. Unfortunately, it is now the third week in September. We are trying to get an emergency funding to these most vulnerable agencies. Whether it be some of our school districts, whether it will be drug and alcohol programs, suicide crisis centers, they need the money. They are not going to

receive any more when the budget is passed. This is a responsible procedure.

I have been receiving phone calls, e-mails just like you folks – "We need the money. We are laying off employees." I have a letter here from Elwyn. Many of you are familiar with Elwyn. I see some of you handing – showing me the same letter. They are still providing the services. They have not stopped, but the letter says clearly, please support SB 1000 in an effort to get this needed funding throughout the Commonwealth. Not a fairy tale, just reality, harsh reality. We can continue to negotiate a final budget at the same time we put needed funding into these agencies.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, please do what is right for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and provide a "yes" vote for emergency funding, because without it, you are going to see one agency at a time, one school district at a time close its doors. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Members, this is an appropriations bill. The rules indicate that there are 5 minutes with respect to conversation or remarks on the floor with respect to this legislation. That is not true, of course, for the Appropriations chair and the leaders – Representative Dermody and Representative Reed.

Representative Hanna, you are next, but you will be subject to the clock.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, here we are on day 86 of a budget impasse talking about a temporary fix for Pennsylvania instead of negotiating a real, sustainable budget. Rather than having productive conversations with the Governor, members on the other side of the aisle in both chambers believe it is appropriate to simply waste time.

Budgeting is all about priorities, Mr. Speaker, and it is clear that the GOP's priorities are out of whack. House and Senate Democrats and the Governor value an adequately funded educational system, property tax relief, and a better Pennsylvania for everyone.

Since Governor Wolf gave his budget speech in March, the GOP has tried everything they can to ensure the Governor's priorities appear insignificant. You ignored his requests, refused to include Democrats in negotiations, and prepared your own budget bill, a bill you knew the Governor would veto. Your budget bill, HB 1192, while a complete waste of time, passed both the House and Senate without a single Democratic vote on June 30, and as promised and as noted by the majority Appropriations chair, Governor Wolf vetoed that proposal in 45 minutes, probably because if he waited 50 minutes, Pennsylvania would have gotten another credit down rating. Then you chose to waste additional time by trying to do a line-item veto override. All those motions failed, which forced you to continue negotiating. Now you are attempting a stopgap measure that, once again, only wastes time.

Mr. Speaker, passing a stopgap measure places zero urgency on the House and the Senate to come to a full agreement with the Governor. This seems extremely counterproductive to me. The people of Pennsylvania do not need a short-term fix. They need real, sustainable funding, funding that would put Pennsylvania in a good financial position moving forward, funding you can only find with the passage of a full budget.

Just last week Governor Wolf offered major concessions on issues that the GOP deems as priorities – liquor and pensions – just to try to progress these arduous budget conversations, yet

that was not enough. Senate leaders then went to the media saying that liquor and pensions are side issues and not necessary budget-related issues, yet these are the priorities the GOP has been pushing for in recent months.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I will be voting against this stopgap measure. By rejecting a stopgap measure, I am not blocking funding from essential programs, but rather I am calling for more compromise and more funding. I am here today to stand up for those essential programs, not to give them just 4 months more of the cuts of the last 4 years, but rather to provide them with more sustainable solutions. I am here today to advocate for a full budget agreement, not something that is temporary and will put us back in the same position by the end of October. There is an urgency now to pass a full budget, a responsible budget, and one that gives the people of Pennsylvania everything they have been asking for.

The Governor said it perfectly in his press conference last Wednesday, this is hypocrisy. For the past 4 years, members on the other side of the aisle did nothing to support human services programs and our public schools. In fact, the GOP did a lot to hurt human service organizations and public education by cutting critical funding. Yet now you want to extend a hand to temporarily help them. That does nothing for them in the long term, leaving Pennsylvania in the same financial position as we have been for the last 4 years.

Mr. Speaker, this stopgap measure is not funding human services and schools or helping the people of Pennsylvania during this impasse. This measure is simply prolonging the impasse. If you cared as much about funding schools and service providers as you so profoundly claim, then you would have adequately funded them over the course of the past 4 years.

We need a real budget, Mr. Speaker. I urge you to start compromising, and I urge a "no" vote on SB 1000.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Scott Petri of Bucks County.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I urge our members to support emergency funding under SB 1000 for one simple reason. We have heard from many nonprofits; they cannot borrow money, this is having a crippling impact on them, and worse yet, it is putting vulnerable people at substantial risk.

You know, I have gotten a lot of letters, as I am sure you have, on compromise, but sometimes, sometimes you need to stand up and just say no. This is one of those times – when a Governor is proposing more taxes, broad-based taxes, in our State than all 49 other States in combination, which would have a horrendous impact particularly on seniors, the middle class, and even the poor. These broad-based taxes, the sales tax increase and income tax, are not appropriate.

You know, there was an interesting article today by the National Conference of State Legislatures, and it reports that many States are in an impasse or have had an impasse. They include North Carolina, Illinois, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Delaware, Washington, Alabama, and Kansas; and in at least two of those States, it is not a partisan issue.

The simple fact is that when our Governor removes from the table of consideration broad-based taxes such as sales tax and income tax increases, this budget will resolve quickly. I urge your support of SB 1000.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this stopgap budget, and I would like to say, we are going to hear a lot and we just heard something about nonprofits and school districts in our communities who are lacking the funding and desperately need it, but quite frankly, when I talk to my nonprofits and my school district, they get this. They understand that we are here, this Governor is fighting and many of us are fighting for an adequate and sustainable funding solution. A stopgap does not do that. They understand it; they get it.

The fact of the matter is – my colleague from Bucks County talked about raising revenues and taxes and so forth – the fact is, we have been transferring that responsibility to local governments and school districts and nonprofits for the past 4 years by cutting appropriations year after year. Their taxes have gone up, their services have gone down. So let us not pretend about we are not going to raise revenue here and that is not going to be a tax increase. Taxes are going up at the local level because we are not doing our job here.

Now, I had the opportunity, as I said, to speak to many nonprofits in western Pennsylvania and some here in central Pennsylvania and I said they get it. There was an op-ed last week, a week ago today, in the Post-Gazette that was authored by two CEOs (chief executive officers) of nonprofits in western Pennsylvania – John Lydon, who is the CEO of Auberle, a Catholic faith-based nonprofit organization that helps troubled families and children, and he is also chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership Committee; and Susan Rauscher is executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership's Public Policy Committee. Now, I am going to submit the entire piece for the record so everybody can see – I will even send it around; I am not picking and choosing – but I do want to quote three or four paragraphs from this that tell you where I think many of the nonprofit communities' heads are at here.

Quoting them, "Some legislators have told us that a stopgap measure could reflect funding levels from the 2014-2015 fiscal year. But the legislative majority disagrees with the governor on 40 percent of the budget line items. Will these items be funded at 100 percent of the prior year level?"

"Both parties" seem to "agree that additional funding will be needed to balance the budget. But how long will they ignore this issue with stopgap funding?"

"The difference between stopgap funding and the constitutionally mandated budget is uncertainty. Nonprofits and local governments need predictable funding streams to efficiently execute the services for which government hires them, to properly mobilize financial resources and to fully participate in the economy by paying local vendors and keeping their taxpaying employees paid.

"Nonprofits leverage state funding to attract other resources so they can expand their capacity, increase efficiencies and upgrade facilities and services. Without certainty in funding, these plans end up on hold indefinitely."

Finally, they say, "Resolving the state budget impasse will require negotiation, long-term thinking, pragmatism and compromise. Let's get on with it; a stopgap" budget "will not do."

I could not have said it better. Thank you.

ARTICLE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. FRANKEL submitted an article for the Legislative Journal.

(For article, see Appendix.)

The SPEAKER. Representative Seth Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I would like to read a letter from Lori of York, Pennsylvania.

"I am an employee at a non-profit agency in York that relies on state funds to operate. I am frightened for the future of my job and the ability for my agency to continue to provide services for people in need. While I don't understand all the complex negotiations related to the budget, I encourage you to find a way to pass the budget. Budget negotiations should not hurt the people it provides coverage for. People should not lose jobs or services because elected officials cannot compromise. Who will be there for me when my agency can no longer cover my salary?"

On September 23 in the YDR, York Daily Record, Robin Rohrbaugh, president and CEO of Community Progress Council, said this, quote: "Because of the budget impasse, we and many agencies statewide are having to spend valuable time trying to secure funds, reassure staff and educate the public as to possible service interruptions instead of what we should be doing – helping people to help themselves.

"We know that eventually, once the budget passes, we will receive our funding. In the meantime, we will have paid thousands of dollars in interest on lines of credit we have had to take out just to keep our doors open.

"While the commonwealth is accruing interest on money they are receiving but not distributing, our agencies are paying interest on borrowed dollars because we are not being paid. And this interest cannot be repaid out of federal or state funds. The only way we can pay the interest is through fundraising – which is a shame, because scarce donor dollars should go to creating new services, not paying interest on loans we shouldn't have had to take out in the first place."

From the York County Economic Alliance, United Way of York County, and the York County Community Foundation, quote, "The United Way of Pennsylvania partnered with several other organizations to survey the health and human services community in Pennsylvania with 313 respondents. They found that 50% of respondents were experiencing cash flow challenges in August with another 25% expecting similar problems in September if the impasse continues. Many agencies exhausted their contingency funds in August and more will follow in September. Some 60% of respondents planned on accessing lines of credit in August to continue their services. Those respondents accessing lines of credit...projected they will spend more than \$1.4 million on interest costs through just the end of October. Financing costs cannot be reimbursed by the state and these are dollars that could otherwise be invested in services." These organizations recommend "...authorizing continuing appropriations at last year's levels until a new budget is enacted; assuring that all federal pass-through..." dollars "...continue to flow; or expanding the list of essential services which continue to receive some funding during the impasse.

"Locally," in York County, "the United Way...and the York County Community Foundation's partner agencies are curtailing services, delaying vendor payments and/or accessing lines of credit and contingency funds in order to keep their doors open."

This is the reality of what is happening currently. If we do not pass this emergency funding level, worst-case scenarios will continue to accumulate – doors will close, school districts will close, parents will have to stay home with their children and not attend work; thus, productivity and the economy of Pennsylvania will be hurt moving forward. Mr. Speaker, releasing these emergency dollars will help curtail a lot of this hurt that is happening across the Commonwealth right now.

Later in October, hear me now, the residents of Pennsylvania will look to this vote to see who caused this inaction. It was because of the Governor's veto we are here today trying to get emergency funding released.

Now, I know the current appointed State Treasurer is releasing dollars, randomly releasing dollars. There are entities receiving dollars right now from the Treasury, even though it was not appointed, it was not appropriated by this institution. There are entities in this chamber that are receiving dollars that were not approved or appropriated by this body. It is hard for me to sit here and say that we will send out dollars to some, but those agencies that are pleading to continue their services, continue their jobs, continue their employees' pay are not receiving any of those same dollars.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is the right thing to do to approve this, send it to the Governor's desk, and the Governor should sign this into law – or not sign it. Let it go, do not sign it, and in 10 days we could have the funding out.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Curtis Thomas of Philadelphia County.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let me thank the Appropriations chairman and his staff and the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee for coming together to try and move something forward.

But, Mr. Speaker, I am moved by something that Pope Francis said the other day, and that is that it is important that our language line up with our conduct – our language should line up with our conduct. We should be who we say we are.

Mr. Speaker, we have said that every child in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is entitled to an equal education. Mr. Speaker, we know from the facts that over the last 4 years, our limited investment has created one of the most segregated and unequal school systems in the United States of America. Mr. Speaker, we know that unless we put money on the front end, we will end up paying for it on the back end.

There is nothing in this stopgap measure that will allow for the equalization of opportunity for all children. Mr. Speaker, as Pope Francis said, there was a promissory note that America gave to the people of this country. It has been deferred, it has been deferred. If we support this stopgap measure, it not only defers equalization of opportunity for all children, but it will become a denial, a denial, a continued denial of equal education.

Mr. Speaker, property taxes, we have been saying over and over again, we need to come up with property tax relief for people throughout Pennsylvania. There is nothing in this stopgap measure that would promote fairness in property taxes.

