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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. We have a very significant guest to offer the prayer for us today. The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan is Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania right here in Harrisburg, and she is the guest of Representative Patty Kim.

We are so honored that you would grace us with your presence. Thank you so much. Bishop.

RT. REV. AUDREY C. SCANLAN, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Holy One, we thank You for the blessings of this new day – for its opportunities, its challenges, and for the health that we have to greet it with vigor and hope.

With gratitude we look forward to the work You have given these, our leaders, to do to create paths of justice, peace, harmony, and industry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and we pray now for Your grace and the gifts to lead.

We pray for the gift of listening. Let the voices of our people be heard deeply by our leaders. As the people's pain, their fears, and their needs are shared, let the delight and joys that we share in the community of our Commonwealth be also heard, and in those rays of light, let us rejoice.

We pray for the gift of discernment. May the voices heard and issues facing this group be considered with wholeness of body, mind, and spirit, and processed with intelligence, compassion, and clarity.

We pray for the gift of civil discourse. May the work conducted here be carried forward in a spirit of forbearance and respect.

And we pray for the gift of wise judgment. May the outcome of the work today serve to strengthen our Commonwealth, increase the productivity of our communities, and create safe neighborhoods, streets, and schools in which our children can grow free and strong.

We pray that our leaders may be empowered with humility, courage, and clarity of vision, that in the measure of timely execution, of roundness of concord, the soundness of integrity,

and the strong and certain assurance of justice and peace, we will arrive safely home.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Members, Bishop Scanlan's diocese actually encompasses large territory in the State of New York, the State of Pennsylvania, and the State of Maryland, and we really are just quite, quite pleased and honored that she would be with us and that Representative Kim would bring her here to be with us today. Thank you so much.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 615 By Representatives NEUMAN, COHEN, THOMAS, V. BROWN, BIZZARRO, SANTORA, SCHWEYER, FLYNN, WARD, ROZZI, PHILLIPS-HILL, DiGIROLAMO, JAMES, NEILSON, MAHONEY, HARHAI, CALTAGIRONE, MARSHALL, SCHREIBER, YOUNGBLOOD, GERGELY, READSHAW, SAYLOR, DONATUCCI, PICKETT, O'BRIEN and LONGIETTI

A Resolution supporting the educational philosophy that involves "Putting the A (for Art) in STEM" to equal "STEAM," which recognizes the importance of Art in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education for the benefit of students in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 8, 2015.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 604, PN 597

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, December 8, 2015.

SB 986, PN 1414

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 8, 2015.

SB 1068, PN 1405

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT,
December 8, 2015.

SB 1073, PN 1459

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS,
December 8, 2015.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, members, on unanimous consent, Representative McNeill is recognized.

Mr. McNEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday HB 1638 was not recorded on my thing. I would like to be put in the positive, if you do not mind.

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

Mr. McNEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

CALENDAR**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. REED called up **HR 611, PN 2615**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of December 7 through 13, 2015, as "Government Reform Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves to recommit HR 611, PN 2615, to Rules.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the majority whip indicates that Representative DAY of Lehigh County would like to be marked on leave for the day. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for Bill KELLER of Philadelphia County for the day, and Tony DeLUCA of Allegheny County for the day. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to move to the master roll call. Members, you will proceed to vote on the master roll call.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

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

ADDITIONS—0**NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—3**

Day DeLuca Keller, W.

LEAVES ADDED—1

Evans

LEAVES CANCELED—2

Day Evans

The SPEAKER. There are 200 members having voted on the master roll. A quorum is present.

Members, we are going to proceed to uncontested resolutions. Each and every resolution is certainly important, but one that is going to be presented by our good friends, Representative Barrar and Representative Sainato, after we vote is going to be honoring the National Guard, and I really need members present in their seats for their remarks and for the remarks of our guests.

Members, please take your seats. All conversations need to go to the anterooms. They are all important, all the resolutions are important, but it is important that we take our seats for this uncontested resolution.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. PICKETT called up **HR 596, PN 2562**, entitled:

A Resolution designating December 11, 2015, as "Morgan Craft Day" in Pennsylvania; recognizing Morgan Craft for her national and international championships in the sport of Women's Skeet; congratulating her for earning a spot on the United States Olympic team for the XXXI Olympiad to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the summer of 2016; and wishing her continued success.

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Mr. SIMS called up **HR 605, PN 2595**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing December 10, 2015, as "International Human Rights Day in Pennsylvania."

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Mr. BARRAR called up **HR 612, PN 2616**, entitled:

A Resolution designating Tuesday, December 8, 2015, as "National Guard Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Acosta	Everett	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Adolph	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Readshaw
Baker	Farina	Lewis	Reed
Barbin	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Barrar	Fee	Mackenzie	Regan
Benninghoff	Flynn	Maher	Roae
Bishop	Frankel	Mahoney	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Freeman	Major	Ross
Bloom	Gabler	Maloney	Rothman
Boback	Gainey	Markosek	Rozzi
Boyle	Galloway	Marshall	Sacccone
Bradford	Gergely	Marsico	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	Masser	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gillen	Matzie	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillespie	McCarter	Santarsiero
Bullock	Gingrich	McClinton	Santora
Burns	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
Caltagirone	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schlossberg

