

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

SESSION OF 2016

200TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 65

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. JOHN A. LAWRENCE, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Father, we come before You today grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Pennsylvania. I pray that You would guide our thoughts and actions as we enter this last session week before the election. And I pray, Father, that You would help each of us to set aside that which divides us, and that we would turn to You, the source of all knowledge and wisdom, as we face the tremendous challenges of our time.

Give us Your grace and peace even this day, in Jesus' name. 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 Thursday, October 20, 2016, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. However, the following 2016 Journals are in print, and without objection, they will be approved:

Wednesday, April 13, 2016;
Monday, May 2, 2016;
Tuesday, May 3, 2016; and
Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 447, PN 1037; HB 683, PN 1427; HB 1734, PN 2598; HB 1841, PN 2877; HB 1842, PN 2878;** and **HB 1923, PN 3023**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, if you will take a look at the voting boards to your right and left, at this time two of the four boards are not in operation. However, the accurate voting will be, obviously, available to see in the two voting boards closer to the back of the chamber, whereas the two voting boards closer to the front of the chamber will not be in operation, at least for today.

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 447, PN 1037

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, providing for death of a tenant.

HB 683, PN 1427

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

HB 1734, PN 2598

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development, for program of continuing professional education and for charter schools.

HB 1841, PN 2877

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for perfusionist.

HB 1842, PN 2878

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for perfusionist.

HB 1923, PN 3023

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Drexel Hill, Delaware County, as the Officer Dennis McNamara Memorial Highway.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, Bryan Cutler, requests leaves of absence for the following members: Kathy WATSON of Bucks County for the day, Seth GROVE of York County for the day, John MAHER of Allegheny County for the day, Craig STAATS of Bucks County for the day, and Ryan WARNER of Fayette County for the day. Without objection, those requests for leaves will be granted.

The minority whip, Mike Hanna, requests leaves of absence for the following members: Leslie ACOSTA of Philadelphia County for the day, Dwight EVANS of Philadelphia County for the day, Margo DAVIDSON of Delaware County for the day, Dan McNEILL of Lehigh County for the day, Angel CRUZ of Philadelphia County for the day, Mark COHEN of Philadelphia County for the day, Jake WHEATLEY of Allegheny County for the day, Kevin BOYLE of Philadelphia County for the day, Matt BRADFORD of Montgomery County for the day, Frank BURNS of Cambria County for the day, John GALLOWAY of Bucks County for the day, and Steve SANTARSIERO of Bucks County for the day. Without objection, those requests for leaves of absence will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. Members will proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—186

Adolph	Farina	Lawrence	Rapp
Artis	Farry	Lewis	Ravenstahl
Baker	Fee	Longiotti	Readshaw
Barbin	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reed
Barrar	Frankel	Mahoney	Reese
Benninghoff	Freeman	Major	Regan
Bizzarro	Gabler	Maloney	Roae
Bloom	Gainey	Markosek	Roebuck
Boback	Gergely	Marshall	Ross

Brown, R.	Gibbons	Marsico	Rothman
Brown, V.	Gillen	Masser	Rozzi
Bullock	Gillespie	Matzie	Sacone
Caltagirone	Gingrich	McCarter	Sainato
Carroll	Godshall	McClinton	Samuelson
Causer	Goodman	McGinnis	Sankey
Christiana	Greiner	Mentzer	Santora
Conklin	Hahn	Metcalfe	Savage
Corbin	Hanna	Metzgar	Saylor
Costa, D.	Harhai	Miccarelli	Schemel
Costa, P.	Harhart	Millard	Schlossberg
Cox	Harkins	Miller, B.	Schreiber
Culver	Harper	Miller, D.	Schweyer
Cutler	Harris, A.	Milne	Simmons
Daley, M.	Harris, J.	Moul	Sims
Daley, P.	Heffley	Mullery	Snyder
Davis	Helm	Murt	Sonney
Dawkins	Hennessey	Mustio	Stephens
Day	Hickernell	Neilson	Sturla
Dean	Hill	Nelson	Tallman
Deasy	Irvin	Nesbit	Taylor
DeLissio	James	Neuman	Thomas
DeLozier	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Tobash
DeLuca	Kampf	O'Neill	Toepel
Dermody	Kaufner	Oberlander	Toohil
Diamond	Kauffman	Ortitay	Topper
DiGirolamo	Kavulich	Parker, D.	Truitt
Donatucci	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Vereb
Driscoll	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Vitali
Dunbar	Keller, W.	Peifer	Ward
Dush	Kim	Petrarca	Wentling
Ellis	Kinsey	Petri	Wheeland
Emrick	Kirkland	Pickett	White
English	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Evankovich	Knowles	Quigley	Zimmerman
Everett	Kortz	Quinn, C.	
Fabrizio	Kotik	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
	Krueger	Rader	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—17

Acosta	Cruz	Grove	Staats
Boyle	Davidson	Maher	Warner
Bradford	Evans	McNeill	Watson
Burns	Galloway	Santarsiero	Wheatley
Cohen			

LEAVES ADDED—10

Diamond	Harper	Santora	Staats
Evankovich	Helm	Saylor	Thomas
Flynn	Kotik		

LEAVES CANCELED—10

Boyle	Davidson	Grove	Warner
Bradford	Evankovich	Staats	Watson
Burns	Galloway		

The SPEAKER. One hundred and eighty-six votes on the master roll, a quorum is present.

CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2370, PN 4074**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 13, 2016 (P.L.526, No.84), entitled, "An act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled 'An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties,' as follows: In sales and use tax: further providing for definitions, for exclusions from tax, for discount and for crimes. In personal income tax: further providing for definitions, for classes of income and for tax withheld; providing for contributions for tuition account programs; and further providing for requirement of withholding tax, for information statement, for time for filing employers' returns, for payment of taxes withheld, for employer's liability for withheld taxes, for employer's failure to withhold, for declarations of estimated tax and for citation authority. In corporate net income tax: further providing for reports and payment of tax; providing for amended reports; and further providing for enforcement, rules and regulations and inquisitorial powers of the department. In bank and trust company shares tax: further providing for imposition of tax, for ascertainment of taxable amount and exclusion of United States obligations, for apportionment and for definitions. In gross receipts tax: further providing for imposition of tax. In realty transfer tax: further providing for definitions, for exempt parties and for excluded transactions. In cigarette tax: further providing for incidence and rate of tax, for floor tax, for stamp to evidence the tax, for commissions on sales and for disposition of certain funds. Imposing a tobacco products tax. In research and development tax credit: further providing for time limitations. In film production tax credit: making editorial changes; further providing for scope of article, definitions and for limitations; providing for reissuance of film production tax credits, for concert rehearsal and tour and for video game production. Establishing the coal refuse energy and reclamation tax credit. Establishing the waterfront development tax credit. In tax credit for new jobs: further providing for definitions and for tax credits. In city revitalization and improvement zones: further providing for definitions and for establishment of contracting authority; providing for contracting authority duties; further providing for approval, for functions of contracting authorities, for qualified businesses, for funds, for reports, for calculation of baseline, for certification, for transfers, for restrictions, for transfer of property, for Commonwealth pledges and for guidelines; and providing for review. Establishing the Manufacturing and Investment Tax Credit. In neighborhood assistance tax credit: further providing for definitions, for tax credit and for grant of tax credit. In neighborhood improvement zones: further providing for definitions and for Neighborhood Improvement Zone Funds; and providing for taxes, for property assessment and for exceptions. In Keystone Special Development Zone Program: further providing for Keystone Special Development Zone tax credit. Providing for keystone opportunity zones, keystone opportunity expansion zones and keystone opportunity improvement zones. Providing for mixed-use development tax credit, the Mixed-use Development Program and Mixed-use Development Program Fund. Providing for Keystone Innovation Zones. In malt beverage tax: further providing for limited tax credits. In inheritance tax: further providing for definitions, for transfers not subject to tax and for deductions not allowed. Providing for table game taxes. In procedure and administration: further providing for petition procedure. Establishing the computer data center equipment incentive program. Providing for a tax amnesty program. Making related repeals. Further providing for preemption of local government tax. Directing the Office of Attorney General to attempt to obtain the consent of participating manufacturers under the Master Settlement Agreement for amendments. Providing for applicability for imposed taxes," further providing for the applicability of realty transfer tax exclusion provisions; and imposing a duty on the Department of Revenue to refund certain realty transfer taxes paid.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—186

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—17

Acosta	Cruz	Grove	Staats
Boyle	Davidson	Maher	Warner
Bradford	Evans	McNeill	Watson
Burns	Galloway	Santarsiero	Wheatley
Cohen			

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.

The SPEAKER. Representative Karen Boback is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to a championship team.

Members, if you will take your seats, please.

Representative Boback, the floor is yours.

Members, can I ask you all to please take your seats. Members, if you could, if you could please take your seats.

These young ladies have— How far is the drive? It was 2 1/2 hours. They have driven 2 1/2 hours to be with us today.

I would really appreciate if we could all take our seats. Members, please take your seats. Thank you so much.

TUNKHANNOCK LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Boback, the floor is yours. Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to make mention that I am joined by our good colleague, Sandra Major, who represented Wyoming County prior to me – I had half; she had half – and now she is here with us to congratulate our wonderful team from Wyoming County.

The Tunkhannock Little League 8- to 10-Year-Old Softball Team is being honored today upon winning the 2016 Little League 8- to 10-Year-Old Softball Pennsylvania State Tournament. This Little League of 8- to 10-year-olds, "defeated the team from Saint Mary's with a score of 8 to 3, finishing an undefeated tournament run and capturing Tunkhannock Little League's first State championship since 1977. To its great credit, the team advanced to the East Region Little League 8- to 10-Year-Old Softball Invitational Tournament."

Now, this was under the expert guidance of their coaches. When I call your name, coaches, please stand. In the back, we have coach Tim Hannon; coach Chris Lockard; and a former student of mine, coach Mike Marabell.

This team was comprised of Hallie Brown, Alexis Gilroy, Kaya Hannon, McKenzie Hannon, Sydney Huff, Elaina Kulsicavage, Karley Lockard, Paige Marabell, Ella McNeff, Lily Parr, Julianna Roote, and Cali Wisnosky.

And I would like to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, the girls on the dais with me and with Representative Major, they were with the team for 2 years, 2 straight years leading it to a championship. We have Paige Marabell, Karley Lockard, Kaya Hannon, Lily Parr, Sydney Huff, and Julianna Roote.

If you have noticed my color scheme today, having been in the Tunkhannock Area School District for 33 years, I, too, am a Tiger. And what I told the girls: We are a Tiger team, and once a Tiger, always a Tiger.

Congratulations, ladies. Congratulations, coaches. I am honored to have you here with us today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Boback and Representative Major.

And young ladies, congratulations. That is outstanding. Our good friend, Representative Matt Gabler, I think was probably disappointed. You beat the St. Mary's Team, huh? Eight to three – that is a big, a big win. Congratulations. It is great to have you here. Thanks for coming.

Representative Mike Hanna is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to a championship team.

Members, please take your seats.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Craig Staats is on the House floor and should be placed back on the master roll.

Members, please take your seats.

KEYSTONE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna, the floor is yours, sir. Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the full House for the opportunity to show our great pride in our Keystone Little Leaguers.

It is my pleasure to stand before you today in the House of Representatives to recognize the outstanding achievements of this extraordinary group of young men from the heart of our great State.

The 2016 season started with over 1800 teams comprised of 10-, 11-, and 12-year-olds from all across the country. I am proud to congratulate the Keystone Little League 11- and 12-Year-Old All-Star Baseball Team for their outstanding season. It was a huge accomplishment and you boys should be very proud of yourselves.