Last, Mr. Speaker, we have said that Pennsylvania has gone from 7th to almost 47th in job creation. We cannot keep saying that we are serious about that and look at what has been provided in this stopgap budget. Mr. Speaker, what is in this stopgap budget is directly, directly against what we have been saying.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot keep asking for a Cadillac meal and keep spending, spending pennies in trying to get it. We cannot keep saying that we want property owners to have a good shot at living in Pennsylvania and we never provide the revenues to do it.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I know that this stopgap measure offers a revenue stream to kind of pay for what has been promoted, but, Mr. Speaker, W. Curtis Thomas is not prepared to put 4700 out on the street through this mysterious liquor privatization. Mr. Speaker, this liquor privatization as a revenue projection is speculative at best. It will result in putting over 60-some single mothers on the street without a decent job and access to good benefits.

So, Mr. Speaker, the stopgap budget is not where we want to go, and the people in Pennsylvania last November said that we are tired of playing these games with our children, with our property owners, and with our families. Vote "no" on SB 1000.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Murt.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of SB 1000, which will provide emergency State funding, and in many cases an entire fiscal year's worth of Federal funding, for our local governments, school districts, and our most needy citizens.

I read a newspaper account that stated that they did not believe there is a crisis and that there is not any pressure to come to a budget agreement quite yet. After all, and I quote, "State employees are getting paid and Medical Assistance payments are flowing, so what's the rush?" end of quote.

I would like to tell my colleagues about a few deserving parties I know personally who are not being paid: the Commonwealth's rape crisis centers, our human service providers who care for our most vulnerable citizens. Agencies who compassionately care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are not being paid either, and in the city of Philadelphia, part of which I proudly represent, the only provider of services for the blind and visually impaired is not being paid either. I can even mention a few other ones, Mr. Speaker. How about the missions for diabetes programs or tuberculosis screening and treatment, renal dialysis, services for children with special needs, adult cystic fibrosis and other chronic respiratory illnesses, hemophilia, lupus, sickle cell, epilepsy support services, Tourette's syndrome, ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) support services, and the list goes on. How about domestic violence and rape crisis, breast cancer screening.

Mr. Speaker, a prior speaker invoked "The Wizard of Oz" characters of the tin man, the cowardly lion, and the scarecrow. It is not appropriate to compare these nonprofits, these human service missions, with three characters in "The Wizard of Oz."

This budget impasse is putting enormous financial pressure on our human services community. The lack of a State budget has forced many human service agencies to reduce services or to go into debt to continue operating. They are taking out loans, oftentimes with interest rates at 4 or 5 percent while their operating margins are at 2 percent. Paying for these loans is money they will never see again. This is not a sustainable way to fund human services for our citizens that require the most intensive and compassionate care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you this: If this emergency funding is not enacted, what happens next? How long can our rape crisis centers, our human service agencies, and our school districts go without any State or Federal funding? Make no mistake, if we do nothing, services will stop and agencies will close. These missions can only take out loans and use lines of credit for so long, providing services without payment can only last so long, and educating our children without State or Federal funding can only last so long.

SB 1000 is not a perfect solution, but it is a necessary approach. The budget the Governor vetoed in June was not a perfect approach either, but we know that no budget is. There are hundreds of line items contained in this emergency funding measure and in the vetoed budget that were at or above what the Governor proposed. There is no reason to continue to inflict pain and suffering on the most vulnerable citizens of Pennsylvania by not providing State or Federal funding for the services they require and oftentimes the State is mandated to deliver.

The funding plan before us is not a gimmick, a ploy, or a public relations stunt. It is the responsible thing to do at a time when real people are suffering. I ask my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to support this emergency funding measure and ask the Governor to do the responsible thing and to sign the same.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this stopgap budget proposal reminds me of a quote that is attributed to Prime Minister Winston Churchill prior to the entry of the United States in World War II. At that time our country was engulfed, unfortunately, in a wave of isolationism which put us in denial, denial about the storm that lay ahead in World War II. Churchill observed that the American people can always be trusted upon to do the right thing after they have exhausted every other conceivable option.

This stopgap budget proposal is an attempt to try and exhaust your conceivable options. This is not the answer to our budget impasse. This proposal, while appealing on its face, does not settle what we need to settle. It puts off the inevitable and the needed settlement of this State's General Fund budget. It sets the stage to have this impasse drift on into the spring. That uncertainty, that uncertainty is more detrimental to our school districts and our social service agencies than is the reality that we have to get down to a legitimate negotiating of this budget.

It is important that the Republican leadership in this legislature negotiate, in all seriousness, with the Governor to reach a genuine settlement. Let us not drift into the same sort of dysfunction, let us not drift into the same sort of tendency for gridlock that has engulfed Washington in recent years with stopgap measures.

Ideology needs to be checked at the door. The maneuvering has to end. Enough is enough. I call upon the Republican leaders of this legislature to engage the Governor in serious negotiations, to negotiate in earnest to reach a true settlement of this State's fiscal situation. Let us stop these games of maneuver, let us get down to the work that the people sent us here to do, and to settle this budget, not with more efforts to exhaust every conceivable option, but to reach a true settlement. Let us do the right thing, let us vote "no" on this budget today, and get on with the work we need to do. Thank you.

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

Mr. F. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of SB 1000.

Schools that teach, jobs that pay, and government that works has been repeated by Governor Wolf and his administration since his budget address in March. Saying schools that teach, jobs that pay, and government that works is one thing; actually knowing how to make it happen is totally different.

Schools that teach. Those who opposed the budget passed on June 30 and oppose this legislation are going to talk about money that was cut in 2011; that money was cut by the Obama administration. To learn the truth, to learn the truth all anyone has to do is go to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget Web site and look at the budgets. We will also hear about taxing the natural gas industry to pay for Governor Wolf's increased spending. The truth is, this industry pays all taxes every other business pays plus an impact fee. According to the Independent Fiscal Office, this year Governor Wolf's severance tax will only generate a fraction of the \$1 billion he is promising to spend in education.

Jobs that pay. In January when Tom Wolf was sworn in as Governor, Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent. As the month of August closed, the U.S. Department of Labor posted Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for that month at 5.4 percent, and yet Governor Wolf wants to increase the tax rate on Pennsylvania's small businesses by 20 1/2 percent.

Government that works. Well, here we are today, almost 3 months into the Tom Wolf government shutdown that was created after Governor Wolf vetoed the entire budget, one that contained a 3.6-percent increase in State General Fund spending over last year and did not increase State sales or income taxes. He vetoed the entire budget within an hour of it reaching his desk. If you ask most Pennsylvanians if they think a 3.6-percent increase is a sizable increase, they would agree. Evidently Governor Wolf does not because he vetoed the entire budget that in total contained a 3.6-percent increase over the previous year and is still looking to hold Pennsylvania hostage in an effort to increase State General Fund spending by 16 percent. The Governor's severance tax plan does not add up, so he is coming after all Pennsylvanians to get the revenue.

Before Governor Wolf considers vetoing SBs 1000 and 1001, I think he needs to explain to the citizens of Pennsylvania how many times as a businessman, in his experience, did he increase prices 16 percent in one year and expect to have return customers the next year. I was in the cabinet industry. I am the politician that actually manufactured the cabinets, and there is not a 16-percent margin in there. His company may have been able to sustain these types of broad increases for a short period of time, but believe me, they likely only did until they could find a different supplier to fit their needs.

So let us examine the effects on the Commonwealth as Governor Wolf continues to hold fast to his tax-and-spend expansion of State government that requires massive tax increases. We will likely have fewer jobs, as mentioned earlier, since we have seen an increase already in the unemployment rate, and we will have fewer jobs because those job creators will have increased State taxes to pay; and instead of having schools that teach, we will have fewer families in the Commonwealth, so we will have schools that are empty and we will have a government that is broke.

I urge my colleagues to support SB 1000 so we can begin to fund our schools, without a tax increase to lower our jobs, provide the service that creates a government that works, as we work for funding for the rest of this fiscal year and build on sound fiscal policies that will move our Commonwealth forward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlelady, Ms. Helm, on final passage.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of SB 1000, which would allow for State funds to begin flowing again to schools and human service organizations across the Commonwealth that are crying out for assistance.

I can think of no good reason to vote against an emergency funding plan. By providing this money now, the clients of these agencies can receive the critical services upon which they depend and the educational process can continue without disruption for students in districts statewide. Schoolchildren and our most vulnerable citizens should not and must not be held hostage by the budget standoff created entirely by the Governor.

In the meantime, discussions can go on towards reaching a final budget plan that spends within our means while funding the core functions of State government, without placing a heavier burden on the tax-paying families of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks many of us have heard from constituents in our home districts about the hardships they are being forced to endure because of the Governor's inaction. For example, we got a call from a manager of a building that houses a DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) lab who was concerned about the State falling behind in its rent and utility payments, which total more than \$300,000 a month. The landlord made the July utility payments but cannot cover those expenses for August and September without the rent money. They are expecting the gas and electrical service to be shut off any day now because of nonpayment of the rent money due.

Our advice for this concerned landlord constituent was to contact the Governor's Office and urge him to sign the stopgap emergency funding budget, and the sooner, the better.

But first, Mr. Speaker, this body must pass SB 1000. I urge my colleagues to vote in the affirmative and send the emergency funding bill to the Governor's desk. In doing so, we have done our part in resolving the funding crisis faced by many who are unfairly caught in the middle of this budget battle.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Greiner, on final passage.

Mr. GREINER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in support of passage of SB 1000, the emergency funding bill.

Mr. Speaker, last week my colleagues from Lancaster County and I met with over 50 human service organizations and the directors of our county's human service departments to discuss the impact of this budget impasse, and, Mr. Speaker, the message was loud and clear. Human service organizations in Lancaster are hurting. Many have taken out lines of credit, many are becoming stretched to their limit already, and they are in the process of laying off employees or cutting back on the services they provide.

This is totally unacceptable. They need funding. They would like a complete budget, and I agree with them on that need, but they also want this stopgap measure passed so that their organizations can stay afloat. One of my colleagues confirmed their affirmation of this when he directly posed that question to them.

My next-door neighbors at home are a young couple who recently purchased their home. The husband teaches at a private school in rural Lancaster County where they are unable to purchase new textbooks. His wife works part-time at a human service agency, and they are attempting to make ends meet as they start a new family. I just cannot flat out comprehend how any Governor could possibly veto an entire budget. Quite frankly, I find it reprehensible.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor has stated that he realizes the harm of the budget impasse. Many of my colleagues in the House and Senate will frequently use the word "mandate" in their remarks. A mandate for a full budget with record tax increases on hardworking, middle-class Pennsylvanians? Really? Huh? I struggle with that.

That being said, at a minimum, we need to keep current dollars flowing to our schools, and most importantly, our children. We can hash out the differences in that debate as hopefully the real facts will be discussed as opposed to the disingenuous arguments that I often hear.

To my colleagues who will vote "no" today, know that this vote should weigh on your conscience because you are again voting against providing funding for your communities, for your schools, and for the most needy in our society.

As someone who has served as a volunteer firefighter for many years, it would have been a disgrace for me to not respond to an accident with entrapment call at 2 o'clock in the morning, knowing that somebody desperately needed my help. The analogy is the same for the children and human service agencies that are crying for help today. We need to be there for them.

As most of my constituents, quote, "get it," unquote, and I think most Pennsylvanians, quote, "get it," unquote, those that are against this emergency funding measure are actually fighting to raise taxes astronomically, historically, on every Pennsylvanian – higher taxes for those who are looking to retire, higher taxes on families, higher taxes on students, higher taxes on seniors, higher taxes on small business, and on and on it goes.