Causar	Grove	Metcalfe	Schreiber
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Schweyer
Cohen	Hanna	Miccarelli	Simmons
Conklin	Harhai	Millard	Sims
Corbin	Harhart	Miller, B.	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Staats
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Stephens
Cruz	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sturla
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Daley, M.	Hennessey	Neilson	Thomas
Daley, P.	Hickernell	Nesbit	Tobash
Davidson	Hill	Neuman	Toepel
Davis	Irvin	O'Brien	Toohil
Dawkins	James	O'Neill	Topper
Dean	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Truitt
Deasy	Kampf	Ortitay	Vereb
DeLissio	Kaufert	Parker, C.	Vitali
Delozier	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Ward
Dermody	Kavulich	Pashinski	Warner
Diamond	Keller, F.	Payne	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Killion	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dush	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Ellis	Klunk	Quigley	Zimmerman
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn	
English	Kortz	Rader	Turzai,
Evankovich	Kotik	Rapp	Speaker
Evans	Krieger		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Day DeLuca Keller, W.

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

The SPEAKER. We have remarks with respect to two of those resolutions.

NATIONAL GUARD DAY

REMARKS BY MR. BARRAR

The SPEAKER. The first one, I am going to recognize Representative Barrar and Representative Sainato, and they are going to be speaking on HR 612.

Chairman Barrar, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today is a proud day at the State Capitol. We are honored to have with us today members of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Air Guard.

Today is Guard recognition day at the Capitol, and their leader is with us today also, General Joseph, who is the Adjutant General for the Pennsylvania National Guard. He was confirmed just 4 months ago, and he continues to demonstrate incredible leadership that has benefited our Commonwealth and all its citizens. We appreciate the service that he and the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard have selflessly

given to our Commonwealth. Our Pennsylvania National Guard members are there to help in the most critical and devastating circumstances, both at home and abroad, and it is an honor to salute them today on Guard recognition day.

Some of these heroic men and women have joined us today, and I ask that you take some time, at least a few minutes of your day, to go down to the East Wing Rotunda and you will probably see some of the most professional soldiers that you have ever seen in your lifetime down there, and we are so proud of the job they do for us.

While it would be easy to take their dedication for granted, we must make every effort today and always to remain humbled by the service that they have provided to us, but again, nowhere in this country will you find a more dedicated General Assembly in support of their mission. It is a tremendous sacrifice and one that must be recognized, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask you to please join me as we welcome General Joseph and the members of our National Guard and Air Guard with us today.

REMARKS BY MR. SAINATO

The SPEAKER. Representative Chris Sainato is recognized.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am sure you are aware that the Pennsylvania National Guard is one of the oldest and largest National Guard forces in the nation, tracing its lineage back to the militia organized by Benjamin Franklin in 1747, also known as the Associators.

They are one of the busiest and most heavily deployed Guard forces in the United States, serving in every conflict from the Revolutionary War through Iraqi Freedom and answering the call of duty during national disasters. As they continue to take part in peacekeeping missions around the world, the PA National Guard boasts some of the best-trained soldiers and airmen in the world.

As Chairman Barrar stated, a number of those brave men and brave women are here today with us, and they are going to be in the East Wing Rotunda for most of this day.

I, too, would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Pennsylvania National Guard and General Joseph for their outstanding service to Pennsylvania and the nation. I urge you to stop by the East Wing and chat with Pennsylvania's finest, and most importantly, express your gratitude to their commitment to protecting us and our nation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Members, before I go to unanimous consent on the next resolution, located to the left of the rostrum, we are honored to welcome Pennsylvania's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. James Joseph. Sir, please come up with us.

Major General Joseph is here in recognition of National Guard Day, which is being celebrated throughout our Capitol. With the Adjutant General are Major General – as I announce you gentlemen, please stand – Maj. Gen. John Gronski, Brig. Gen. Anthony Carrelli, Csm. Michael Gundrum, and CMSgt. Victor Guerra. Welcome. Thank you.

We also have a great group of Guard men and women. Please rise. They are up in the gallery. We will wave hello to you and salute you. Thank you so much for your service. It is great to have you here.

REMARKS BY MAJ. GEN. JAMES JOSEPH

The SPEAKER. It is now my distinct honor and pleasure to introduce Maj. Gen. James Joseph to address this august body, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Sir.

MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH. Good morning, Speaker Turzai, members of the House, distinguished guests, friends. I am honored to speak today on behalf of the finest men and women in the Commonwealth, the 20,000 soldiers and airmen of the Pennsylvania National Guard, your Pennsylvania National Guard.

As it stands today, Pennsylvania's National Guard is one of the strongest, best-equipped, and best-trained military organizations in the United States – and I did not say National Guard organizations, overall military organizations in the United States.

In addition to our soldiers and airmen, the Pennsylvania National Guard is complemented by thousands of civilian employees who add tremendous value to the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. This team has been very busy. As I stand before you, more than 200 of our men and women are deployed or preparing to be deployed to 17 countries including Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. In 2016 we are preparing to deploy 500 additional Pennsylvania Army National Guard soldiers. Your National Guard has been integral in nearly every overseas contingency operation in which our nation has engaged since 9/11. Our soldiers and airmen have individually deployed more than 35,000 times in the last 14 years. In Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Kosovo, Egypt, South Korea, Canada, the Mexican border, and all across Europe, we were there.

Our involvement in combat operations has come at a high price. Fifty-three of your deployed guardsmen paid the ultimate sacrifice, but our mission is noble and our all-volunteer force remains resolute.