The Keystone Little Leaguers, representing Beech Creek, Castanea, Loganton, Lock Haven, and Mill Hall – five communities in my district – won the hearts of their hometowns and the hearts of all Pennsylvanians with their record-setting 17-and-3 season by capturing the State championship title against Warwick by a score of 11 to 8. After their State championship, Keystone moved on to national play, and game after game, Keystone knocked off one team after another, beating West Side, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, and Capitol City, to name just a few, ultimately losing to New York, the eventual world champions.

Throughout the season, talent, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and appreciation of their fans were present during every game. The parents, fans, and volunteers who all contributed to the success of this team need to be commended. Although the team was one win shy of competing in the Little League World Series, having fallen short of a win in the Mid-Atlantic regional title game, our hearts are filled with pride in Clinton County and across Pennsylvania. These extraordinary young men have truly demonstrated the best of what our region, and Pennsylvania as a whole, has to offer. Keystone Little League has a history of

commanding record-setting crowds and has provided a much-needed lift to our region that will have a long-lasting impact for years to come.

Joining me at the rostrum today are coach Cole Hanley – when I call your name, how about waving to everyone – coach Cole Hanley, manager Ben Falls, and players Kaden Falls, Cayde McCloskey, and Cy Probst. And in the back House, we have – if you would stand in back when I call your name – Brady Bendik; Nate Helms; Josh Keibler; Aidan Major; my hunting buddy, Aaron Miller; Blade Myers; Ryan Pentz; Ryan Thompson; and Nash Welch.

Also joining the team today is a longtime staffer from my district office, Janaan Maggs. Janaan.

Please join me in applauding the athletic achievements of the Keystone Major Little League 11- and 12-Year-Old All-Star Baseball Team.

The SPEAKER. Great job, guys. Outstanding. Thanks so much for coming to see us today, and all the best as you keep going forward playing baseball. Thank you for being here.

DR. DAVID FINEGOLD INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have a very distinguished guest. He is the new president of Chatham University in the Pittsburgh area. Chatham has a campus in downtown Pittsburgh, and also has a campus out in the North Hills in Richland Township. Dr. David Finegold was just named the new president of that distinguished university. Dr. Finegold will be the 19th president in the institution's 147-year history.

He has nearly 30 years of experience in higher education as a researcher, author, professor, academic dean, senior vice president, and chief academic officer. He graduated summa cum laude from Harvard in 1985, and listen to this, was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he received his doctor of philosophy in politics in 1992.

Dr. Finegold and his wife, Susan, joined the Chatham community on July 1, 2016, following the retirement of President Esther Barazzone, whom many of you know, who is retiring after leading Chatham for 24 years. He is a renowned scholar and educational innovator and has dedicated his career to education reform, the design of high-performance organizations, and extensive research on education and skill-creation systems around the globe.

At this time I am going to put him on spot a little bit. I am actually going to ask him to come up to the rostrum and say a few words about his new post. Dr. Finegold, we would love to have you come on up. Thank you.

Dr. FINEGOLD. Thank you very much for the kind introduction.

It is a great pleasure to be here in this beautiful hall and to be part of the higher education community here in Pennsylvania and in Pittsburgh. It is a great honor to be the 19th president at Chatham. As many of you may know, we are, among other things, the most sustainable private university in the world with our new campus at Eden Hall, and we are very excited to work with all of you to continue to move Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania forward as the next great higher education destination. So thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Dr. Finegold. Thank you for being here.

DISTRICT I ALL-STAR SOFTBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representatives Roae, Wentling, James, and Bizzarro are now together invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to a championship team.

Members, I would ask that you please take your seats.

Representative Brad Roae, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we have the honor of recognizing the District I All-Star Softball Team for capturing first place in the 2016 Senior League East Region Softball Tournament.

Mr. Speaker, this team won the PA Section 1 title, the PA State championship, the eastern regional championship, and they came in third place overall in the World Series. Their total record for the season was a very impressive 15-and-2 record. At the World Series, they beat teams from Delaware, the Philippines, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the Czech Republic, and their season finally ended when they were beaten by a team from Canada.

The girls on the team come from areas such as Saegertown, Cambridge Springs, Cochranon, Waterford, Atlantic, Pleasantville, and the Meadville area. So, Mr. Speaker, our team consists of – let me introduce the seniors first; the seniors are behind us. And I should have mentioned before, these girls represent a very wide rural area. They live in the legislative districts of myself, Representative Lee James, Representative Ryan Bizzarro, and Representative Parke Wentling.

And the girls we have up here by the Speaker are our seniors. We have Haley Wells – if you want to raise your hand, Haley – Selaina Dragosavac, Brittney Williams, Payton Cole, and Kaylene Chaffee.

And let me read a little bit – we have citations we are going to present to the girls. I am going to read part of what they say. The citations say "To its great credit, the team won the tournament by defeating a team from New Jersey with a score of 14 to 7, and it advanced to the semifinals of the 2016 Senior League Softball World Series. Under the expert guidance of Head Coach John Kutz and Assistant Coaches Mark McKissock, Tom Brunot and Brian Hanley, the team was comprised of Brienna Canter, Kaylene Chaffee, Payton Cole, Selaina Dragosavac, Kayla Freyermuth, Mackenzie Freyermuth, Courtney Hess, Haley Hess, Shealeigh Keller, Alysyn McClymonds, Carlie Schlosser, Taylor Schultz, Haley Wells, Brittney Williams and Katelyn Young."

Also providing assistance and support for the team were Madelynn Dragosavac and Brooklyn Cole, who were managers, and the team photographer was Jeanne Willis.

So I would like to ask all members and guests to please give a nice round of applause to our champions up here on the stage. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I should have mentioned, in the back we have the rest of the team. We have the seniors up here, but the rest of the players on the team are in the back near the American flag. If I could have the girls stand up, please, and wave so the members can see you. Congratulations as well.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, young ladies. You certainly traveled a good distance from the northwest corner of our State, and we are so proud to have you here and to learn about your outstanding championship.