Now, I do not often speak on the House floor, but as someone known for their pragmatism and their independent thinking, I encourage everybody to vote for this measure and let us deal with those items that there would happen to be a disagreement on. Let us get it done.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of SB 1000 today. I want to be on the record for fighting for my neighbors, fighting for my communities, my human service organizations, and providing

the necessary funding they need as long as it is for our children and for our schools. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this matter.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Sturla of Lancaster County.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard that this stopgap measure is dealing with the agreed-to line items that are the same as or in the Governor's proposal. Here is the big difference: The Governor's proposal, as has been pointed out by many members from the other side of the aisle, actually has revenue increases to pay for those line items. The budget that was passed in June, as well as this stopgap proposal, does not provide any of those revenues. So even though this stopgap is only a third the size of the proposal that passed in June, which had a \$3 billion structural deficit, this has a \$1 billion structural deficit. Mr. Speaker, a stopgap budget without addressing the structural deficit is simply a continuation of the past bad practices in bits and pieces instead of as an ugly hole. It is what they do in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago human services were cut in the budget by 10 percent. Then the following year, human service providers were told that you would get paid a month later, essentially another 10-percent cut. Then in this year's Republican budget proposal, \$172 million in child welfare payments to counties was cut.

Mr. Speaker, this budget, which is a third of the budget that passed in June, shorted school districts \$87 million in payments, it shorted the counties, and it also made hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of adjustments, one-time adjustments, which cannot be sustained. Mr. Speaker, those practices are the same practices that led Moody's and Standard & Poor's to downgrade the State's credit rating five times in the last 3 years. Passing this stopgap budget, just like passing the budget in June, will do nothing more than continue a downgrade of the State's credit rating.

This budget impasse is due to a structural deficit. I heard one member say, "You know, if we can just get past not having to raise taxes, we can come to an agreement here." I do not know how we can do that because you cannot claim you are paying for services that you do not have money to pay for.

You know, the Republican standard used to be that government should function like a business, but businesses are not successful if they do not pay their suppliers, which is what this budget does. They are not successful if they continue to try and operate on a structural deficit, which is what this budget does.

Mr. Speaker, recently I referred to a stopgap as being like a drunk in a bar who says, "Drinks for everyone," and then walks out without paying. That was probably a mischaracterization because nobody really believes the drunk when he says, "Drinks for everyone." It is actually more like the person that goes into the bar and says, "Drinks for everyone all night long," and even to try and be creditable says, "I will even pay for the first round," and then leaves the bar.

Mr. Speaker, the funding does not exist to continue to fund programs at the levels that are in this stopgap proposal. Now, if we want to continue to cut human services by 10 percent a year like has been done for the last 3 years, if we want to continue to make cuts to education like has been done in the last 4 years, if we want to continue to cut services to people of Pennsylvania while their local taxes go up, then I suggest voting for this stopgap proposal may make sense. I, personally, do not want to do that.

Mr. Speaker, if we want to get serious about what needs to be done for the State of Pennsylvania and the citizens of Pennsylvania, I suggest we start getting serious about the revenues that are necessary to pay for budgets not only this year but moving forward also.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gary Day.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this emergency funding action. Today is a day of opportunity. It is the fourth opportunity we have to fund core functions of State government.

June 1, we had an opportunity to vote for the Governor's record tax increase budget; all Democrats voted "no" for that. June 25, we could have voted for Pitt, Penn State, Temple, Lincoln, and Penn; all Democrats voted against that. June 30, we could have voted for the Republican no-tax-increase, on-time budget; all Democrats voted "no." August 25, we could have voted for about 20 line items that I thought we all agree on; all Democrats voted "no."

Today is another opportunity, the fifth, to vote for core functions of government. If we really believe in these programs and the work that these people do, we would not want to withhold our support just so we can use that pain to advance a tax-and-spend agenda. You know, to utilize that fear, that pain, that terror that an employee, our frontline employees, that we say – a real high-level view – we say, "Yes, we are going to support this," and then we push somebody else out there to meet these people and look them in the eye.

I understand Democrat House members' viewpoint and position on their tax-and-spend agenda – and maybe I should say their revenue-enhancing agenda; that is the term they like to use – but just because you cannot democratically advance that tax-and-spend agenda does not mean you should withhold funding from these core functions of government.

A "no" vote today pretty much constitutionally shuts down Pennsylvania government. A few more "yes" votes makes you relevant. It uses your authority in the budget process to tell the Governor, "We need to move forward."

We all think about the victims and the users of these emergency funds, but also remember those employees, those frontline employees, that we ask to implement our general funding work that we do here. They are the frontline service providers, and I call on my colleagues, all of us, do not abandon them. They need this emergency funding. Do the hard work that we all agree on and help push this process forward. Do not sit back and say, "It's not up to us. The Republicans are in charge. We're supporting blind faith following our Governor."

Today vote for this, or submit your own plan, like we did when we were in the minority. Whatever you decide, do something. I am asking you to step off the sidelines with the authority that you have and step forward and do something. If you set out your own plan, ask – I will support you to get a vote

on the floor. Let us see how many votes we have. Let us see how many people want to extend and expand taxes in Pennsylvania for these worthwhile services and programs that you support.

I urge the House Democrats to stand up, be counted, get into this discussion, and vote "yes" today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we mourn the loss of the great Yogi Berra, we remember what he said: "It's déjà vu all over again."

On the House floor, it is déjà vu all over again. This stopgap budget bill is just a repackaging of HB 1192, which failed; the veto override, which failed; and now it will ultimately fail again. Negotiation and compromise does not mean repackaging the same proposals over and over again. We need to get to a real and lasting compromise that works for the people of Pennsylvania, and we need to get there as soon as possible.

So where does this stopgap measure get us? Well, it has the right name – stopgap. It stops negotiations on a final compromise budget and it leaves a big gap in funding. We cannot afford that.

As was stated earlier, I have heard many folks on this floor say, "We need to run government like a business." Now, we know this stopgap bill will ultimately fail; the Governor has said that he will veto it. We know that it has already failed twice in its repackaged forms. So I ask, what business, what business out there would devote all their time and energy to something that they know is going to fail and has already failed in the past?

Let us get back to the negotiation table, let us schedule this legislature for session each and every day until we get to a compromise product, and let us do the work of the people who sent us here and not Band-Aid measures that get us nowhere. Let us move on from this process and move to a productive process that gets us to a final budget.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Rick Saccone.

Mr. SACCONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this emergency funding bill. This emergency funding is desperately needed in our communities back home. You know, in my office every day, I am sure that most of you have had the same experience, agencies are streaming through my office, one after the other, wringing their hands saying how much it is going to hurt their agency because of this unsigned budget by the Governor. I agree, and I remind them that we have kept our word, passing budgets on time that fund the vital programs that they are concerned about. I remind them that the only obstacle to the continued operation of their organizations is the Governor's signature.

You know, I think the Governor has a new motto: Why be part of the problem when you can be all of the problem? Every day we continue without a budget, critical services like the rape crisis centers and services for autism and intellectual disabilities, Alzheimer's, veterans' programs, food banks, and hundreds more are not funded, they are not able to serve the public.

Now, I have heard from the other side that, you know, we have no budget. Of course, we have a budget. We have the only budget out there. The other side has not put forth a budget. If they love the Governor's proposal so much, let us see it in a bill. They have not put it forth and they will not because they know they cannot vote for it and they cannot support it. It is easy to

come up here and say no, but they will not put forth the Governor's budget.

Now, our budget, as the Appropriations chair has already well stated, has funded 70 percent of what the Governor wanted. Of the 401 line items in that budget, 274 are funded. Yet he vetoed that, and he continues to threaten to veto what we are about to pass today.

When I go home, the people ask me, for what reason, what reason – they are trying to figure this Governor out – what reason is he going to veto this emergency funding? It is simple, because he keeps insisting on a massive \$5 billion tax increase that nobody wants back home.

The public may have forgotten about this, but I am going to remind them once again, that not even one member of this House, not even one member of his own party voted for that tax increase that would have supported the Governor's proposal. It is quite embarrassing for this Governor, if you ask me.

Everywhere I travel back home – and I travel a lot around a lot of events like you all do – people come up to me, one after the other, and they say, "Stand firm against this Governor." I tell you, my prayer is that the scales will fall from the eyes of my colleagues and they will see that the people are not with them, they are with us on this budget.

So we are here to govern. The people back home are still paying taxes every day, and the money is in the Treasury. We need to distribute those funds in the amounts we have already agreed upon. Delaying is senseless and not supported by the taxpayers.

Now, I have heard the other side say, you know, compare this budget to trick or treat and Halloween. Let me tell you something – this Governor has proposed enough tricks to make David Copperfield blush.

So I tell you, there is an old saying in business that success is what happens when 10,000 hours of preparation meets one moment of opportunity. Well, we have that opportunity before us right now, so I tell you and I ask my colleagues to vote "yes" for this emergency funding and provide the services needed in our community.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLissio.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate this opportunity to stand up, and I do intend to be counted today. I think we all intend to be counted today. It is clear that we have not yet reached any type of agreement. I do not even think consensus is part of the lexicon today. This has been a very frustrating exercise, I will say, for all of us. We are all very clear that the human service agencies and the education stakeholders in our respective districts are suffering because of our lack of ability to produce a budget that includes predictable and sustainable revenue.

I do town halls monthly, so I think I am in touch with my constituents on a regular basis. They have an ability to understand and comprehend even complex problems and complicated issues like the budget and the one that we are facing this year. What they do not understand is why there is not more of a willingness to truly sit down with each other, to truly listen to each other, and truly talk to each other. Personally, I would like to see an accounting of how many times we have sat down, meaning those who are responsible for these budget negotiations, and understand that these meetings have taken place over many, many days for many, many hours, but I suspect it has only been minutes and not hours. How do I go

back and tell my constituents that we are making a good-faith effort when I cannot even demonstrate that we have been at the table sitting down together, together, because we all represent all of the citizens in the Commonwealth, not just some of us represent some of the citizens in the Commonwealth.

So my work today is to continue to talk to colleagues on both sides of the aisle and to try to find that toehold that brings us to some meaningful consensus, some meaningful compromise, and stop the use of these words like "massive tax increase." I mean, this is what I have defined in my town halls.

If you earn \$50,000 a year, your personal income tax would go up \$315 on an annual basis, which is \$6.06 a week. That does not fit the definition of "massive," and I know that is one of the taxes to go up. But when we use that kind of descriptive language, we are in fact, I think, somewhat misleading our constituents, so I talk to my constituents and present them the facts so they can give me their input and views. Quite frankly, I have not had constituents come to me and say that this is not for the greater good and that they were not behind this proposed budget that is out there, but they are willing to make some compromise and they want to see us do that.

The stopgap measure which is immediately in front of us today, I remember being here 4 years ago when we were talking about laws to pass to prevent cell phones being used in a handheld manner. I remember being in this chamber where we said, "We'll deal with the texting part of that today, but the voice part of it, we'll deal with later. We'll take it in two steps." Here we are, 5 years after that fact, and we have never dealt with that other piece of that legislation. So I just absolutely have no confidence in this concept of, let us do this now and deal with the rest of it later, because here, later never seems to come.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jeff Pyle.

Mr. PYLE. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what are we now? About 28, 30 days past when this thing was supposed to be done. I am not going to make this a political bombing run. I am going to get down in the weeds and cut this to building blocks.

I am a member of the Appropriations Committee. We watch revenue collections. Last year the State took in roughly \$30.2 billion. Accordingly, the budget that was lawfully passed by both Houses of the legislature on 30 June kept that spending below the \$30.2, meeting the constitutional obligation that we file balanced budgets. Mr. Speaker, I will tell you point-blank as one of the guys on the quote, unquote, "inside," we got real lucky with a real great first half in revenue collections that let us do things that people did not expect we could do.

We took the amount of money going into our schools to record levels beyond those of the superinflated stimulus years, which, by the way, all 498 school districts knew would expire in 3 years. I have a copy of the letter that went out to all of them. They all knew it was going away. To their credit, they made everything work as they could make it work.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I got a question. Every month the Mrs. and I sit down and we have got our whole slate of bills we have to pay; luckily we can. But, Mr. Speaker, if she would go out and buy another car and throw another five or six hundred dollars into the withdraw from our monthly checking account, we probably could not handle that. So what does that do? We have one of two solutions: Either she or I could go get an additional job to raise more money so we could afford that additional car, or we have got to strike it from the plan and

make do with what we have got. I think it is just unconscionable to tell people we can spend what we do not have.

Now, I heard from my friend, the gentleman from Lancaster, that the Governor put up a revenue plan – how we could pay for all these increased funding levels. Funny thing, Mr. Speaker, nobody voted for it, not a soul, zero. I am not saying Republican or Democrat; I am saying not a breathing, organic life form inside this room voted for it.