We are also always ready to respond to the needs of our fellow citizens. As you know, your Pennsylvania National Guard members helped secure our airports and other potential terrorist targets after 9/11. Since then we have been activated for some 50 major domestic operations. We were there for droughts, floods, blizzards, hurricanes, power outages, and to secure several major events, not just here in Pennsylvania, but in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, DC, Louisiana, Florida, and elsewhere. We have lived up to the National Guard motto, "Always Ready, Always There," and so have you been.

So thank you for your enduring support, which we will continue to need as we shape the future structure of our force. You have provided our soldiers, airmen, families, civilians, and veterans the benefits that they have earned and the care that they deserve. Your efforts make our country and our Commonwealth a safer and better place to live, work, and raise a family. Thank you for your continued support.

May God bless you, and may God continue to bless this great Commonwealth and nation. Honor first.

The SPEAKER. If I might, the respective chairs, Republican and Democrat, if you could come up to the rostrum for a photo, we would greatly appreciate it – Steve, Chris – and then we will proceed shortly here with the next remarks on a resolution.

STATEMENT BY MR. SIMS

The SPEAKER. Representative Sims is recognized on unanimous consent for HR 605. Representative Sims, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. SIMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today is the 161st day that we have allowed this day to exist without a State budget. So beyond the very appropriate recognition of the service of our National Guard, I would suggest that it is time for us to get back to serving, and I am going to submit my remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sims, thanks very much.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my colleagues for the passage of HR 605, which recognizes December 10 as "International Human Rights Day."

Sixty-seven years ago, led by the United States and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and in direct response to Nazi crimes against humanity committed during World War II, the United Nations General Assembly gathered to introduce to the world the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, perhaps the greatest reflection of mankind's better angels ever recorded, and the most translated document in human history.

Pope John Paul II once called the declaration "one of the highest expressions of the human conscience of our time." It is the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled, and reaffirms the faith of the world's people in the fundamental rights, dignity, and worth of each and every human being, regardless of color, race, creed, sex, or nationality.

The U.N. General Assembly also proclaimed that December 10 would serve as an annual reminder to the world that we must continue to promote universal respect for, and observance of, these human rights and fundamental freedoms.

As we approach the 67th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration, there is no question that the world is a fundamentally different place than it was in 1948, when mankind declared that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

Yet, Mr. Speaker, human rights atrocities continue to occur in our global society. They compel us to pledge our unwavering commitment to the freedoms and rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration, for they are fundamental to the foundation of our nation, established here in our Commonwealth, in our Declaration of Independence, and in our Bill of Rights.

Far too many of Earth's citizens live their lives without ever experiencing a world with the most basic freedoms. For all those struggling for basic equality, we must rise year after year in support of these inalienable rights.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again, thank you to my colleagues for the adoption of HR 605.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sims' resolution, HR 605, celebrated and honored International Human Rights Day.

And just as a point of history, the Helsinki Accords, the final act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, was held in Finland, and really, provided the Declaration on Principles Guiding Relations between Participating States with respect to international human rights.

I applaud him for his resolution. Thank you.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have some guests to the chamber today. To the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Tom Hughes, Major Hughes, and Mackenna Whitesell, and they are guests of Representative David Millard. If you could please rise. Thank you so much for being with us today.

And located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes Amber Trkula and her father, Steve, and she is shadowing the majority leader, Representative Reed, for the day. Thank you for being with us.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes students from William Penn Senior High School and their principal, Brandon Carter. They are the guests of Representative Schreiber of York County. Please rise. Thank you so much for being with us today.

And located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Liz Kintzer and her son, William, along with Kelly Colvin and her daughter, Lily. They are the guests of Representative Tom Killion and Dan Truitt. Please stand. Thank you so much for being with us.

CAMP HILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. And we have at this time a citation to be presented to a championship team. Representative Greg Rothman will now come up to the rostrum to introduce this fine team. Thank you.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize an outstanding achievement from one of our school districts in Cumberland County.

The boys cross country team from Camp Hill High School won the Class A State championship last month, the first in the program's history. Four runners from Camp Hill finished in the top 30, and a strong team effort clinched their State championship.

I would like to congratulate the team members, the seniors and captains and coaches behind me, and the rest of the team in the back, if you would all rise: Blake Behney; Cooper Leslie; Ian Gabig, who is the son of a former colleague of ours, Will Gabig; Dan Shank; Patrick Dorsey; Matthew Little; Andrew Harper; Gus LaTorre; Myles Klapkowski; Weston Kemble; Noah Doss; Xavier Ritchie; and Connor England. They were led to the State championship by head coach Mark Haywood and assistant coach Jocelyn Lashley. Congratulations.

And please join me in a round of applause for these great young men in their great victory.

The SPEAKER. Great job, Coach, and great job, team. Thanks very much.

Representative Rothman, thank you.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairman Adolph is recognized for an Appropriations Committee announcement.

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

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

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Sandra Major, for an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 12:15. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 12:15. We would be prepared, Mr. Speaker, to come back on the floor at 12:45. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Frankel, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 12:15. Democrats will caucus at 12:15. Thank you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative O'Neill, for a committee announcement. Sir, go ahead.