Representative Roae, Representative James, Representative Wentling, Representative Bizzarro, thank you so much for bringing these young ladies to the Capitol.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located in the rear of the House, Representative Cook-Artis has an outstanding group. Representative Cook-Artis has brought us students from the Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences in Philadelphia. Will you please stand. What a great group. Thank you for being here today. And I understand you are going to be performing in the East Wing Rotunda this afternoon, so we are going to be sure to try to get down there. Thank you so much for being here today.

To the left of the rostrum, Kyle Kern. Kyle Kern is serving as an intern in Representative Lynda Culver's district office. Great to see you, sir. Thank you for being here.

Also to the left, we welcome Alfred Bendell. Alfred, please stand. He is right there with Representative Jesse Topper, and he is from Franklin County. Thanks for being here, sir.

Now, I saw Representative Rick Saccone in the back, and maybe he could bring his guests forward to the railing. Representative Saccone, you have some guests today, right? If you could bring them up to the railing so everybody can meet them. Representative Saccone brings us the Wilhelm family – and if you could raise your hand as I call your name – Clyde; Heather; Sarah; Clyde, Sr.; and Emma. Thank you so much for being here today. Great to have you.

THE HARRISBURG INTERNSHIP SEMESTER PROGRAM INTERNS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. I think all these individuals are going to be very happy today. They are a group of interns participating in the State System of Higher Education's fall Harrisburg Internship Semester. And if they could all stand, please. Where are they located? Over there in the back left, right?

Now, I know you come from a variety of the universities, but we have Bria Canaday – raise your hand – and she is with the Department of Probation and Parole; Adam Bridges, who is with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Caitlin Glazier, who is with the Department of Agriculture; Sarah Bullock, who is with the Department of State; Debbie Jennings, who is with the Department of Environmental Protection; Erin Klingaman, Office of Senator Vincent Hughes; C.J. Collins is with the Department of State; Nicole Fidler is in my office, the Office of the Speaker; Jenny Bront is with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Kayla Sweet is in the Office of the Majority Leader; Jasmine Hurt is with the Department of Labor and Industry; and Claudia Pehowic is with the Department of Health – and I think I got that right, Claudia. Great to have you all here. Thanks so much for being with us today.

I know this speaks of many of our staff members, but my former chief of staff was a Lock Haven University graduate, and my present chief of staff is a Bloomsburg University graduate, and her daughter went to Kutztown. So it is great to have you here. We really appreciate your being with us today. My dad was a Slippery Rock University grad.

Okay. Thanks, everybody.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. And in the rear of the House, we welcome guests of the York County delegation, for the entire York County delegation, and we have Sarah Bradley from the York County United Way office, and she is here with her daughter, Sarah, and her daughter's friend, Aman. They are participating in the Pre-K pumpkin patch. Thanks for being with us today. Great to have you.

In the gallery, the Chair welcomes students from the Northumberland County Youth Leadership Program. Will you please rise. The Northumberland County Youth Leadership Program. Oh, they are over here; I am sorry. They are guests of Representative Kurt Masser. Great to have you.

Representative Garth Everett has brought some guests, and they are in the gallery, from Jersey Shore. Please stand, the folks from Jersey Shore. These are students that homeschool, and they have come down all the way from Jersey Shore as guests of Representative Garth Everett. Give them a warm welcome.

In the well of the House, the Chair welcomes guest pages Xavier and Kiernan Coburn and Michael Wizorek. These guest pages are from Greenville, right near the Ohio border. Great town. Thiel College is located there. They are the guests of Representative Parke Wentling. Thanks so much for being with us today.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Seth Grove is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. FARINA called up **HR 985, PN 3800**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2016 as "Native American Month" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. GODSHALL called up **HR 1036, PN 3958**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 21, 2016, as "Biomedical Research Day" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. BAKER called up **HR 1055, PN 3988**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2016 as "COPD Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Ms. OBERLANDER called up **HR 1072, PN 4020**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 14, 2016, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1076, PN 4033**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2016 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1077, PN 4034**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 17, 2016, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1078, PN 4035**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 14 through 18, 2016, as "American Education Week" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1080, PN 4047**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 12 through 20, 2016, as "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. GIBBONS called up **HR 1088, PN 4053**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2016 as "Agent Orange Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

* * *

Mr. ROEBUCK called up **HR 1089, PN 4083**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 16 through 22, 2016, as "National Chemistry Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—187

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Adolph | Farry | Lewis | Ravenstahl |
| Artis | Fee | Longietti | Readshaw |
| Baker | Flynn | Mackenzie | Reed |
| Barbin | Frankel | Mahoney | Reese |
| Barrar | Freeman | Major | Regan |
| Benninghoff | Gabler | Maloney | Roae |
| Bizzarro | Gainey | Markosek | Roebuck |
| Bloom | Gergely | Marshall | Ross |
| Boback | Gibbons | Marsico | Rothman |
| Briggs | Gillen | Masser | Rozzi |
| Brown, R. | Gillespie | Matzie | Saccone |
| Brown, V. | Gingrich | McCarter | Sainato |
| Bullock | Godshall | McClinton | Samuelson |
| Caltagirone | Goodman | McGinnis | Sankey |
| Carroll | Greiner | Mentzer | Santora |
| Causar | Grove | Metcalfe | Savage |
| Christiana | Hahn | Metzgar | Saylor |
| Conklin | Hanna | Miccarelli | Schemel |
| Corbin | Harhai | Millard | Schlossberg |