Now, here is the thing. Is this a third of a budget? Yeah, we are right out and open with what it is. This is one-third of what we already passed, hopefully with another two-thirds yet to come. But when the rubber hits the road and people go home, and those guys in those agencies and those business planners for our school districts who are sweating bullets right now, Mr. Speaker, when they sit down and start thinking about when is the State going to ride in like the cavalry and refill the pot, I want everybody who is watching on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) to look at it tonight. You are not allowed to see who votes how, but you can request those. They are public record. The "yes" votes are the people who are voting to get one-third of the allotted State money going to the schools and social services in each one of the respective 67 counties. The ones who vote "no" are saying, "Denied, we don't want to do that." That brings up a whole nother anecdotal, and I am going to try to close early.

Mr. Speaker, if you have ever been on a boat and you have seen somebody out there bobbing in the water, waving their arms, and yelling for help, they do not care if the Carnival Cruise Line pulls up, all they want is a rope. That is what we are doing today, we are buying time; we are throwing them a rope, so they can keep delivering what we expect them to deliver.

We can talk about the other stuff later. You want to talk about talks in severance and getting \$188 million, that is fine and good, but how about you tell people the rest of the story that the other \$11 billion is coming out of our pockets. Yes, you have a great spending plan; show me the fortitude to put the votes up for it.

Vote "yes" on SB 1000. Allow us to continue the mission of offering services and education as our Constitution tells us we should. Do the responsible thing. Please vote "yes."

The SPEAKER. Representative Santarsiero.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, 6 years ago in August of 2009, this House voted for a stopgap budget, and I was one of a handful of legislators who voted "no" that day. I voted "no" that day because I argued then, as I argue now, that voting for a stopgap budget merely takes the pressure off of all of us to get a final budget passed. Indeed, that is what happened 6 years ago. The budget was not passed until mid-October. The stopgap budget was passed in early August.

Now, you do not have to take my word for it. Today's Philadelphia Inquirer said it more eloquently than I could. Responding to Governor Wolf's latest offer of compromise, the Inquirer said, quote, "...Republican legislators have put their old, irresponsible fiscal plan in a new wrapper and called it a stopgap budget. While their plan promises to fund the state until November, it also threatens to delay sincere negotiations, allowing the state's elected officials – already...three months late – to go that much longer without performing one of their...basic duties: passing a budget.

"The Democratic governor has already rightly rejected the legislature's proposal," the paper continued, "which would perpetuate Harrisburg's habit of leaving bills unpaid, relying on one-time gimmicks, and raiding dedicated funds. Nor would it adequately fund schools or force the shale-gas industry to shoulder its share of the tax burden at long last."

The paper continued, "Legislators argue that they're protecting middle-class families from taxes, but the state's families are paying higher property-tax bills and accumulating a host of long-term costs as a result of insufficient school funding. And despite showing a willingness to increase education funding, Republican lawmakers have yet to produce a workable alternative to Wolf's proposals to finance a competitive school system.

"Many of the Republicans refusing to depart from the damaging fiscal policies," the paper continued, "of recent years are protected by gerrymandered legislative districts. But the last time voters expressed themselves statewide, they voted resoundingly for Wolf, who promised to fund education adequately, draft a responsible budget, and require the shale-gas industry to pay its fair share.

"The governor has opened the door to compromise on some of the legislative leadership's key issues." The paper concluded, "Lawmakers have a duty to reciprocate and get the job done."

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think it is possible. I think compromise in this chamber is possible. We saw it just 2 years ago. In fact, my friend, the colleague from Armstrong County who just spoke, voted along with me and many others on our side of the aisle for Act 89, to finally fund transportation projects and mass transit in Pennsylvania. It is possible. And how do we know? Because just 4 months ago, Mr. Speaker, 70 members on the Republican side of the aisle voted for \$4.2 billion in new taxes by voting for HB 504; \$4.2 billion in new taxes.

My friends, those of you who voted for that bill, you have crossed the threshold. You voted for taxes. And if you are willing to vote for \$4.2 billion in taxes, then you should be willing to come to a compromise with the Governor and get a responsible budget passed that serves all the people in Pennsylvania, restores the cuts of the Corbett years to our schools, and moves our State forward.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop the gimmicks. It is time to stop the showmanship. It is time to get serious and get down to the business of coming to a compromise on a real budget for Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Dan Truitt.

Mr. TRUITT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of SB 1000. The only question that is in front of us today is the question about whether or not we want to provide emergency funding to individuals and agencies that rely on State funding for their very existence. There is really only one argument against this bill that holds any water at all. Some folks will say that this is a distraction. Well, I believe that we are smart enough here to walk and chew gum at the same time. I think we can pass a bill that provides temporary funding to these agencies while we simultaneously work on passing a permanent bill.

Some folks will say that the money is just not enough. Well, that is silly. If the amount of money that is in this bill is not enough and we do not pass it, that means these agencies are

going to get nothing. Is it really better to leave them with nothing while we work on finding a compromise, permanent solution to this problem? It is pretty clear that it is going to be a while before we get to a permanent budget, because as has been pointed out already, the Governor has yet to propose any kind of a plan that any member in this room is willing to put their name on as a bill that will get more than zero votes in this chamber. So we are still pretty darn far away from a solution. Meanwhile, real people, real citizens, are starting to feel the pain of the budget impasse.

Some folks will argue that this measure will take away the pressure of getting the job done. Well, that may be true, but I challenge those folks to propose something, some other way to keep the pressure on to get the job done without keeping our citizens, our most vulnerable citizens, in the middle of the cross fire.

And then finally, the real reason that folks are opposed to this bill is because they know that if we pass this bill, then the pain on the public will go away, and if we do not pass this bill, the pain on the public will continue and eventually one side will concede. Well, if you are voting against this bill because you want to continue inflicting pain on the public, I have to question your qualifications for this job. This strategy is mean-spirited and immoral. We must take our citizens out of the cross fire.

The question before us today is whether to end the pain for our most vulnerable citizens. Some people in this room are still receiving and cashing paychecks. Some are not. I do not judge the folks in this room who are still receiving and cashing their paychecks because I understand that in some cases you or your family rely on that money to keep things going at home, but if you are planning to vote "no" on this bill to provide emergency funding to other people and you are still planning on cashing your own paychecks, I have to ask you the question, what makes you special? Why are you more important than the citizens that you represent? So before you vote "no" today, I want you to think hard about that, and I urge you to vote "yes."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Greg Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the end of June, the Republicans passed a no-tax budget and geared spending within the parameters of that budget. That is one world view. I respect that world view. I do not agree with that world view, but I respect it. Governor Wolf has another world view, a world view he campaigned on, a world view that had \$400 million more in basic education, a world view that had a reasonable severance tax.

Mr. Speaker, one thing we have to realize, one thing the Republicans have to realize is that under our Constitution, the Governor is coequal with the legislature. The 203 Representatives and 50 Senators, their collective power is equal to the Governor. Mr. Speaker, we have not had a budget for 87 days because, in my view, the Republicans have failed to appreciate the fact that his world view has validity. Mr. Speaker, this stopgap budget simply reflects a continuation of the Republican world view and does not reflect the fact that we need to compromise. In my view, this is a political tactic whose outcome is well-known and will only serve to get the Republicans grist come next October's campaign season.

Mr. Speaker, there is a very important political principle here, and that is the principle of the coequal authority of the Governor, and what we need to do here, Mr. Speaker, and an important principle here is the votes the Democrats will be

taking today in opposition to this will be a defense of the right of the Governor to have his views heard. Mr. Speaker, we will not have a budget until the Republicans reflect and appreciate that principle. We will not have a budget until the Republicans understand that you need to compromise. And until they do, until they understand the fact that they are going to have to meet the Governor halfway, and as valid as they think their world view is, they have to appreciate another world view. Until they understand that, the blood will be on their hands with regard to the pain Pennsylvanians, the pain Pennsylvanians deal with without a budget. Republicans need to understand compromise is necessary. We understand you understand the rightness of your cause. We understand that.

But you have to appreciate there is a whole different way of viewing things, and compromise is a necessary element of politics and the Republicans have shown no willingness to reflect that compromise, Mr. Speaker. And until you do, the blame lies at your hands, Mr. Speaker. This is a political tactic, and I urge everyone to vote "no."

The SPEAKER. Representative John Maher.

Mr. MAHER. The minority Appropriations chairman was urging us to get something done, and I can assure the members of this chamber that today we will get something done, whether it is unanimous or not. It is pretty clear to me it will not be unanimous, but something will get done.

Now, I just heard and we have heard many others advocate for the Governor's world view. It is now world view. Every member of this chamber voted against that proposal, every member. Every Democrat in this chamber voted against the budget which was presented to the Governor. So we know you are against the Governor's proposal. We know that you are against the proposal which had passed this House before and which is essentially before us today. What we have not heard is what it is you are for. Is there a House Democrat proposal? We know you are against and you have been consistently voting against increases to education funding now for 5 years. We know you are against a lot of things. What we do not know is what it is you are for.

Now, we heard urging that we should be heading toward compromise and negotiations, but I am a bit perplexed. It seems that today we are not going to agree. That is clear enough. What I do not understand, though, is how we negotiate with a Governor who does not agree with himself.

The Governor has vetoed exactly what he has asked for 174 times in this budget, 401 line items; 274 of them exactly or a bit more than the Governor requested. One hundred and seventy-four of them, exactly, exactly what the Governor asked for, and 174 lines got vetoed.

So apparently you are not for what the Governor asked for. The Governor is not for what the Governor asked for. Well, what is it, how are we to ever reach a compromise until the Governor stops disagreeing with himself? It seems to me that a worthy consideration for the Governor, and he is certainly free to do as he pleases – he has been elected to do that – but it seems to me that the time has come to start building on agreements.

There are 274 line items in the budget that is before us today that equal or even exceed what the Governor asked for. Let us make those agreements law. Why be an obstacle to where we have agreement being law? And then we can get about sorting out the rest. But to simply be opposed to the Governor's plan as you have been, opposed to the House Republican plan as you

have been, and to have the Governor opposed to his own request, it is a very awkward situation, one I have never seen before. Fifty years, half a century has come where our Governors have had line-item veto authority. Never once has a Governor been so reckless as to veto an entire budget because he disagrees on some bits of it, and never has a Governor vetoed exactly what he has asked for.

I urge you, I know you are going to follow your directives and vote as the Governor has asked you to and you see that as your job, but I do hope that when this bill gets to the Governor, which it will, that the Governor at least supports exactly what he asked for because it is difficult to explain to these social service agencies that are depending on this funding why the Governor has vetoed their funding yet again when it is exactly what he asked for.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Conklin.

Mr. CONKLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, may I start with a parliamentary inquiry, just ask a clarification?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CONKLIN. I am wondering if when I put my name on an amendment or a bill, is that my amendment or bill or is that somebody else's? Who is responsible for that?

The SPEAKER. Sir, if you wish to speak on a parliamentary inquiry, I think you are getting to a substantive—

Mr. CONKLIN. I am sorry—

The SPEAKER. —issue. But I would just suggest if you would like, please approach your leadership and they will walk you through those procedures.

Mr. CONKLIN. Okay. I appreciate the Speaker.

So basically, I am going to take that as when we put our name on an amendment or a bill, that we are responsible for that bill. I am going to take that as that, and I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for doing that.

The reason I am going here for the folks listening at home is that I love everything that is going on right now, because folks on the other side keep saying, you know, we need your vote, but, the kids who are listening, they have enough votes to pass this amendment. So it is pretty much a moot point asking us for the vote because they already have it. But on the fact they keep bringing up the Governor's budget and this budget and that budget, I just want to help the kids at home who may be doing maybe history lessons or may be looking at world government. Kids, here is the way it works. I put my name on an amendment or a bill, and I take responsibility for it. It is sort of like this. Let us say little Sethy and little Tommy are out playing, and Tommy wants to throw a stone through the window, but Tommy says, "You know what? I can't throw that stone." So little Sethy picks up the stone, throws it as hard as he can, and he smashes the window out, and he says, "No. That is Tommy's stone. Tommy looked at it first." Well, guess what? If that is my son, I am going to say, "Son, I don't care what Tommy said. You threw the stone." Now, where this is going is that you know that tax bill they are talking about, kids, this was a Republican amendment that we all voted "no" to it. See, it is just another stunt and game that has been played just like we are playing again today. It is for theatrics. You know, it is to do a great play. You see, at the end of the day, for those kids that are

watching, do not watch this. Listen to your teachers because this is getting a little bit embarrassing, because when I look at it, the only tax bills I have seen coming out this year have been Republican bills, whether it was a bill to raise sales tax to 7 percent, whether it was a bill to do every tax under the sun, whether it was to raise personal income tax to raise it.