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

Immediately at the break there will be a voting meeting of the House Finance Committee in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider HB 1246 and any other business that comes before the committee. Again, it is immediately at the break, the House Finance Committee, in G-50 Irvis Office Building. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

There will be an immediate voting meeting of the Finance Committee in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider HB 1246 and any other business that comes before the committee.

Any other committee announcements? Any other announcements that need to be recognized?

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 12:45 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1 p.m.; further extended until 1:15 p.m.; further extended until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Day is on the House floor and will be marked on the master roll.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative EVANS has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1533, PN 2556

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for municipal implementation of recycling programs.

APPROPRIATIONS.**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 1246, PN 1640

By Rep. O'NEILL

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

FINANCE.**FILMING PERMISSION**

The SPEAKER. Members, from the AP (Associated Press), they will be taking still photos; photographer Matt Rourke will be photographing the vote with respect to the animal welfare bill.

And Kameron Mogadam – I believe I am saying that correctly – and Jon Wermuth from the Bleacher Report will be doing videotape with audio, again, with respect to the animal welfare bill.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Wheatley and Representative Gainey have invited, as a guest, quarterback Michael Vick of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and he is here with Chris Shigas. Welcome. Thank you for being here. The Steelers and the Eagles both had a good week.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1351, PN 1848**, entitled:

An Act providing for the use of epinephrine auto-injectors by certain entities and organizations; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

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

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. Another announcement with respect to media access to the floor. Matt Rourke with the AP will also be taking still photos with respect to the budget bill debate and vote, in addition to the animal rights and animal welfare bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The minority whip has indicated that Representative Evans is on the floor and would like to be placed back on the master roll call for the day.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1460, PN 2626**, 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; 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; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund and the State Lottery Fund for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

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?

At this time Representative Adolph is called for remarks.

All members, please take your seats.

Representative Adolph has the floor.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am here to ask you for your support for HB 1460, which is the general appropriations bill for fiscal year 2015-2016.

I do not have to remind anyone in this chamber that it is the second week of December. It is hard to believe, but true.

When we had the opportunity to go home for a couple weekends in November around Thanksgiving time, when we saw a lot of our friends and neighbors, we talked to folks that worked in our school districts, our human services organizations, our nonprofits, our public safety entities, various State agencies, and most importantly, the people of Pennsylvania. If I went into a Wawa, I heard "Pass the budget"; go into a restaurant, "Please, Bill, pass the budget."

Our counties, our county governments have stopped sending the Commonwealth State tax dollars that they collect. The Federal government is directing us to release funds for our social services. Some social services are suing us. Our neighborhood public schools are borrowing money just to stay open. They have waited too long, and now is the time to pass a balanced budget that meets the needs of all Pennsylvanians.

There has been a lot of talk in the Capitol regarding our framework, our lofty goals, but, Mr. Speaker, the toughest part, the toughest part of passing a budget in this framework is how to pay for it. The budget that I am putting in front of you today we can do, and I will explain that in a few minutes. This budget focuses on the art of the possible.

Now, some of you may find this to be funny. I do not. I do not. At the end of this game, we have to move forward to bring this standoff to a close. We have developed a budget plan, which is contained in HB 1460. The budget proposal has a total spend of \$30.26 billion, which is an increase of \$1 billion over last year, a 3.7-percent increase. Now, when you start moving line items in and out, it is actually a 2.1-percent increase.

I would like to go through just a few items that this budget contains. They are some of our top priorities in education, human services, agriculture, and public safety. It increases Pre-K Counts by \$25 million and special education funding by \$30 million. It has a provision and language for EITC (educational improvement tax credit), an increase of \$10 million. It increases the very successful Ready to Learn block grant program, which many of our school districts have interest in, by \$50 million; increases basic education by \$100 million. It contains an accelerated school construction investment program – this program replaces the old, ineffective PlanCon (Planning and Construction Workbook). Fully funds Act 120, required school employee retirement contributions, at \$1.7 billion. All told, this is a \$405 million increase for pre-K education.

Higher education, let us talk about it. It provides for a 5-percent increase across higher education appropriations. Some actually receive 7 percent, and I think that is Lincoln University, because I know we have advocates on both sides of the aisle for Lincoln. It restores funding eliminated by an earlier proposal by the administration of Ag Excellence, ag research, hardwood research, livestock shows, dairy shows, and other important agriculture programs; increases home- and community-based services above the administration's proposal and allows us to serve an additional 1,992 individuals; provides more funding for long-term care; adds additional funding to services for persons with disabilities so we can serve an additional 260 more people than was proposed by the administration; restores funds for OB (obstetrics) and neonatal services, hospital burn centers, and rural hospitals, which were eliminated in previous proposals, a total of \$27 million; provides for an increase of \$6.2 million, or 14.9 percent, to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs – I know how important that is to many of you on both sides of the aisle – restores important disease line items, such as diabetes programs, lupus, regional poison control centers, epilepsy support, and biotech research, that had been eliminated in previous proposals. It is all in HB 1460. It includes a 10-percent increase to veterans homes, and provides an additional \$24 million to the State Police for four cadet classes, for a total of 350 new State troopers. This is a responsible, achievable spending plan that meets the needs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

To address bipartisan priorities we have added additional money from June's budget, and I talked to Democratic members of the House in good faith. HB 1460 now has \$1 million more for child advocacy centers. It is in this bill. Ten million dollars for special ed, more than the June budget. I heard from many of you about community colleges. We added an additional \$4 million for our community colleges. I will give you the number for our State-related universities, \$10.2 million; our State-owned universities, \$8.25 million. And another line item that has not been increased since 2008, and one of the biggest issues that our taxpayers, our families, our working people are facing, is college student debt. This is the only proposal that has been introduced in this Capitol Building that increases the State grants to students by \$6.8 million; \$6.8 million in additional State grants, and an additional \$5 million more for vocational rehabilitation funds. All told, close to \$85 million more than the budget that was passed here in June. There have also been some reductions, some debt costs and administrative costs based upon it being December.