- | | | | |
|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Costa, D. | Harhart | Miller, B. | Schreiber |
| Costa, P. | Harkins | Miller, D. | Schweyer |
| Cox | Harper | Milne | Simmons |
| Culver | Harris, A. | Moul | Sims |
| Cutler | Harris, J. | Mullery | Snyder |
| Daley, M. | Heffley | Murt | Sonney |
| Daley, P. | Helm | Mustio | Staats |
| Davis | Hennessey | Neilson | Stephens |
| Dawkins | Hickernell | Nelson | Sturla |
| Day | Hill | Nesbit | Tallman |
| Dean | Irvin | Neuman | Taylor |
| Deasy | James | O'Brien | Thomas |
| DeLissio | Jozwiak | O'Neill | Tobash |
| DeLozier | Kampf | Oberlander | Toepel |
| DeLuca | Kaufner | Ortitay | Toohil |
| Dermody | Kavulich | Parker, D. | Topper |
| Diamond | Keller, F. | Pashinski | Truitt |
| DiGirolamo | Keller, M.K. | Payne | Vereb |
| Donatucci | Keller, W. | Peifer | Vitali |
| Driscoll | Kim | Petrarca | Ward |
| Dunbar | Kinsey | Petri | Wentling |
| Dush | Kirkland | Pickett | Wheeland |
| Ellis | Klunk | Pyle | White |
| Emrick | Knowles | Quigley | Youngblood |
| English | Kortz | Quinn, C. | Zimmerman |
| Evankovich | Kotik | Quinn, M. | |
| Everett | Krueger | Rader | Turzai, |
| Fabrizio | Lawrence | Rapp | Speaker |
| Farina | | | |

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Kauffman

EXCUSED—15

- | | | | |
|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Acosta | Cohen | Galloway | Warner |
| Boyle | Cruz | Maher | Watson |
| Bradford | Davidson | McNeill | Wheatley |
| Burns | Evans | Santarsiero | |

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

The SPEAKER. There are three members who wish to speak on resolutions on the uncontested calendar, and we will go in order of the resolutions. Representative Donna Oberlander will be recognized to speak on HR 1072, followed by Representative Gibbons on HR 1088, and then Representative Roebuck on HR 1089.

STATEMENT BY MS. OBERLANDER

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Oberlander is called upon.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to thank the members for their unanimous support of the resolution for World Diabetes Day. Each year we do this as a way to raise awareness of diabetes and the impact that it has on some of us in this chamber, some of our loved ones, and many of the constituents of the Commonwealth.

So again, I thank the members, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

Representative Jaret Gibbons. We will go over Representative Gibbons' remarks at this time.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROEBUCK

The SPEAKER. Representative Roebuck is called upon to speak on HR 1089.

Members, please take your seats.

Representative Roebuck, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is again my honor to offer the resolution proclaiming National Chemistry Week in the State of Pennsylvania. Some of you will recognize the importance of chemistry in our individual lives – 96 percent of all manufactured goods involve some form of chemistry. Chemistry is a contributor to the Commonwealth's economic vitality, employing slightly under 50,000 Pennsylvanians. I thank the members of the House for their unanimous support of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Roebuck.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. THOMAS called up **HR 875, PN 3314**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the memory of Samuel Staten, Sr., and extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Members, I would ask you all to please take your seats. Representative Thomas will be honoring the memory of Samuel Staten, Sr., and I would ask everybody to please take your seats.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask those members of the Philadelphia delegation that either worked directly or indirectly worked with Mr. Samuel Staten, Sr., business manager and president of Laborers' District Council 332, I would like for them to come forward. I know that some of our labor friends from western Pennsylvania interacted with Mr. Staten, and I would like for them to come forward. Representative Gainey.

Mr. Speaker, this is a diverse group but a small microcosm of the large family of friends that loved, respected, and worked directly with Mr. Samuel Staten, Sr. He was a longtime leader of the Philadelphia Laborers' 332 Union. He passed away in April, but his legacy will continue to live in the city and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that he helped shape. He was considered a legend in the world of Pennsylvania labor for more than a half century.

Mr. Staten, who was born in Jacksonville, Florida, moved to Philadelphia during his early years and received his education in Philadelphia schools. Once he completed his education, he

worked as a construction laborer until 1970 when he became a Local 332 field representative. In 1973 he was appointed assistant business manager, and in 1978 he was elected business manager, a position he held until 2008. Samuel Staten, Sr., officially retired in 2010. He also served as secretary-treasurer of the Laborers' District Council of the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia and Vicinity. His other numerous positions included his role as trustee of the Laborers' District Council Building and Construction Health and Welfare Fund, a delegate to the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council, and a board member of the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

His contributions to the city he loved, and specifically to the labor movement and to workers' rights, are immeasurable. His charitable nature was also known to many throughout the region. In 1987 he was presented with a monetary award from his members for his hard work and dedication. Rather than keep the generous gift, he decided to donate it to four charities. This selfless action inspired the Laborers' District Council Charity Fund, which was later renamed the Samuel Staten, Sr. Charitable Trust fund in his honor. In addition, he is credited with raising millions of dollars for charity.

This self-made man never forgot his roots and always sought to give back to his community, whether that was through his tireless advocacy for workers or his charity work. Samuel Staten, Sr., was a mentor to many and an inspiration to leaders throughout Philadelphia. He was truly nothing less than a giant in the world of the Philadelphia labor and civic community, and he will be missed.

Again, Mr. Speaker, and to my colleagues, we thank you for your support in honoring this great man.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Adolph	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Artis	Farry	Lewis	Readshaw
Baker	Fee	Longietti	Reed
Barbin	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Mahoney	Regan
Benninghoff	Freeman	Major	Roae
Bizzarro	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Bloom	Gainey	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gergely	Marshall	Rothman
Boyle	Gibbons	Marsico	Rozzi
Briggs	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Bullock	Godshall	McClinton	Sankey
Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Savage
Causer	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Conklin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Corbin	Harhai	Millard	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Costa, P.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Simmons
Cox	Harper	Milne	Sims
Culver	Harris, A.	Moul	Snyder
Cutler	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sonney
Daley, M.	Heffley	Murt	Staats
Daley, P.	Helm	Mustio	Stephens
Davis	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Dawkins	Hickernell	Nelson	Tallman