In fact, they keep saying if we wanted to raise—

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. CONKLIN. So what I am looking at on this bill—

The SPEAKER. Please suspend, sir.

Mr. CONKLIN. —is that—

The SPEAKER. Please suspend for a moment. Put a stop on the clock.

The majority leader.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if it is a point of order or a point of parliamentary procedure, so I would ask for your guidance on that. But the gentleman has talked a little bit about whose name is on what bills and a Tax Code bill that was considered with a Republican's name on it, and I do not know the appropriate way to ask if the gentleman has his name on the Governor's tax bill, and we would be happy to bring that up if he has that bill for us to do so.

So I am not sure the best way to ask that, but if you could maybe give me some guidance on that, we can certainly bring that bill up for consideration. If you could just tell me how to ask that question to the gentleman.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Conklin, do you want to run another amendment or bill? That is not where you are headed, correct?

Mr. CONKLIN. Mr. Speaker, thank you so very much to the leader.

I do not want to use the gentlelady from Montgomery County's name or anybody, but she has a bill and another member has a bill on Marcellus Shale stand-alone. Can I run that now? Let us bring it up on the floor. I am perfectly—I love it. Yeah, I will do it, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Leader, I want to thank you for giving me that opportunity. I am willing to do that, a stand-alone bill on one subject matter. I am willing to do it today.

The SPEAKER. Representative Conklin, in front of us right now is SB 1000. There are about 2 minutes and 8 seconds for you to comment on this bill. You have the floor to do so. Please proceed. Thank you.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. CONKLIN. Mr. Speaker, may I make a motion?

The SPEAKER. Please state your motion, sir.

Mr. CONKLIN. I would like to table this to a date certain.

The SPEAKER. What date, sir?

Mr. CONKLIN. What is this Tuesday's date? September 28.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So you are moving to table SB 1000 to a vote on September 28?

Mr. CONKLIN. I believe it is the 29th, this Tuesday.

The SPEAKER. It is September 29?

Mr. CONKLIN. Yes.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

MOTION WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On that motion, it is debatable by the maker and the two floor leaders.

Representative Conklin, you are recognized.

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

You know, I think we have had enough theater for today, so what I am going to do, if it is okay with the Speaker, I will withdraw that.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Sir, do you wish to continue to speak on SB 1000?

Mr. CONKLIN. Yes. I will finish up quickly with the last minute or so I had left.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. CONKLIN. Thank you.

I want to thank everybody for coming out today. It is always enlightening to sit here with my colleagues and attempt to discuss, you know, intellectual matters that sometimes become intellectually immature to move forward. So in a case like this, what I am asking for is my colleagues, I appreciate, you know, all the games we play and the stunts we play, but this is no way to run a government. There are many times that we kid around a lot and I thank you for that, but let us get serious.

At the end of the day, if you want to accuse us of tax votes, bring up the legislation I asked you for, that stand-alone legislation. Let us quit the gimmicks for a while. Let us just sit down and actually do negotiations.

Look at what we have done – four downgrades because of the tactics we are doing today in these types of budgets, four downgrades to our credit rating. That costs us money. Come on, guys. Let us sit down. Let us do this. You have the votes to run it through today. Let us get these two votes over with. Let us move on. Let us remember the constituency that we actually have to go back and face. Let us finish it up. Let us do it right. And then if we want to talk about tax votes that Democrats want to do, let us call them fees such as I was told by a member on your side a few years ago.

Let us look at some fees. Let us look at actually using our natural resource to help out the folks. Let us look at the vendor discount, where you go to Walmart and you pay that 6 percent and the vendor keeps 1 percent of that. Let us look at places like that, that the public actually believes that they are getting something back from it, but at the same time, they are losing funds.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you. I want to thank the majority leader for giving me the opportunity that if I would have had one of those Marcellus bills myself, he would have let me run it today. I want to thank you for that, Mr. Speaker. But most of all, I want to thank my colleagues for participation in democracy. I know we have a lot of fun and nerves get on end, Mr. Speaker, but at the end of the day, let us get this vote over, let us move forward, and we will see you next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Killion.

Mr. KILLION. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is getting late, so I will be brief.

I rise in support of this emergency funding bill, and I do want to talk about the children. Let us talk about the students,

the grade school students, little first, second, and third graders that are currently sitting in their classrooms without textbooks. And I can remember Governor Wolf's commercials where he was in a classroom of young students. Well, what is the other side of the aisle and the Governor saying to those students today? What he is saying is, "Listen, you're going to need to continue to suffer without your textbooks until the legislature lets me tax your older siblings' college textbooks and their meal plans. You're going to need to continue to suffer until the legislature allows me to tax your younger siblings' day care and diapers at 6.6 percent. You're going to need to continue to suffer until I can tax your grandparents' senior living facility at 6.6 percent." That is what this is all about. This is holding these children hostage until he can get his way on his sales tax and his PIT (personal income tax). I think that is horrible.

We have a chance to fix that now. We have a chance to put these precious textbooks in the hands of these students who need them and want them desperately. Please vote "yes" on SB 1000.

The SPEAKER. Representative Pashinski.

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

I rise in opposition to SB 1000. I will just share a couple of things with you regarding the issues at hand. It is a tremendous responsibility that each and every one of us has here today, and when we begin to take a step back or two and think about our roles, our role that 60-some thousand people that we represent in each one of our districts are depending on us to do the right thing, to attempt to make their lives better, to fix the problems that they face. Our responsibility is awesome and certainly very challenging, but the bottom line is, I think each one of us here today believes that we might be right. Each one of us is fighting for a group of people that we represent, and each one of us, I believe, are taking our jobs very seriously. We are going to try to do the right thing. Unfortunately, unfortunately, we are into our third month without a budget, and that third month is not only damaging the relationship that we have and portraying us as an image similar to our Federal government's paralysis, but it is also costing each and every taxpayer in Pennsylvania serious dollars. Every day that goes by, Pennsylvania loses between a million and a half dollars, every day that goes by.

Let us analyze just for a moment where we have come. Over the last 4 years, we have had a course of action that has changed the budgets of school districts and human services substantially. It has caused great harm. The lack of State funding for our public schools has forced local districts to raise their property taxes. The lack of appropriate funding for human services has required less services, less people, less help.

Over the last 4 years, we have ended up with a fiscal deficit of \$1.5 billion. That is an indicator that it is not a good way to manage the people's money. What must we do? There is a new course, and whether or not you will agree to this, the Governor has spent countless hours all over this State gathering information to develop that budget. The people expect us to fairly and appropriately tax the Marcellus industry. That is the people's resource. The people expect the State to appropriately fund their education systems at home so they do not have to raise their taxes, and the people expect us as legislators to come together.

Mr. Speaker, this is an awesome responsibility that we have, but we cannot deny the fact that our debt service alone is costing us 180 million more dollars because of the system that we are in. At the end of the day, no matter what our differences,

at the end of the day, we all must come together and put forth a budget that we all can pass for the betterment of the people of Pennsylvania.

This is why I am suggesting the only way to do that is for all of us to be sequestered in this room ad infinitum until the time that we achieve that final goal. It would be incredible to spend each waking hour with each one of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle as we continue to debate the issues, share stories, but in the end, the inevitable, at the day's end, we must come to an agreement.

Mr. Speaker, I recommend a sequester for all our leaders and the Governor until a deal is made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, we have these members left to speak: Representative Gabler, Representative Parker, Representative Toohil, and Representative Dush, followed by the two leaders. I would ask if anybody wishes to be added, to please tell me right now by coming up to James. If anyone wishes to be added, please come up now.

Once we call upon Representative Dermody and Representative Reed, the show of respect to the leaders, that should be it in terms of discussion on floor speeches. If anybody else wishes to have the opportunity to be added to the list for remarks, please approach the rostrum at this time.

Representative Gabler, the floor is yours.

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

Today I rise in support of providing essential emergency funding and paying our bills. That is really what we are debating today. Should we or should we not pay our bills? Today on day 86, after Governor Wolf vetoed a balanced, no-tax-increase, on-time budget that was presented to him, we are presenting another viable solution that will provide much-needed immediate funding to State services that we all support.

Opponents of this bill present a false choice. Nothing in this emergency funding legislation constrains either side as they continue to negotiate a full-year budget. This is not a delay tactic. In fact, it is the opposite. This bill is an immediate solution for those who face a crisis today. The only side of this debate providing delays is the side who thinks that a greater crisis and more leverage is needed to build support for a \$5 billion tax increase that failed by a unanimous 193-to-0 vote in this chamber on June 1.

The budget that passed the General Assembly 86 days ago provided historic increases in education funding. It invested in human services and provided responsible, sustainable funding for government services while respecting the needs of hardworking taxpayers. I understand that there are deeply held, sincere convictions on both sides of the larger budget discussion. Nonetheless, there is no excuse for withholding essential rape crisis funding, domestic violence center funding, college student grants, and children and youth funding while discussions continue.

Consider this. Taxpayers continue to pay taxes for services that the Governor and his allies on one side of this debate have not taken a single action or provided a single vote to provide funding for. Taxpayer dollars continue to pile up in the State Treasury while the Governor's administration sits on them and holds them hostage. This is no longer acceptable.

Immediate funding is necessary to address an ongoing crisis created by one man. Voting "no" does not support a faster solution to a full-year budget. All it does is guarantee that the State's most vulnerable people continue to receive zero dollars.

A "yes" vote is a vote for responsible support for the services that Pennsylvanians have come to count on. A "no" vote is simply another vote for delay.

Governor Wolf, in his own words, has said that simply saying no is not an option. I call on him and his allies to live by those words. Let us stop with the delay tactics. Let us support viable solutions by voting "yes" to emergency funding.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cherelle Parker.

Mrs. PARKER. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to SB 1000.

And, Mr. Speaker, I would note to my colleagues that when you talk to negotiators who negotiate not just State budgets but they negotiate agreements regarding a number of issues across the board professionally, they will tell you that what the language contained in SB 1000 represents is a BATNA. You will hear the term and acronym for a BATNA. A BATNA, Mr. Speaker, represents the best alternative to a negotiated agreement; the best alternative to a negotiated agreement.

Mr. Speaker, I reject that contained in SB 1000, because to me, it continues to perpetuate the vicious cycle of divestment in the very areas that it says that it is attempting to address, particularly education and human services, and it continues to place the burden of addressing these very issues on county and local governments and our local residents back home.

Mr. Speaker, SB 1000 does not put us on track so that we are restoring the \$84 million in cuts that were made during FY '12-'13 that were imposed on county human services programs via the human services block grant. We are trying to restore those funds in the amount of \$27.9 million. We want to increase mental health services, intellectual disability services, county child welfare, behavioral health services, homeless assistance, Human Services Development Fund, and the Medical Assistance fee-for-service, Mr. Speaker.

In addition to that, what was proposed was increases in seven other line items, Mr. Speaker, associated with human services. But by attempting to promote that SB 1000 is a sincere attempt to provide emergency services so that we can continue negotiating, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe it is being done in good faith, because if it were, Mr. Speaker, the people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are not blind, and they know that if there was real work toward an agreement, they would have seen the leaders on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers stand up to say that we have come together to do what Washington appears not to be able to do, and that is to agree on how we are going to generate the revenue needed to make investments in the areas of education, human services, and many other programs that we care about in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. But instead, Mr. Speaker, instead, we sort of have to rewind and go through a process very similar to the debacle that we just went through a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, where there was an attempt to override via a line-item override of what the Governor vetoed.