I think this is important because we are going to talk about it. This is the most difficult part of it – how to pay for it. It is not in this bill, but I am telling you how you are going to pay for it. To pay for this increase in spending we are relying on \$309 million in new revenue. Voting, voting for new revenue is never easy. When you go home, you get your e-mails, you get your phone calls. They say, "Representative, I know you have a budget deficit. I know you need more money, but don't tax my business, don't tax my customers, don't tax this, and don't tax that, but get your budget in balance."

This bill ensures that it is not going to harm Pennsylvania's working men and women and will not harm Pennsylvania's economy. It is going to grow. Instead, this budget will rely, like most of the proposals floating around this Capitol Building, on an increase in the cigarette tax, a new tax on e-cigarettes, a new tax on roll-your-own, and we are going to be applying the

PIT (personal income tax) to Pennsylvania lottery winnings. It is my understanding that we are the only State that does not tax the Pennsylvania lottery winnings, or their own State lottery. We are also going to balance this budget by expanding gaming in Pennsylvania to Internet gaming and off-track parlors.

Once again, this budget has a revenue plan that is achievable, that is achievable. It is the art of the possible. We can do this. This budget is responsible. It makes huge investments in areas that all of us care deeply about. Let us come together. Let us come together as a united House of Representatives. We all have Republican neighbors as friends. We all have Democratic neighbors as friends. This is something that works. It is possible. We can do it today with your help. We need to get this budget to the Governor's desk. All these other issues, all these other issues – and I like those issues, but the details, the details are what is important, and there has been no agreement on the details. The framework, yes; the details, no.

I urge you, think of your people back home. Think about the suffering that is going to go on if you do not pass this budget.

Thank you so much for your attention, and let us get home for the holidays and let us get this budget done. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. Markosek, on final passage.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

About a month ago all four caucuses stood with the Governor right over here in front of his office and announced that we had finally reached an agreement on a budget framework for 2015-2016. All four of the caucuses were present at that meeting. Since then there have been a lot of meetings with the Governor and leaders, as well as staff, to try to hash out the details. So while we have been negotiating in good faith, working with the Governor and other caucuses in earnest to finalize the budget, all of a sudden, all of a sudden here we are on December 8 confronted with more political gamesmanship. We have not had a lot of time to review this particular plan, as it was just unveiled yesterday in the Appropriations Committee; however, this spending plan is very, very similar to HB 1192 from last June, and as you may recall, the Governor vetoed that plan because it was inadequate. It did not solve the budget deficit and it did not go far enough to restore the cuts to education and human services.

This budget plan before us today does not reflect the framework agreement among the caucus leaders and the Governor. Yesterday the Senate approved the budget framework plan, SB 1073, by a vote of 43 to 7, and now it is with us here in the House for consideration. Why are we wasting time today debating this new plan when we should be considering the agreed-to spending plan? This is just prolonging the budget impasse. Our schools and human services providers need us to pass a budget now. Sending this budget, sending this budget plan to the Governor would be a total nonstarter. Our caucus did not have any input on this particular plan, and it appears, and it appears that the Senate and the Governor's Office did not have

any input on this plan either. It is a unilateral plan designed to get in the way of us completing this budget process.

This plan does not reflect any sort of compromise. Since June Democrats have been working to move beyond HB 1192, which was nothing more than Governor Corbett's fifth budget. This budget plan would be taking a huge, huge step backwards. This plan fails to solve the structural, the chronic structural deficit. It looks like it balances on paper, but it will not even cover mandated cost increases that we know are there. It relies on revenue – as mentioned by my colleague – it relies on revenue from tobacco taxes and expanded gaming, which is highly unpredictable, and the licensing fees that that gaming would provide are one-time revenue. This plan falls way short of the agreed-to increases in education, about \$200 million less for basic education as compared to the budget framework. This plan does not restore funding for county human services programs, whereas the budget framework includes the first down payment on a 3-year restoration of the cuts made by Governor Corbett.

The bottom line is this budget plan is far too inadequate. We should not waste any more precious time on it. I ask all members to vote "no." We need to get the budget done, but we need to do it right. We are at the finish line and the end is just barely in sight. I encourage my colleagues, certainly on the other side of the aisle, to come back to the table and let us finish the budget based on the framework we agreed to.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Chairman DiGirolamo, on final passage.

Mr. DIGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Well, here we are in December and we have got to find a way to get this budget done. And I want to let everybody know in here, I am not crazy about this bill, HB 1460. I was one of the two Republicans that voted "no" back in June on HB 1192. If I had my way, I would much rather see a budget that is closer to what the Senate has sent over here. And if you look at the numbers, this budget is about \$30.2 billion. The Senate's is about \$30.7-something billion.