Day	Hill	Nesbit	Taylor
Dean	Irvin	Neuman	Thomas
Deasy	James	O'Brien	Tobash
DeLissio	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Toepel
Delozier	Kampf	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLuca	Kaufner	Ortitay	Topper
Dermody	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Truitt
Diamond	Kavulich	Pashinski	Vereb
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Payne	Vitali
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Ward
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
Dunbar	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Dush	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Ellis	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Emrick	Klunk	Quigley	Zimmerman
English	Knowles	Quinn, C.	
Evankovich	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Everett	Kotik	Rader	Speaker
Fabrizio	Krueger	Rapp	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-14

Acosta	Cruz	Maher	Warner
Bradford	Davidson	McNeill	Watson
Burns	Evans	Santarsiero	Wheatley
Cohen	Galloway		

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

* * *

Mr. MICCARELLI called up **HR 1087, PN 4052**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Edward Guy, the former Mayor of Ridley Park and expressing condolences upon his passing.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-189

Adolph	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Artis	Farry	Lewis	Readshaw
Baker	Fee	Longietti	Reed
Barbin	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Mahoney	Regan
Benninghoff	Freeman	Major	Roae
Bizzarro	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Bloom	Gainey	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gergely	Marshall	Rothman
Boyle	Gibbons	Marsico	Rozzi
Briggs	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Bullock	Godshall	McClinton	Sankey
Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Savage
Causar	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Conklin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Corbin	Harhai	Millard	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, B.	Schweyer

Costa, P.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Simmons
Cox	Harper	Milne	Sims
Culver	Harris, A.	Moul	Snyder
Cutler	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sonney
Daley, M.	Heffley	Murt	Staats
Daley, P.	Helm	Mustio	Stephens
Davis	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Dawkins	Hickernell	Nelson	Tallman
Day	Hill	Nesbit	Taylor
Dean	Irvin	Neuman	Thomas
Deasy	James	O'Brien	Tobash
DeLissio	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Toepel
Delozier	Kampf	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLuca	Kaufner	Ortitay	Topper
Dermody	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Truitt
Diamond	Kavulich	Pashinski	Vereb
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Payne	Vitali
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Ward
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
Dunbar	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Dush	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Ellis	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Emrick	Klunk	Quigley	Zimmerman
English	Knowles	Quinn, C.	
Evankovich	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Everett	Kotik	Rader	Speaker
Fabrizio	Krueger	Rapp	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-14

Acosta	Cruz	Maher	Warner
Bradford	Davidson	McNeill	Watson
Burns	Evans	Santarsiero	Wheatley
Cohen	Galloway		

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

* * *

Mr. MASSER called up **HR 1075, PN 4032**, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging Pennsylvanians to participate in Project Blue Light.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-189

Adolph	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Artis	Farry	Lewis	Readshaw
Baker	Fee	Longietti	Reed
Barbin	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Mahoney	Regan
Benninghoff	Freeman	Major	Roae
Bizzarro	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Bloom	Gainey	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gergely	Marshall	Rothman
Boyle	Gibbons	Marsico	Rozzi
Briggs	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Bullock	Godshall	McClinton	Sankey

Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Savage
Causser	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Conklin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Corbin	Harhai	Millard	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Costa, P.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Simmons
Cox	Harper	Milne	Sims
Culver	Harris, A.	Moul	Snyder
Cutler	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sonney
Daley, M.	Heffley	Murt	Staats
Daley, P.	Helm	Mustio	Stephens
Davis	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Dawkins	Hickernell	Nelson	Tallman
Day	Hill	Nesbit	Taylor
Dean	Irvin	Neuman	Thomas
Deasy	James	O'Brien	Tobash
DeLissio	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Toepel
Delozier	Kampf	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLuca	Kaufner	Ortitay	Topper
Dermody	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Truitt
Diamond	Kavulich	Pashinski	Vereb
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Payne	Vitali
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Ward
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
Dunbar	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Dush	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Ellis	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Emrick	Klunk	Quigley	Zimmerman
English	Knowles	Quinn, C.	
Evankovich	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Everett	Kotik	Rader	Speaker
Fabrizio	Krueger	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Cruz	Maher	Warner
Bradford	Davidson	McNeill	Watson
Burns	Evans	Santarsiero	Wheatley
Cohen	Galloway		

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

* * *

Mr. P. COSTA called up **HR 1090, PN 4084**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the significant contributions of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service organization, and further recognizing its Biennial National Convention being held December 27 through 30, 2016, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Adolph	Farina	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Artis	Farry	Lewis	Readshaw
Baker	Fee	Longietti	Reed
Barbin	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Mahoney	Regan

Benninghoff	Freeman	Major	Roae
Bizzarro	Gabler	Maloney	Roebuck
Bloom	Gainey	Markosek	Ross
Boback	Gergely	Marshall	Rothman
Boyle	Gibbons	Marsico	Rozzi
Briggs	Gillen	Masser	Saccone
Brown, R.	Gillespie	Matzie	Sainato
Brown, V.	Gingrich	McCarter	Samuelson
Bullock	Godshall	McClinton	Sankey
Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Savage
Causser	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Conklin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Corbin	Harhai	Millard	Schreiber
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Costa, P.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Simmons
Cox	Harper	Milne	Sims
Culver	Harris, A.	Moul	Snyder
Cutler	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sonney
Daley, M.	Heffley	Murt	Staats
Daley, P.	Helm	Mustio	Stephens
Davis	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Dawkins	Hickernell	Nelson	Tallman
Day	Hill	Nesbit	Taylor
Dean	Irvin	Neuman	Thomas
Deasy	James	O'Brien	Tobash
DeLissio	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Toepel
Delozier	Kampf	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLuca	Kaufner	Ortitay	Topper
Dermody	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Truitt
Diamond	Kavulich	Pashinski	Vereb
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Payne	Vitali
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Ward
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
Dunbar	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Dush	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Ellis	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Emrick	Klunk	Quigley	Zimmerman
English	Knowles	Quinn, C.	
Evankovich	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Everett	Kotik	Rader	Speaker
Fabrizio	Krueger	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—14

Acosta	Cruz	Maher	Warner
Bradford	Davidson	McNeill	Watson
Burns	Evans	Santarsiero	Wheatley
Cohen	Galloway		

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

STATEMENT BY MR. GIBBONS

The SPEAKER. Representative Jaret Gibbons is recognized to speak on HR 1088.