Mr. Speaker, I will daresay to you that we need to be about the business of trying to generate the revenue needed to address the issues that we claim we care about. The layoffs, the cuts to services – they are real. But standing up saying that we have not raised taxes when because we have made significant cuts to public education and human services, the burden of funding those issues has gotten shifted to local government, and all I heard during the past 4 years is we needed to address the issue of property taxes. But I have not heard anyone talk about how

we can come up with an agreement, Mr. Speaker, to raise the revenue to do just that and to invest in issues like human services along with education.

So, Mr. Speaker, this continues to perpetuate a vicious cycle of divestment in the very areas that we claim to care about. It should be done in a bipartisan manner. And for the public who is watching, you will know when we are really there, when you see leaders from both sides of the aisle stand up and say, "We are working very expeditiously to come up with an agreement on a number." But right now, Mr. Speaker, I do not see that there is any effort to sincerely get there and do the hard work that it takes to work in a bipartisan manner to seek compromise on issues that will have an impact on all residents in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

If the people of Pennsylvania want to know what we care about, look at our checkbook and see where we are trying to invest dollars.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

Representative Tarah Toohil.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand here to urge a "yes" vote on SB 1000.

I just have to share, when we voted on the line-item veto override, I am newer to this chamber, I guess, than most of you, and I must be a little naive because I had this feeling that there were going to be 21 people that were able to stand up on the other side and Democrats and Republicans were going to vote together on that line-item veto override. I really, really truly thought that people were going to stand up. And there were new people. It was their first time here in this chamber on that day, and I thought, oh my gosh, they just voted against foster children. How could they have just voted against homeless shelter funding, all of those things for the needy, for minorities, for the poor? Because there was the ability to put that money where it was supposed to go; we were supposed to vote it that day. The Senate was going to vote it by Wednesday, and they would have had their money by Friday. And I thought, it cannot be that political here in this room. Could it possibly be? Because I have voted, when we had a Republican Governor, I voted against him. I went, and I was brought out to the woodshed. They could take you out fast in this little room here and you can get a talking-to, and I voted against him. I did not always vote with my party. And we keep talking about now, you know, let the leaders keep on compromising, let the leaders keep on negotiating, let them keep talking, but there is no more time to continue talking. There is no more time to continue to try to get a compromise. This money, we are able to release it now, and we can do that.

There are voiceless people, and I think maybe that is why it is easy to take a vote like this and go back because we dictate in our own districts what we go home and communicate about what happened today. And you have to wonder about the nature of this great body that we are in because sometimes I look at this room, this room – you cannot really see it on PCN that great – but it is covered in gold, and we all sit in these cushy leather chairs, and there is a button right across from us, a red button or a green button, and you have a decision. And if you were a township supervisor and you were at a meeting tonight and you had those 25 constituents right in front of you, foster children, would you hit that red button?

If you could hit that red button and make all this go— If you could hit the green button and make it all go away, we have a list here. We have a document right in front of us tonight. This is not a joke. This is something that we need to compromise, and the Governor, he wants to work with us. I think the Governor is a good man. I intend on working with the Governor over the next 4 years, and I think that we are all supposed to compromise, and that is where it goes on, here in this room. And there is a document, and the document lists community-based services, homeless shelters – and I think the people in the homeless shelters and that are utilizing the food bank, perhaps they are not as concerned about the property tax relief right now tonight because they do not have a home to go home to – and domestic violence, rape crisis. The man in my district that got laid off yesterday who has two children and a mortgage to pay, what do we tell him? We can take action. There are things that we can do together. We do not have to be partisan. We do not have to be Washington, DC. We can take charge of this, and we can work together and we can compromise.

So I just want to tell the people out there because they are not in the gallery, our constituents with all these problems. They are not up there in the gallery, and they are not watching PCN, and I want to tell them that in this great body, we are sent here to vote and we are sent here to represent you, and we can hear you through these marble walls from Italy and the gold that is on the walls, the gold that hangs down on the ceiling chandelier here in this great body, and this great body does not have to be a beast, and it does not have to be dysfunctional, and we can work together.

I would ask everyone in this room, go for a "yes" vote. Let us work with the Governor, and let us get on with it, please. The people have their funding cut. So let us go. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bradford.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in opposition to SB 1000.

I stand in opposition because like the prior speaker, I guess I am also a little disillusioned by the process because I have been here for 7 years. During that time we all say we are for a severance tax. My colleagues say they are for it, Democrats and Republicans. They campaign for it. Some even introduce it. But for reasons I will never understand, I will never understand, the voices of big gas and big oil are heard very clearly in this building and opposition with severance tax becomes an article of faith. But investment in our most vulnerable never seems to happen.

See, I do not understand why those voices are not heard. I do not understand why we cannot pass a real severance tax. I bet you if you took a whip vote today in each caucus, you would have a substantial majority, a majority to begin investing in our schools yesterday. But for reasons that are probably better answered by lobbyists in Texas and Oklahoma instead of rape crisis centers in Pennsylvania, we never get an answer as to why we do not have a severance tax in Pennsylvania. Now, let me go out on a guess as to why we do not. They have got better lobbyists. We do not have the lobbyists that Shell does.

Now, for the last couple years, cuts have been made indiscriminately to these social service providers, and there was no reluctance to make those cuts. But now the crocodile tears have come back, and those who callously cut social service providers are now standing up and saying, "Oh no, we are the

protectors of those very agencies." Come on. Give the people a break. Give them a severance tax so we can fund our schools. Give them a real permanent budget so we can get back to balancing our budget, so we do not have credit downgrades, so we can invest in Pennsylvania, so we do not pay more to borrow. Let us get back to reality. Let us not be naive. Let us not be insincere with the public. Let us tell them the truth. Our budgets have not been balanced for years. We have been playing games and semantics. The former Budget Secretary, a conservative whose credentials could never be questioned, he even admitted, we can cut no more; we need revenue. And yes, it is going to take a little bit of gumption on both sides and it is going to take some hard discussions with constituents to tell why we had to make choices about revenue, but we have to get about the business of governing.

Putting it off to another day and just putting up another false deadline makes us more like Washington, not less. So let us get back to doing the hard stuff. Let us pass a real balanced budget that puts Pennsylvania back on track, that makes needed investments, that makes the shale industry pay their fair share. Let us invest in Pennsylvania. Yes, let us listen to the people of Pennsylvania instead of the powerful.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Chris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have heard a number of members opposed to this emergency funding say that we need fair funding, and yet as we have gone these 89 days since the budget that we passed, I have yet to see – with 1569 pieces of legislation that are in this House, before this House – one piece of legislation, not a single piece of legislation from the other side that identifies any of the 401 line items in this budget and gives us something to work with in order to create the compromise that they are talking about.

We have addressed all 401 items. It is fair, and it is balanced. We need to get this funding, this emergency funding, now to my human service agencies who are looking at laying people off, my human service agencies that are looking at busting a 30-day deadline and being on the financial hook because they cannot provide a 30-day notice that they are dropping services to their clients, and if they end up going from an outpatient service into an inpatient service because of a complete veto of the budget, then they are on the hook financially.

These companies, these human service agencies, these children, they cannot afford to wait. There is no disingenuousness on our part. We need to get that money to those people so that they are not hurting anymore.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you to support this emergency funding bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. We had asked members to please let us know at some point back before the leaders were to speak. However, I have been apprised of two additional members who would like to speak, Representative Jordan Harris of Philadelphia County and Representative Samuelson.

Representative Harris.

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

Mr. Speaker, I really was not going to say anything today, but I had to because I have heard more about social service and human service agencies in the last 3 months in this body than I have heard throughout my whole time in this legislature. Over these last 3 months, we have focused on using, using these

agencies as political ploys and political fodder for our conversation. Let us be frank, and let us be real. It has not been us who have not paid them attention over the last few years. I know my social service agencies. I just did not learn them. I know about the domestic violence programs, I know about the foster care programs, because these are programs that I have cared about since I entered the legislature. They are not programs that I just talk about now that it is politically expedient.

It is a shame and it is a sham that we are allowing folks to use this as political fodder. Leadership takes courage. It takes courage to come to the table and understand that compromise means that you do not get everything you want, but that you get what you need. And we keep talking about all these people who cannot wait. Well, Mr. Speaker, I have got more than 200,000 kids in Philadelphia who cannot wait for us to come up with a fair funding formula that distributes funding for education equitably and provides those dollars to the classrooms that need it the most, that provides those dollars to the children that need it the most. That is who cannot wait, Mr. Speaker.

So while we want to stand here and blame this one and that one, let us look at what we really need to do. Let us come to the table understanding that we are not going to get everything, but we have to get something. We have to get something for all of the Pennsylvanians who are depending on us to do so.

Yes, I receive phone calls, too, about people who work at social service agencies who are being threatened with being laid off or furloughed and not paid. I get it. We all get it. But what I will not do, what I will not do is take this stopgap measure as a bailout, that I understand in 2 months we will be in the same position. We have an opportunity to do what is right, and that is voting "no" and staying here as long as it takes, however many days or nights that it takes, to come up with a real compromise that is not kicking the can down the road, because sooner or later somebody is going to have to pay the piper.

Leadership takes courage. Dr. King once said, "Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right?" And there comes a time when you must do something that is not safe, politically correct, or popular, but you do it because your conscience tells you it is right. The right thing to do is to vote down this legislation, get back to the table, and get serious about compromising on the behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania and not just using them as political pawns or political fodder for the day, but actually talk about the people whose lives can be changed for the positive if we take the right steps in coming up with the right compromise budget that is good for all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you.

I was not going to speak, but I wanted to respond to something that I heard a couple speakers ago. One of the speakers from Luzerne County brought up homeless assistance funding, and I think she was chastising some of the Democrats for perhaps voting against homeless assistance funding. Well, I looked it up, and that is actually one of the line items where there is a disagreement between Governor Wolf's budget proposal and the Republican budget proposal. You could look it up yourself. Look beyond just the talking points you get from your legislative leaders and their staffs. Look at the actual budget line items.

Governor Wolf is asking for \$20.1 million in homeless assistance. The Republicans are asking for \$18.496 million in homeless assistance. So there is a \$1.7 million difference. Now, when you look a little bit further – and I know you voted for the lower amount in June, and I know that many of you are going to vote for one-third of the lower amount today; you are trying to lock in that lower amount for homeless assistance funding – but if you look back, where did that cut come from? Well, guess what? That is one of the seven human services cuts that was enacted by the Republican majority on June 28, 2012. I say by the Republican majority. There was one brave Republican who broke with party lines and voted "no," but every other Republican in the House that day, June 28, 2012, voted for a 10-percent cut in human services funding.

Some of you stood on the House floor and declared it a victory because you remember the context. Governor Corbett at the time was seeking a 20-percent cut in human services funding. The overall line items, there were seven line items that affected county human services funding. They added up to \$840 million. Governor Corbett said, "I want to cut \$168 million. I want a 20-percent cut on our county human services programs. Let's cut children and youth funding. Let's cut homeless assistance. Let's cut services to people with intellectual disabilities." These are Governor Corbett's words, not mine. The majority in the House and the Senate changed that to a 10-percent cut. Most of us on the Democratic side voted "no." We did not think the county human services programs should be cut at all that year.

Now, what has happened since then? There were seven line items. The cut was \$84 million, 10-percent cut. June of 2012, the funding was cut 10 percent. June of 2013, another Republican budget was passed, maintaining those cuts. June of 2014, another Republican budget was passed, maintaining those cuts.

I know the gentleman from Lehigh County talked about, we have had five votes. Well, actually on the human services funding, on the homeless assistance funding, we have had five votes, four that have taken place so far and one that is going to take place in about 10 minutes.

June of 2015, what happened? The Republicans passed a budget that maintained that 10-percent human services cut. And what are we going to have today? When you look at the line items, homeless assistance and the other six line items are still cut by 10 percent. There is no restoration of funding. So if you vote "yes" today, you are saying, "I endorse that for 2015, and I also endorse that for previous years."

Well, guess what? There is an alternative on this line item. Governor Corbett would like to have \$1.7 more. He would like to start restoring the funding. Governor Wolf— I am sorry. Governor Corbett was for the cuts. Governor Wolf is for the restoration. And if you look at those seven county human services line items in their totality, Governor Wolf is proposing a \$28 million restoration, not a full restoration. He said he wants to restore the funding over 3 years. The Republican budget on June 30 this year and the Republican budget before us today does not restore county human services funding. It is zero. It is the same as last year. In fact, in this case it is one-third of last year because it is a partial stopgap budget.