Back in July, if you all remember, I proposed a budget with a reasonable PIT increase of .25, and that budget was approximately \$30.6 billion, but here we are in December, Mr. Speaker. We have got to get a budget done, and for the first time in a long time I see a way out of the mess that we have with this budget.

I do not like this bill, HB 1460, again, but I am going to be a "yes" on this bill today, because here is the way I think we can get out of this. If we send this bill over to the Senate at \$30.2 and they have got their bill at \$30.7-whatever, I think there is a compromise somewhere in the middle between \$30.2 and \$30.8.

Let us get this budget done. Let us take those other issues off the table, pension and liquor, and let us concentrate on getting this budget done and getting out of town and getting the money to our school districts and getting the money to our counties. I see a way out of that, Mr. Speaker, if we pass this bill today. I am not happy with it. I am not going to tell anybody how to vote. You all vote your districts, but I see light at the end of the tunnel if we pass this, and I would encourage the leaders in the House and the Senate and the Governor to get together and find

a compromise between the two varying versions of the budget, get together and come back here, and by the end of the week pass a final budget and let us get out of town and put this State back on track to prosperity.

I am going to vote "yes," Mr. Speaker. So let us figure a way to get this done, this budget done and forget about those other issues, pension and liquor, get the budget done and put this State back on the road to prosperity. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. Bryan Barbin. Representative Bryan Barbin. Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill, and I rise in opposition for five reasons: Number one, the Governor has to sign this bill; number two, the Senate Republicans have to agree to this bill; number three, the Senate Democrats have to agree to this bill; number four, the House Republicans have to agree to the bill; and number five, the House Democrats have to agree to the bill.

We have gone from a position on June 30 when HB 1192 was pushed through the Assembly with the statement that we were passing a balanced budget when we all knew that this budget was \$1 billion in deficit. It had no plan for recurring tax money to keep the problem from getting bigger by next June 30. Now we are at December 30. We have gone through a stopgap budget on the same basis as HB 1192. That was pushed over to the Senate and rejected by the Governor, and now we have HB 1460. HB 1460 is a statement that says that we now have it right and all the rest of those people, one, two, three, four people are all going to agree in a short amount of time that we are right. That is ludicrous.

SB 1073 is a vehicle that has been passed. It is waiting to be amended on this floor. If you want a compromise, amend it on this floor and let us finish this, but it is unreasonable to say that you are going to change four of the five other people, and somehow by starting anew we are going to make this a shorter process. The people of Pennsylvania demand a budget. The shortest process is to take SB 1073, amend it, and get out of town.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Truitt.

Mr. TRUITT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is December 8, and thankfully, I think everybody in this room can actually agree on that, and it is time to end this.

Every single person in this room, including me, can find a reason to vote against this budget. I wanted liquor privatization, real liquor privatization, and it is clear I am not going to get it. I wanted real pension reform, and it is clear I am not going to get that. I wanted real property tax reform, and it is clear that I am not going to get that. I wanted to minimize any tax increases by cutting ineffective and corrupt programs that we often call corporate welfare, and it is clear that that is not going to happen this year.

Lots of folks want more money for education. I could support that if the money is used wisely, and this budget does have more money for education, not as much money as some of us would like, but we only have so much money to spend. I wanted the education money to be distributed completely by the new funding formula. It is clear that is not going to happen this year either.

Now, the Senate just sent us a budget that is straight out of fantasyland. Any legitimate budget plan has to be coupled with a tax bill to pay for it, and instead, they sent us a budget bill and they did not send us a tax bill to go with it. What they did send us with their budget bill is a pension reform bill that includes what we euphemistically call lowering the collars, which is generational theft – stealing more money from our children. That is wrong, and I will never support that. They should be embarrassed. What they sent us is not a real plan.

It is December 8. It is time to end this. This is the only real viable path forward. Please vote "yes." Our people need us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let us make it clear, no mistake about it, HB 1460 is no way out. And if HB 1460 passes, I will see you on New Year's, because we will be here working on a budget for the next month or longer, make sure about that.

Yesterday the Senate sent us a budget bill that was part of an agreement. It was part of an agreement that begins to fund our schools adequately, that funds human services, that funds economic development programs, job training programs. It addresses the priorities of Pennsylvanians. It gets us the way out. It is part of an agreement, and this budget, HB 1460, will never get us out of this mess.

We need to send a real budget to the Governor's desk. We need to address the issues that are facing Pennsylvania now. It is time to act. We have a budget bill here that we can act on that adequately addresses the priorities of Pennsylvanians, our constituents. This bill does not. This is HB 1192 regurgitated, and I do not know why unless it is an intentional attempt to delay this process.

Now, let us keep our word. Let us do the right thing for the people of Pennsylvania. Let us pass a budget by the end of this week. We have the bill here to do it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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—115

Adolph	Greiner	Marshall	Regan
Baker	Grove	Marsico	Roae
Barrar	Hahn	Masser	Ross
Benninghoff	Harhart	Mentzer	Rothman
Bloom	Harper	Metcalfe	Saccone
Boback	Harris, A.	Metzgar	Sankey
Brown, R.	Heffley	Miccarelli	Santora
Causar	Helm	Millard	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Milne	Simmons
Cox	Hill	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Murt	Staats
Cutler	James	Mustio	Stephens
Day	Jozwiak	Nesbit	Tallman
Delozier	Kampf	O'Neill	Tobash
DiGirolamo	Kaufer	Oberlander	Toepel

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

NAYS—86

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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

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

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats.