Mr. GIBBONS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank my colleagues for supporting HR 1088, designating October as "Agent Orange Awareness Month."

The Vietnam war was the longest conflict in American history. During that time the government of South Vietnam and the United States fought against communist governments in North Vietnam and the Vietcong. Our American servicepersons

had tremendous courage and determination while fighting some of most enduring acts of torture ever encountered by the U.S. military. Close to 500,000 men and women from Pennsylvania served during this conflict. I believe that it is important for us to honor the men and women who bravely served our country and were exposed to agent orange and other dangerous herbicides.

Federal law provides for the presumption that certain diseases are a direct result of the exposure to agent orange. Our government knew at the time of the risks involved with using 19 million gallons of this herbicide, and many soldiers' lives were scarred forever while fighting for our safety and freedom. Thousands of veterans have died as a result of being exposed to agent orange.

Just recently I had the opportunity to spend some time at a going-away celebration for the first member of the Pennsylvania Legislature who served in the Vietnam war, Representative Bob Belfanti. For those of you who do not know, Bob is suffering in some final stages of illness and may not have a lot of time left with us, but he wanted to spend it with the men and women who worked with him for many years. He was my chairman for the Labor Committee in my first few terms here in the legislature. Men like him deserve our thanks and our gratitude. They suffered. They came home. They may have survived when many did not, but they had to survive with the illnesses that were brought on by their exposure to agent orange.

So for Bob Belfanti and for all of our veterans who are suffering still today, I thank all of my colleagues for joining me in passing this resolution. Let us continue to honor and bless each and every one of them who have served for us. So thank you all.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Ron Marsico, chair of the Judiciary Committee, for an announcement.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Judiciary Committee will have a voting meeting at the break in room 205, Ryan Building. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Judiciary Committee will have a voting meeting at the break in room 205, Ryan Building.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Bill Adolph, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, for an 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 House Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Sandra Major, the caucus chair, for a caucus announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 3 p.m. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 3 o'clock. We would be prepared to come back on the floor, Mr. Speaker, at 4 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel, minority caucus chair, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will also caucus at 3 p.m. Democrats will caucus at 3 p.m. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, the House will stand in recess until 4 p.m. We are going to try to be promptly here at 4 p.m. We have members of this august chamber who are going to be presenting their final remarks to the chamber, so I would very much like to be back by 4 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 4:30 p.m.; further extended until 5 p.m.; further extended until 5:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Representative EVANKOVICH has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative SAYLOR has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative KOTIK has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Margo Davidson is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1280, PN 4080

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for prohibition of a recyclable plastic bag ban, fee, surcharge or tax.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1804, PN 3947

By Rep. ADOLPH

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, providing for contributions for pediatric cancer research.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2134, PN 3483

By Rep. ADOLPH

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2382, PN 4081

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, further providing for records of and reports by employers; in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for determination of contribution rate and experience rating, for interest on past due contributions and for limitations upon enforcement of payment of contributions, interest and penalties; in compensation, further providing for qualifications required to secure compensation, for ineligibility of incarcerated employee and for rate and amount of compensation; in determination of compensation and appeals and reviews and procedure, further providing for determination of compensation appeals and for decision of referee and further appeals and reviews; in protection of rights and compensation, further providing for certain agreements void and penalty; in penalty provisions, further providing for false statements and representations to obtain or increase compensation, for false statements and representations to prevent or reduce compensation and other offenses and for violation of act and rules and regulations; and providing for an amnesty program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1265, PN 2183

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1975 (P.L.604, No.173), entitled "An act to facilitate the use of electronic funds transfer systems by providing that credits to accounts in financial institutions designated by recipients shall satisfy legal requirements for payments by cash or checks," further providing for electronic funds transfers; providing for definitions; further providing for consumer protections; providing for payroll card accounts; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1282, PN 2066

By Rep. ADOLPH

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Watson is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE****HR 1073, PN 4021**

By Rep. MARSICO

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the scope of records maintained and fees collected by the county recorder of deeds offices in this Commonwealth and to make recommendations.

JUDICIARY.

The SPEAKER. Members, I would ask everybody to please take your seats. All members are requested to come to the House floor. We have three members that we are going to be honoring today who are retiring.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Craig Staats is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1103 By Representatives PYLE, MATZIE, KOTIK, VEREB, YOUNGBLOOD, ROZZI, D. COSTA, FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, BOBACK, DRISCOLL, WARD, A. HARRIS, V. BROWN, MARSHALL, SAYLOR, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, MILNE, BURNS, FRANKEL, ROTHMAN, GAINNEY, KORTZ, P. COSTA, BIZZARRO, SIMS, DeLUCA and NELSON

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing two additional passenger rail trips daily between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and its impact on existing freight rail service.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 24, 2016.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2425 By Representative KINSEY

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for recordings by body-worn cameras.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 24, 2016.

No. 2426 By Representatives BOYLE, KINSEY, BOBACK, DRISCOLL, FREEMAN, DAVIS, McNEILL, TAYLOR, V. BROWN, HARHAI, ROZZI and DONATUCCI

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for possession and use of opioid antagonists.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 24, 2016.

No. 2427 By Representative ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for slot machine license fee and for specific authority to suspend slot machine license; in licensees, further providing for change in ownership or control of slot machine licensee; in table games, further providing for condition of continued operation and for table game authorization fee; and, in revenues, further providing for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, October 24, 2016.