I would say what we are voting on today is not a stopgap budget. This is a continue-the-gap budget. There is a gap in human services funding. We need to restore the funding. We do

not need to pass this temporary budget. I urge you to get serious on a budget negotiation and restore the 10-percent cut that was enacted in 2012, and I do not favor continuing that cut one day more. Let us restore that funding.

The SPEAKER. The leaders, Representative Dermody followed by Representative Reed, and then we will go to the vote.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, once again we are going through another futile and pointless exercise that further delays serious work on a full, complete State budget for the Commonwealth. The people of Pennsylvania need us to finish a complete budget that is balanced, sustainable, and moves the State forward. And make no mistake about it, SB 1000 makes us Congress. It makes us Congress. The last thing the people of Pennsylvania need is for us to start doing stopgap measures that do not resolve anything and just keep people in need, people who need us the most, hanging in uncertainty for months.

We have heard a lot of talk today about relieving financial pressure faced by our schools and service providers. Well, believe me, the service providers know why this bill will be vetoed. They understand fully that they need this veto because what this will do is etch in stone the cuts of the last 4 years of inadequate, irresponsible, and unbalanced budgets. They want this vetoed, they know it should be vetoed, because the way to do this is not to extend the same bad policies in the stopgap measure that we have had for the last 4 years.

We need to reverse the mistakes of the last 4 years. We need to begin to restore the deep cuts that were made in many different budget lines, but most notably education and human services. We need to rectify those mistakes once and for all with a real State budget, a budget that works for Pennsylvania for 12 months, not an incomplete budget that simply pushes decisions, hard decisions, down the road a few more weeks.

Almost 3 months ago in June, Democrats voted unanimously to reject a budget proposal that was unbalanced, irresponsible, and inadequate. That Republican budget did not make the investments in schools and other areas that are necessary and that Pennsylvanians have made clear they are programs and investments they want to make. The Governor vetoed that bill, and that was the right thing to do, and you know, that bad budget has not gotten better with age. So 3 months later, we are not going to vote for one-third of the same bad, unbalanced, inadequate, and irresponsible plan. SB 1000 offers false hope to schools, service providers, and people in need who need lasting solutions from us, not temporary solutions; lasting solutions, predictable solutions.

SB 1000 is a dodge. It is a way to delay tough choices. It is an attempt to look responsible while being irresponsible. Each day that we delay the real task at hand, the more we risk doing permanent damage to our schools and our social service providers. Only when we negotiate and pass a full budget will we set a stage for sustainable, predictable, adequate investments in our people's needs and priorities, and if we do this budget right and we do a full budget, the foundation will be there for this year and for future years. Instead of inadequate and poorly thought out half-measures, we should focus on fulfilling our responsibility to produce a legitimate, balanced budget for all the people of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, we all need to vote "no" on SB 1000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Reed.

Mr. REED. Twenty-five years. Twenty-five years ago, almost to the day, was the first time I walked into this building. I was a sixth grader at Homer-Center Elementary School, and myself and 64 of my classmates came for a sixth grade class trip to tour the Capitol. Over the last number of years I have had the opportunity, as I did this morning, to greet the sixth grade class from Homer-Center Elementary School. Now, most years when they have come down, I have just stayed the extra day to greet them, given that it is the school that I came from and the experience I remember most from the sixth grade. And when the legislature is not in session and when the Governor is not here, you have an incredible opportunity to give kids a different experience touring this building. They get to come onto the House floor. They get to sit in the Speaker's chair. They get to tour the Governor's private office. They get to see where the elevator is the Governor uses to go in and out of his reception area. One thing that you do not get to see or you do not take notice of when you are touring this building as a sixth grader, and I think sometimes maybe even as members we do not take notice of enough, are the words inscribed in the ceiling above us. If you look from this view back to the House gallery, you see the words, "And Ye Shall Know The Truth, And The Truth Shall Make You Free."

I have been in every single budget meeting for the last 3 months, and there have been a lot. We have accommodated the Governor's schedule, and quite frankly, the Governor has accommodated ours. We do not have a budget agreement not for lack of meeting and not for lack of effort, and we also do not have a budget agreement not because pension reform is holding us up. We appreciate the fact that last week the Governor finally recognized that government will finally need to come into the 21st century and put together a significant defined contribution component to our pension system going forward. Liquor privatization is not holding up a budget agreement. We appreciate the fact that just last week the Governor admitted for the first time that the private sector can run our liquor system better than the public sector. And we do not have a budget agreement not because of a severance tax.

Look, there is a lot of distance between the rhetoric from the campaign trail with the administration and the proposal. A billion-dollar severance tax to take care of all of our woes. Unfortunately, that billion-dollar severance tax now is projected to bring in \$99 million. Who is going to pay the difference? And that billion-dollar severance tax, as we were promised during the campaign, was going to go to fund education. Well, nobody said that they would be proposing a proposal that would be used to pay debt service on alternative energy programs, not on education. It is like taxing Burger King to subsidize McDonald's for goodness' sakes.

Mr. Speaker, we do not have a budget for a simple reason. There are not the votes in this House or in the Senate for the broad-based tax increases that the Governor has proposed. And it is Republican and Democrat. We could fool ourselves all we want. There are not enough votes in this chamber to raise the personal income tax and the sales tax to increase spending. Could we do it to eliminate property taxes? I believe we could, dollar for dollar, and take care of that problem once and for all. As I said to the Governor in numerous meetings, Governor, I could sit here and I could agree to a personal income tax increase and I could agree to a sales tax increase, but it means

nothing because there are not the votes behind me to agree to that deal, Republican or Democrat, in this chamber. That is the only thing holding up a budget agreement. Somebody in this administration is eventually going to have to come into reality and learn how to count.

No matter how well intended the Governor's proposals are, no matter how good the rhetoric is, or how many mail pieces they send out or how many millions they spend on TV commercials, it does not change the fact that in a democracy you need 102 votes in the House and 26 in the Senate before the Governor gets to put his signature on a bill. Those votes are simply not there. The longer we allow the public to be deluded under that auspice, the more disservice we are doing to the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Look, today is a very simple day. Folks may have gotten out of, you know, the veto overrides questioning constitutionality, because if I remember back to that day, so many folks had said, I want to give money to these service programs, I want to give money to these schools, I want to fund our neediest citizens, but this is just not constitutional; give me a constitutional way to do so. Today is your opportunity. There is nothing more constitutional than this emergency funding proposal.

And look, Mr. Speaker, this is not the budget bill I want to be voting on. This was not my expectation for what we would be dealing with in the House of Representatives in September, but it is a necessity because it is not merely inconvenient for folks who do not have a home to show up to a homeless shelter and have it be closed. It is not merely inconvenient for folks to go to a food pantry and say, "We're sorry. We don't have a budget, but don't worry. Next year we will have double the food for you." What is that person supposed to go back and tell their children, "Sorry, next year we'll be good, but this week you don't get to eat"?

And it is not merely inconvenient to the Erie School District that has said it is going to close its doors next week. This is not a matter of inconvenience for anybody in this chamber. It is not a victory for Republicans. It is not a poke in the eye to the Democratic Governor. It is a necessity. And today's vote is very simple. You get to either release the hostages, or you are going to have to go back home and explain to them, we understand you need the funding, we understand you are going to close your doors, we understand our neediest folks, to them we are supposed to be there to pick them up, but we had to stick with our Governor because he told us so.

I am not going to make that decision. I want a final budget agreement. I want it done soon. It is far overdue. A lot of folks need to come into reality on how we are going to do so from all aspects. Those discussions should be had. In fact, we are going to a meeting with the Governor immediately when we leave this floor today. But now is the time to release the hostages, let the funds flow, because people's lives and their challenges, they are not stopped because we cannot agree in this chamber. They go on. One way they go on with our assistance through the funding we provide; the other way they continue to spiral downward out of control because today folks do not have the courage to stand up for what is right.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the members to support SB 1000, and more importantly, I would ask the Governor to do the right thing and to fund these programs as we have agreed upon doing so, and let us get to the business of finishing a final budget proposal. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—117

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

NAYS—83

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER. Representative Acosta, you have asked to be recognized on unanimous consent. The floor is yours.

Ms. ACOSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak under the point of personal privilege today.

Mr. Speaker, I want to put on the record how my rights and privilege as a duly elected member of this body were impugned during a State Government hearing on Monday. I want the record to reflect that I was silenced unfairly against an English-only measure presented at the State Government hearing, yet sufficient time was allotted, without interruption, to an individual that is known to be a white supremacist associated with hate groups in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I am a duly elected member of this body. My character was assassinated; my rights and privilege were impugned; and my statements were ignored, silenced, and disrespected. Thank you.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1001, PN 1233**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board and for expiration; in the Tobacco Settlement Fund, further providing for use; in the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, further providing for distribution; in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of Community and Economic Development and for the Pennsylvania State Police; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation and for 2015-2016 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; and making related repeals.

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?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative GODSHALL would like to be placed on leave according to the majority whip. That request will be so granted.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1001 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Please proceed. It is my understanding that just the Appropriations chairs will be speaking on this. If anybody else wishes to be recognized, I certainly am glad to do so.

Representative Cruz, on SB 1001.

Mr. CRUZ. No, Mr. Speaker. I would like unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER. Sir, I apologize, but we are on the bill, but I will come back to you.

Mr. CRUZ. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody wish to be recognized on SB 1001 in addition to Representative Markosek and Representative Adolph? Okay. So we are going to proceed to the Appropriations chairs.

Representative Markosek.

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

Very briefly – and I know we all want to get out of here – this is the Fiscal Code bill. This is the operating manual for the budget, so if this does not pass, the budget that we just passed, the general appropriations bill that we just passed, will not work.

I would ask all the members that voted "no" to continue to vote "no" on this bill, and I would say to all the other members that voted "yes" on the last bill, that you made a mistake and this is your chance to repair that mistake and vote "no." So I would ask all of the members, on both sides of the aisle, to please vote "no."

The SPEAKER. Representative Adolph.

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

Mr. Speaker, in order to have a responsible budget that gives direction to the administration on how to appropriate the funds that we just voted in SB 1000, we need a Fiscal Code, and this gives the administration that proper direction.

So I ask for a "yes" vote on SB 1001. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-113

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS-113' in four columns: Adolph, Baker, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bloom, Boback, Brown, R., Causer, Christiana, Corbin, Cox, Culver, Cutler, Day, Delozier, Diamond, DiGirolamo, Dunbar, Dush, Ellis, Greiner, Grove, Hahn, Harhart, Harper, Harris, A., Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hickernell, Hill, Irvin, James, Jozwiak, Kampf, Kaufner, Kauffman, Keller, F., Keller, M.K., Killion, Marshall, Marsico, Masser, Mentzer, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Millard, Miller, B., Milne, Moul, Murt, Mustio, Nesbit, O'Neill, Oberlander, Parker, D., Payne, Peifer, Petri, Pickett, Ross, Rothman, Saccone, Sankey, Santora, Saylor, Schemel, Simmons, Sonney, Staats, Stephens, Tallman, Taylor, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Topper, Vereb, Ward, Warner.

Table listing names of members who did not vote in four columns: Emrick, English, Evankovich, Everett, Farry, Fee, Gabler, Gillespie, Gingrich, Klunk, Knowles, Krieger, Lawrence, Lewis, Mackenzie, Maher, Major, Maloney, Pyle, Quigley, Quinn, Rader, Rapp, Reed, Reese, Regan, Roae, Watson, Wentling, Wheeland, White, Zimmerman, Turzai, Speaker.

NAYS-86

Table listing names of members who voted 'NAYS-86' in four columns: Acosta, Barbin, Bishop, Bizzarro, Boyle, Bradford, Briggs, Brown, V., Bullock, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Cohen, Conklin, Costa, D., Costa, P., Cruz, Daley, M., Daley, P., Davidson, Davis, Dawkins, Dean, Deasy, DeLissio, Dermody, Donatucci, Driscoll, Evans, Fabrizio, Farina, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Gainey, Galloway, Gergely, Gibbons, Gillen, Goodman, Hanna, Harhai, Harkins, Harris, J., Kavulich, Keller, W., Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Kortz, Kotik, Krueger, Longietti, Mahoney, Markosek, Matzie, McCarter, McClinton, McGinnis, McNeill, Miller, D., Mullery, Neilson, Neuman, O'Brien, Parker, C., Pashinski, Petrarca, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Roebuck, Rozzi, Sainato, Samuelson, Santarsiero, Schlossberg, Schreiber, Schweyer, Sims, Snyder, Sturla, Thomas, Truitt, Vitali, Wheatley, Youngblood.