Representative Thaddeus Kirkland is being invited up to the rostrum. Many of you know that Representative Kirkland was recently elected mayor, and we are so honored to have him come up.

There is a communication from Representative Kirkland where he is putting forth his official resignation as of close of business on December 31 to assume his new position, and he states, "It has been a privilege and an honor to work with you and the other members of this great body as well as staff and other personnel..." and that he will cherish these 20 years forever.

The following communication was submitted:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

December 8, 2015

Rep. Mike Turzai, Speaker
139 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Rep. Turzai,

Please accept this letter as my official resignation from the PA House of Representatives. This resignation will be effective close of business December 31, 2015. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with you and the other members of this great body as well as staff and other personnel. I will cherish these (23) years forever.

Sincerely,
Rep. Thaddeus Kirkland

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. KIRKLAND

The SPEAKER. Now I turn the rostrum over to our good friend and outstanding legislator, Representative Thaddeus Kirkland.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

How do I say goodbye to what we had?
All the good times that made us laugh
Outweigh the bad.

I thought we'd never see tomorrow
But forever's gone away
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday.

Now all I have to do is remember the words.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, my distinguished fellow colleagues of this great House of Representatives.

Let me begin by saying this, my friends: This is definitely not good-bye, not by any means; instead, I take this opportunity to say to you all that I will simply see you later, simply in a different political and public servant capacity.

This has truly been an awesome chapter in my life, one that has allowed me to meet and receive new friends and friendships, one that has inspired me to do better by others, and one that has challenged me to remain humble in my position, yet passionate when it comes to serving the people. This 23-year chapter in my life is one that I will never, ever forget. It has not always been easy, but it has always been rewarding – rewarding knowing that you have helped people and helped somebody in some way, rewarding from prayer time with Rob Fields and a few other members of this House on Wednesday mornings, to having an opportunity to invoke the presence of the Lord in this chamber by way of prayer behind this awesome desk, rewarding from being a member of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus chaired by the Honorable Vanessa Brown, to being able to chair one of the best committees in this great chamber, the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee.

Chairman Hickernell, they need a little sunlight. They need a little sunlight, a little road trip. This is the last plug I can give you guys on the Tourism and Recreational Committee.

Rewarding to finding old friends and creating new friends. Old friends like Dwight Evans and Greg Vitali, Jim Roebuck and Curtis Thomas, the Costa twins – Paul and Dom, Marc Gergely, Mike Sturla, Louise Williams Bishop, Jake Wheatley, Joe Markosek, Cherelle Parker, Mark Cohen, Tony DeLuca and Dan Frankel, Bob Freeman, Bill Keller, Steve Samuelson, Rosita Youngblood, Joe Petrarca and Ed Pashinski, Pete Daley, Angel Cruz, and Tom Caltagirone; old friends like Bill Adolph and Tom Killion, Stephen Barrar and Tim Hennessey, Tom Murt and John Taylor, and even the young boy out of the bunch, Nick Miccarelli. I could never, ever forget my two wingmen, Mike O'Brien and Mike Driscoll – all old school – and many, many more.

Then there are those who have become my enemies, my archenemies. Unfortunately, I have made some here, but these two really get under my skin. They are my enemies of fashion, Flo Fabrizio and Harry Readshaw – enemies of fashion.

This chapter has been most fruitful for me, but not just for me, for me and my family. Fruitful in the sense that so many positive people have come into my life, from the messengers to the security staff, from the clerical workers to the photographers, from the mail handlers to the Speaker of the House. I have learned something positive from all of you, and I will take that which I have learned into the next chapter of my life and use it for the betterment of the city that I call Chester.

Now let me just thank a few people. First, let me thank my wife and my family. No, she is not here and they are not here physically because of the other things that they had to do today, like shop. But for the past 23 years my wife, Susie, has held it down. She has been the backbone of our household and she has held down working with and nurturing our five daughters – and two dogs. She has held it down while I traveled back and forth to Harrisburg, and she has never, ever complained – at least not to me. I want to let her know that I thank her and I love her desperately.

To my Harrisburg staff – Lori, Eric, and Danielle – I want to thank them for their dedication and their commitment to hard work. I appreciate their friendship, and I appreciate them as they stood by me down through the years.

To Mary Patterson: Mary has been with me since the beginning of my time here in Harrisburg, and she was so moved by my retirement, by my call for retirement, that she, too, decided that she was going to retire, and she did. She has been here from the very beginning, and I appreciate her desperately.

To my district office staff persons in Chester and in Marcus Hook – Joan, Sarai, Peter, Margaret, Brian, and Sharon – to all of you I want to say, thank you for a job well done – well, at least most of the time.

To the people of the 159th Legislative District, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your legislator, your Representative, for the past 23 years. I appreciate your trust, your support, and your care.

To my leaders with the Democratic Caucus, Leader Dermody and Mike Hanna, thank you for always supporting this Representative at all times. Your leadership and your friendship has always and will always mean a lot to me.

To Speaker Turzai, I also want to thank you for giving me this opportunity and other opportunities to stand behind this great desk, and for your leadership.

