

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

## LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015

SESSION OF 2015

199TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 111

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 8 a.m., e.s.t.

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)  
PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DISPENSED WITH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, our prayer and Pledge will be dispensed with for the day, although I might say God bless all of Pennsylvania citizens on this Christmas Eve. May God bless you.

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, December 23, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

#### SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS  
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1332, PN 1814**, and **HB 1460, PN 2626**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

#### 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:

##### **HB 1332, PN 1814**

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for school employees, further providing for definitions and for construction of part; providing for notice to members; further providing for credited school service, for creditable nonschool service, for eligibility for annuities, for eligibility for vesting, for eligibility for refunds, for regular member contributions for current service, for pickup contributions, for return of accumulated contributions, for maximum single life annuity, for disability annuities, for member's options, for termination of annuities, for death benefits, for payment of benefits, for duties of board regarding applications and elections of members, for duties of employers, and for rights and duties of school

employees and members; in retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions, for credited State service, for creditable nonstate service, for Social Security integration credits, for eligibility for annuities, for eligibility for vesting, for eligibility for special vesting, for eligibility for refunds, for regular member contributions for current service, for Social Security integration member contributions, for waiver of regular member contributions and Social Security integration member contributions, for member contributions for the purchase of credit for previous State service or to become a full coverage member, for contributions for the purchase of credit for creditable nonstate service, for incomplete payments, for return of total accumulated deductions, for maximum single life annuity, for disability annuities, for member's options, for termination of annuities, for death benefits, for payment of benefits, for duties of board to advise and report to heads of departments and members, for duties of the board regarding application and elections of members, for duties of heads of departments, for rights and duties of State employees and members, and for taxation, attachment and assignment of funds; and providing for construction of part with respect to the Internal Revenue Code.

##### **HB 1460, PN 2626**

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.

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

**CALENDAR****BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 222, PN 1587**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, prohibiting eligibility for individuals convicted of drug distribution.

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 222 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.

**BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 222 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.

\* \* \*

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 677, PN 1833**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1990 (P.L.639, No.165), known as the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Act, in hazardous material protection, further providing for establishment and functions of local emergency planning committees and for emergency reporting requirements.

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 677 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.

**BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 677 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.

\* \* \*

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 727, PN 1555**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Title 24, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and construction and providing for references; in retirement membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for mandatory and optional membership, for credited school service, for waiver of adjustments and for classes of service, for elections, for eligibility points, for eligibility for annuities, for eligibility for refunds, for pickup contributions, for member contributions, for contributions for purchase of credit, for annual compensation limit, for contributions by Commonwealth, for payments by employers, for actuarial cost method, for appropriations by Commonwealth, for return of accumulated deductions, for single life annuity, for disability annuities, for termination of annuities and payment of benefits; providing for school employees' defined contribution plan; in administrative and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, for administrative duties of board, for health insurance, for advisory and reporting duties, for application and election duties, for duties of employers, for rights and duties of school employees and members, for management of fund and accounts, for Public School Employees' Retirement Fund, for State accumulation account, for annuity reserve account, for State guarantee, for taxation, for attachment and assignment of funds, for approval of domestic relations orders, for irrevocable survivor annuitant and for amendment of approved domestic relations orders; providing for irrevocable successor payee; further providing for fraud and adjustment of errors and for payments to school entities by Commonwealth; providing for payments to school entities by Commonwealth commencing with the 2015-2016 school year; in health insurance for retired school employees, further providing for definitions; in Title 51, in employment preferences and pensions, further providing for military leaves of absence; in Title 71, in retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions, for preliminary provisions and for membership, credited service, classes of service, and eligibility benefits, providing for State Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for contributions, for benefits and for administration, funds and accounts; and making editorial changes.

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 727 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.

**BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 727 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.

\* \* \*

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1581, PN 2290**, entitled:

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

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1581 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.

**BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1581 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.

\* \* \*

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 316, PN 1369**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for public access to procurement records; and, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for sole source procurement and for emergency procurement and providing for legal services contracts.

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 316 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.

**BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 316 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.

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. REED called up **HR 82, PN 482**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and contributions of John Patrick Stanton, humanitarian, activist and founder of the prolife movement in this Commonwealth, who died on January 31, 2014, at 86 years of age.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

**RESOLUTION TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 82 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 82 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

**BILLS 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. Upon motion of Representative Hal English, the House will now adjourn. We will be adjourning until a 6-hour call of the Chair. Again, the House will be adjourned until a 6-hour call of the Chair.

Merry Christmas to all the citizens of Pennsylvania, and may God bless.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 8:14 a.m., e.s.t., the House  
adjourned.