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Table listing names of members who were 'EXCUSED-4' in four columns: DeLuca, Godshall, Miccarelli, Ortitay.

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to HB 224, PN 2180, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the posting of annual financial information for public school entities; in pupils and attendance, further providing for education and training of exceptional children; in charter schools, further providing for definitions and for school staff; in vocational education, further providing for vocational education equipment grants; in community colleges, further providing for financial program and payment reimbursement; in disruptive student programs, further providing for applications; in private alternative education institutions for disruptive students, further providing for contracts with private alternative education institutions; in funding for public libraries, providing for State aid for fiscal year 2015-2016; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for student-weighted basic education

funding; further providing for payments to intermediate units, for special education payments to school districts, for extraordinary special education program expenses, for special education funding for eligible students with disabilities in Cost Category 3, and for assistance to school districts declared to be in financial recovery status or identified for financial watch status; and providing for ready-to-learn block grants.

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

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

For a brief description of the amendments, Representative Adolph. Representative Adolph waives off.

Representative Christiana.

Mr. CHRISTIANA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 224 represents the School Code bill, similar to that which was vetoed by Governor Wolf back in early July, on July 2.

I urge the members to pass the School Code bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Roebuck.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 224.

This bill presents nothing new. It is an incomplete proposal. It does not restore the 4 years of education cuts that have undermined education across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is not a problem of big cities. It is not a problem of suburban districts. It is not a problem of rural districts. It is a universal problem created in the systematic effort to undermine public education that is a product of the last gubernatorial administration.

This does not do anything— It does not take into account any of the proposals of our elected Governor, Governor Wolf. It does not do anything in terms of responding to the things he proposes to revitalize, reenergize education in the Commonwealth. There is nothing new. There is nothing good. There is nothing positive. There is nothing that helps our kids in this proposal.

If you want to continue a process of systematically undermining education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that puts us at the bottom of every State in this nation, then vote for this bill. If you believe we should change, that we can do better, vote "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in front of us we have the School Code bill, which is part of the partial budget package, a package that offers the same inadequate and broken school funding plan as we had in front of us in June. There is no real attempt here to restore the cuts of the past four budgets and no effort to reduce the extreme inequity of school funding in Pennsylvania.

When the Corbett cuts came down, the poorer school districts received the deepest cuts. In my legislative district, the Sharon City School District, which is one of the poorest in the State, was cut over \$1,000 a student, while some of the wealthiest school districts were cut by less than \$100 a student.

Pennsylvania is now recognized as the most inequitable State in the country when it comes to school funding.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. CHRISTIANA. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, Representative, the maker of the bill.

Mr. CHRISTIANA. Could the gentleman please stay on HB 224. The School Code bill has nothing to do with funding amounts or cuts or increases to basic education. It is a formula that drives out funding levels. If you would like to speak on the general budget bill and education amounts, this bill is not the adequate time.

I just ask the Speaker to keep the gentleman on the bill, HB 224. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Longietti, the—

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. I apologize.

Representative Hanna, you are speaking on the point of order?

Mr. HANNA. Correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman's own description of the bill said that it drove out the funding for education, so Representative Longietti is exactly on point and should be allowed to continue his comments.

The SPEAKER. Representative Longietti, if you could speak directly to the underlying bill, we would appreciate it. We did go through the stopgap funding general appropriations bill, which did contain the amounts for X period that the stopgap funding was addressing. If you could be very pointed about this particular bill, we would appreciate it. Thank you. That is the direction from the Chair.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania is now recognized as the most inequitable State in the country when it comes to school funding. On average, the wealthiest school districts spend one-third more per student than the poorest. This School Code bill makes that disparity even worse by distributing the little bit of new funding in much higher percentages to wealthy schools as compared to poorer schools.

This School Code bill is like a mirage to a man in the desert. From a distance it looks promising, but up close it quickly melts away, leaving the man dehydrated and defeated. What is provided by one education line item is virtually eliminated by what is taken from others. A modest bump in the subsidy line item is virtually eviscerated by cuts to the Social Security offset line item and underfunding pension responsibilities. The mirage quickly turns to dust.

The bottom line is that this School Code bill gets our schools nowhere. I will not vote for a partial budget that is just as bad for schools now as it was in June. Let us reject it, get back to the negotiating table, and forge a solution that solves the problem so that all kids, all kids across this Commonwealth can receive a quality education.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—112

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

NAYS—87

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| Acosta | Dawkins | Kavulich | Pashinski |
| Barbin | Dean | Keller, W. | Petrarca |
| Bishop | Deasy | Kim | Ravenstahl |
| Bizzarro | DeLissio | Kinsey | Readshaw |
| Boyle | Dermoddy | Kirkland | Roebuck |
| Bradford | Donatucci | Kortz | Rozzi |
| Briggs | Driscoll | Kotik | Sainato |
| Brown, R. | Evans | Krueger | Samuelson |
| Brown, V. | Fabrizio | Longietti | Santarsiero |
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| Costa, D. | Gergely | McNeill | Thomas |
| Costa, P. | Gibbons | Miller, D. | Tobash |
| Cruz | Goodman | Mullery | Truitt |
| Daley, M. | Hanna | Neilson | Vitali |
| Daley, P. | Harhai | Neuman | Wheatley |
| Davidson | Harkins | O'Brien | Youngblood |
| Davis | Harris, J. | Parker, C. | |

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

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| DeLuca | Godshall | Miccarelli | Ortitay |
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 1000, PN 1232

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund and the Multimodal Transportation Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; and to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

SB 1001, PN 1233

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board and for expiration; in the Tobacco Settlement Fund, further providing for use; in the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, further providing for distribution; in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of Community and Economic Development and for the Pennsylvania State Police; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation and for 2015-2016 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; and making related repeals.

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

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER. Representative Metcalfe.

Representative Metcalfe will be followed by Representative Cruz. Both will be speaking on a point of personal privilege. Representative Metcalfe, and then Representative Cruz.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the lady from Philadelphia that had spoken earlier and made a lot of accusations against the proceedings of a State Government Committee meeting the other day, she made a lot of false statements, a lot of inaccurate statements.

In the committee meeting as it proceeded, she was recognized to speak in the way of asking a question of the testifier, and she went into a very long statement, and she was

asked during that statement to actually get to the question. She continued with her statement. We were going to be running out of time. We had other members that wanted to ask questions, and I told her that we were going to move on to another questioner and we would come back to her if we had time. At the end of the meeting— She had left the meeting. At the end of the meeting, she would have had time to finish whatever statement she wanted to make.

But the comments that she made about some alleged white supremacist being in our meeting was outrageous. There was an e-mail that was put out alleging that somebody was a white nationalist, which is quite a bit different than a white supremacist, and to say somebody is a nationalist and that they are for the independence of their country and a patriot to defending their country is a lot different than somebody saying somebody is a racist.

And for whoever said the man was White to begin with, that person was actually the racist, tying his skin color to his patriotism and what he stands up for for the country.

We had testifiers giving testimony and members were free to ask questions, but we have a Q-and-A period that is set for each member, and we have had members on both sides asked to move on from their own personal statements and debate and get to the question. We have had Republicans that have been asked to do that. We have had Democrats that have been asked to do that. It has been on both sides. It has not been targeted toward any individual member for any specific reason.

So the allegations that were made were totally false and a lot of inaccurate statements needed to be corrected here. And for anybody on my committee, I am sure that every member of the committee is repulsed and offended by any type of racism.

And because many of us support making English our official language, that is something that is consistent with a majority of our constituency, in the 80-percent range that would like to see it as our official language, and it is consistent with the majority of America, where you have 31 States that have English as their official language. Making English as our official language is about ensuring that people can assimilate into this country.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Representative, we did not want to get to the substantive piece. I understand in terms of the issues that are personal.

What I would like to ask is for each of the members, with respect to this particular issue, I think it would be very helpful if everybody got together and we talked about it.

This chamber has been certainly operating with a great element of respect. We are in a position where there are many positions being put out on many issues, and because we are short on a budget in terms of the timetable, tensions are somewhat high.

There is great respect for all members here, and as we conducted our proceedings today, everybody had the opportunity to speak who wished to speak. We are going to be continuing that on both this chamber level and in the committees.

I would ask, if possible, all the members who wish to get together to talk about this particular issue, I would like us to get together. If you would like me to hold it in the Speaker's room, we will be glad to do it. Let us get that done.

I want everybody to know, Representative Acosta, Representative Metcalfe, Representative Cruz, that each and every individual member needs to be shown respect, each and every member needs to have the opportunity to be able to put

their perspective into the public debate in the chamber and in committee meetings while we still maintain a modicum of order and movement forward. I will make sure that those discussions occur, but we need, we need to move forward in a very positive vein here as we address the important issues in front of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER. Representative Cruz, I did say that I would give you an opportunity on a point of personal privilege. If you could keep it short and direct, and then I promise I will get that meeting together.

Representative Acosta, you were able to speak on this, and I would just like to have the opportunity for us to meet first before we proceed further.

But, Representative Cruz, you will be our last speaker.

Mr. CRUZ. Well, Mr. Speaker, I agree with you, and I am making your job a little easier, because I just sent notice for a resolution that I am trying to pass, which will give you the power to censure any member that disrespects another member in this institution. So with that forth, both sides of the aisle have the opportunity to give you the power to censure another member, chairman or not, that disrespects the way another member thinks and represents their district. So I wanted to share that with everyone else in this chamber.

My second part is that I want to remind everyone that this weekend we will have the Pope, the most holiness, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and it is really, really important, and it is an honor for me because he is of Spanish descent, and I want everyone to know that speaking Spanish does not hurt anyone, and God bless everyone.

(Remarks in Spanish.)

STATEMENT BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I did happen to be able to see some of the committee meeting that we are talking about here today. I would urge you to please follow up with the meeting that you are going to schedule with the chairman and the members of the committee. There were certainly some issues there. I believe that she accurately described, Representative Acosta accurately described what happened at that committee meeting, and I appreciate your taking the opportunity to address those issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes. And again, the meeting is not designed to admonish. It is to have a positive discussion with all of us, and I continue to ask people to show each other the respect on this floor. I think it has absolutely been that way on this floor. I recognize that there are policy differences amongst us, but we need to move forward in a positive manner and treat each other with respect, and that goes for all members, Republican and Democrat.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. 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 123;
 HB 608;
 HB 820;
 HB 1167;
 HB 1204; and
 HB 1273.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 644 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 644 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.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up **HR 389, PN 1782**, entitled:

A Resolution appointing a committee and empowering it to make investigation.

On the question,
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 389 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.

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 389 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 224, PN 2180

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the posting of annual financial information for public school entities; in pupils and attendance, further providing for education and training of exceptional children; in charter schools, further providing for definitions and for school staff; in vocational education, further providing for vocational education equipment grants; in community colleges, further providing for financial program and payment reimbursement; in disruptive student programs, further providing for applications; in private alternative education institutions for disruptive students, further providing for contracts with private alternative education institutions; in funding for public libraries, providing for State aid for fiscal year 2015-2016; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for student-weighted basic education funding; further providing for payments to intermediate units, for special education payments to school districts, for extraordinary special education program expenses, for special education funding for eligible students with disabilities in Cost Category 3, and for assistance to school districts declared to be in financial recovery status or identified for financial watch status; and providing for ready-to-learn block grants.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Seth Grove moves that the House do now adjourn until Monday, September 28, 2015 – that is nonvoting for Monday, September 28, 2015 – at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at 11 a.m. is a voting calendar.

But again, Monday, September 28, 2015, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker, is a nonvoting session date, and then Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker, will be a voting session date. Thank you very much.

On the question,
 Will the House agree to the motion?
 Motion was agreed to, and at 3:11 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.