Okay, now that I have brownnosed enough, let me really thank the one who truly made this journey possible. I thank God for all that He has done for me. When no one thought that I could handle the job as a legislator, it was He who reminded me, by way of Philippians 4:13, that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Once again, to all of you, this is not good-bye; this is simply, I will see you later. Thank you, and God bless.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Representative Kirkland, first of all, your remarks today were just outstanding, and every time you rise to speak, this body listens. I think some of your best words in this chamber are when you have come to offer the prayer.

I know in your professional life you are also a minister and you actually pastor and serve people in so many different capacities. We are so honored to have served with you.

Just a slight token of our appreciation for your 23 years of service, camaraderie, friendship, and everything you have done for the people in your district. May God bless you.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1533, PN 2556**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for municipal implementation of recycling programs.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Representative Vitali, the floor is yours.

Mr. VITALI. I just want to note for the information of the members, the Department of Environmental Protection opposes this legislation as it would result in more leaves being recycled. So DEP opposes this legislation.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized on that bill?

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—118

Adolph	Harper	McClinton	Roae
Baker	Harris, A.	McGinnis	Ross
Benninghoff	Heffley	Mentzer	Rothman
Bizzarro	Helm	Metcalfe	Rozzi
Bloom	Hennessey	Miccarelli	Saylor
Brown, R.	Hickernell	Millard	Schemel
Burns	Hill	Miller, B.	Simmons
Causer	Irvin	Milne	Snyder
Christiana	James	Moul	Sonney
Corbin	Jozwiak	Mullery	Staats
Culver	Kampf	Murt	Stephens
Cutler	Kaufer	Mustio	Tallman
Day	Kauffman	Nesbit	Taylor
Delozier	Keller, F.	Neuman	Thomas
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	O'Neill	Tobash
Dush	Killion	Oberlander	Toepel
Ellis	Kim	Ortitay	Toohil
Emrick	Klunk	Parker, D.	Topper
Evankovich	Knowles	Payne	Truitt
Everett	Kotik	Peifer	Vereb
Farry	Lawrence	Petri	Ward
Fee	Lewis	Pickett	Warner
Gergely	Mackenzie	Pyle	Watson
Gibbons	Maher	Quigley	Wentling
Gingrich	Mahoney	Quinn	Wheeland
Godshall	Major	Rader	White
Greiner	Maloney	Rapp	Zimmerman
Grove	Marshall	Readshaw	
Hahn	Marsico	Reed	Turzai,
Harhart	Masser	Regan	Speaker

NAYS—83

Acosta	Davis	Gillespie	Parker, C.
Barbin	Dawkins	Goodman	Pashinski
Barrar	Dean	Hanna	Petrarca
Bishop	Deasy	Harhai	Ravenstahl
Boback	DeLissio	Harkins	Reese
Boyle	Dermody	Harris, J.	Roebuck
Bradford	Diamond	Kavulich	Saccone
Briggs	Donatucci	Kinsey	Sainato
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kirkland	Samuelson
Bullock	Dunbar	Kortz	Sankey
Caltagirone	English	Krieger	Santarsiero
Carroll	Evans	Krueger	Santora
Cohen	Fabrizio	Longietti	Schlossberg
Conklin	Farina	Markosek	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Flynn	Matzie	Schweyer
Costa, P.	Frankel	McCarter	Sims
Cox	Freeman	McNeill	Sturla
Cruz	Gabler	Metzgar	Vitali
Daley, M.	Gainey	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Daley, P.	Galloway	Neilson	Youngblood
Davidson	Gillen	O'Brien	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1351 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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 HB 649 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.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Gary Day, on unanimous consent.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to submit comments for the record on HB 1460.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to remind my colleagues and our Governor that the time is up. The clock has run out, and now we have before us a responsible, balanced budget that meets Pennsylvania's needs. It is a budget to take seriously. It invests more in education, human services, agriculture, and public safety – the priorities of Pennsylvania.

The Governor has taken almost three times the amount of time to pitch his big spending ideas to Pennsylvanians, and no matter what my personal belief is, nor what our leaders were willing to consider with open minds, when we go into our districts, the people of Pennsylvania have not been swayed.

Three weeks of Appropriations hearings, 3 months of working with the legislature and touring our State, then an additional 6 months through today to sell the grand compromise, or "framework" agreement.

It was supposed to have a three-legged stool. The framework would have given the Governor more spending, the Senate and House majorities pension reform, and it would have moved toward breaking up an outdated government monopoly. The problem was that the framework negotiators agreed on more spending, which will require substantial tax votes that are not going to be cast, and therefore, it is disingenuous to continue down that path.

I appreciate the process and the attempt, but at this point, time is up. How much longer are we willing to wait? Or better yet, how much longer are we willing to make others wait?

This budget pushes out \$100, and we want to hold the \$100 because we might get \$103? It does not make sense. Time is up.

Mr. Speaker, I love math. I love math and I love to figure out the most complicated problems, but in math we are taught to reduce variables in order to work towards the solution. Least common denominator – this budget does that.

Remember I talked about the three-legged stool? Well, the stool came back without the components needed to balance the stool. This budget before us is a responsible, balanced budget. Holding out for the grand agreement is holding out for a stool without its three legs.

A vote for this budget does not eliminate this grand agreement – we can take another 6 months to convince Pennsylvanians of that idea – but as of now, time is up, and the responsible thing to do is pass this budget.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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. Representative Sue Helm moves that the House of Representatives be adjourned until Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

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

Motion was agreed to, and at 2:26 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.