No. 2428 By Representative ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revenues relating to gaming, further providing for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, October 24, 2016.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Galloway of Bucks County is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll. Representative Burns of Cambria County is back on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

Members, I would ask you all to please take your seats. All members are requested to come immediately to the House floor, and I would ask all members to please take their seats. Any members in the anterooms, I would ask you to please come to the House floor.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MRS. GINGRICH

The SPEAKER. I am very honored to recognize our good friend and colleague and an outstanding legislator, Mauree A. Gingrich, who has served the 101st District of Lebanon County now for 14 years. She was first elected in 2002.

Chairwoman Gingrich has served as chair of the Labor and Industry Committee this session, as a member of the House Rules Committee, and a subcommittee chair on Care and Services with the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee. She is also a member of the Local Government Commission.

Prior to serving in the House, Representative Gingrich worked as a market research consultant, and she and her husband, Cal, have four children and seven grandchildren.

This daughter of a State Police officer has served with such fine distinction in the House of Representatives, and I now ask our good friend, Mauree, to come to the rostrum to speak to you today. Thank you very much, members.

Mrs. GINGRICH. And he says take your time, after they did that all to us in caucus.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker; Leader Reed, my classmate, busy on the floor as always; Leader Dermody; and to my members for having the patience to give me my 5 after 14 years in the House.

You know, early on in my tenure, I identified two key attributes that were necessary for a good speech: brevity and a sense of humor. Now, brevity I can try to manage; sense of humor comes when you just do not take yourself too seriously. I think you would all agree.

I wanted to begin my farewell with a statement that I really mean: I am really glad I came in the first place. As I say goodbye, I want to stress the fact that I could not have more of an honor than serving here. I honestly did not think that I would stay for more than a decade, but that was before I realized how slowly this legislative process works. In fact, while I have had numerous bills passed and am very happy for that – I still have one initiative, one bill, that is still going through the legislative process. So I am nothing if not persistent.

I have been honored to serve the people of the 101st District for the past 14 years, and I want to thank them first for the faith and the trust that they have put in me through all these elections, and I am honored to have the opportunity to have walked shoulder to shoulder with them, to have accomplished a great deal in our district.

When I am asked about what I am most proud, while I am happy that we can get good legislation done together – and that we have done – I must say that building an outstanding district office staff is probably one of the things that I am most proud of. I have a staff that will go the extra mile every day, any day, for the people that we serve, and they are here with me today. Oh, imagine this, they sat through all of this this afternoon. I credit them for that. I am going to tell you who they are, and at the end, help me recognize them for their hard work. We all know we could not do it without our staff, and really, in the district it is critical.

Jamie Miller has been with me my entire tenure. Jamie is here with her daughter, Chloe. Stephanie Grumbein, another daughter of a Pennsylvania State policeman, has been with me for over a decade, and she is sitting here at the side. And Carissa – where is the little blonde girl? There she is. Carissa has been with me since her eighth grade junior achievement class that I taught in her middle school when she said, "I think I kind of want to be like you when I grow up." She was with me through a college internship, through our outstanding BMC (Bipartisan Management Committee) Fellowship Program, and has now been on my staff off and on – not off and on, but full-time and part-time – for the past 5 years. My right arm here at the Capitol is also over there, Anne Yanikov, and she does the job of two or three people as she helps me juggle and organize a very, very busy Labor Committee. So my best to Anne for serving with me so well and so long.

And I also want to point out – they are here somewhere, because they are always working – the executive director for our Labor Committee is John Scarpatto. He came to me most recently. I am literally working his tail off, and he does not complain and constantly brings his skills to the table. And our new addition, Greg Moreland, who has done some awesome work for us as well, especially with our constituent research and replies. He has been outstanding.

Now, everybody in this chamber knows that while we are out here doing the people's business, it takes someone at home to manage the home fires, someone that is going to give us the love and support that we need to do what we do and to meet the challenges we meet. I am blessed with a spouse – who happens to be good-looking, but that is beside the point, and not the only reason I have kept him all these years – but he is always there, always there to pick up the load, the family load, whether it is managing the household or babysitting for a couple of those grandchildren I am going to introduce over there. But I do have to thank him for his enduring patience and his tolerance of this very, very stressful lifestyle in public service. Just dealing with me in high gear must be a nightmare, and I am sure he will tell you that.

My four children, they always have been and continue to be the cornerstone for everything that is good in my life. They are my greatest asset, without a doubt. And each of them, all of them wishing they could be here, but since they are very productive and busy people, not too many are working in our field that they could be here as well. Julie, Katie, Adam, and Michael have grounded me with their love and their support in every endeavor that I have ever had. They have brightened my life with seven grandchildren while they worked on seven campaigns, as well, and following the lead of Adam, who is here today with us, our in-house campaign manager and political guru. Adam started his political journey with me in my 2002 race, and now, 14 years later, he has moved on to things like, you know, Presidential campaigns. Adam is here today with his wife, Dawn, who works with us here in the legislature, and our two precious grandchildren, Adelyn and Claire.

At this point, please let me introduce my family/staff at work and my family at home. Please stand up and let everybody say hello. They may have been clapping for your patience and endurance of me, but either way, thanks for being here.

There is one other incredible woman that I want to thank. She is not here, but that is my mom, Marie Boyd. She is, I am pretty sure, at home watching PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network), although that is a big change from her daily routine of watching Fox, so hopefully we got her to change the station so she can hear what we are doing today.

I am the eldest of her 10 children – Mike mentioned large family. My dad had a proud career with the Pennsylvania State Police, but my mother was the law enforcement at home. There was no doubt about it. She nurtured our brood in a nest that was layered with tireless energy, a strong work ethic, and instilled the importance to all of us, as well, of civil communication and the art of negotiation, which have all proven to be important attributes to each one of her 10 children in the successes they have had in life. At 93, she continues to be our matriarch. We treasure our time with her and I hope that she actually enjoys having a little more time with me next year. I did not ask her.

As I reflect on the past 14 years, it is hard to summarize what we do here, and especially 14 years of it. I cannot help but notice that I am the last woman standing from my 2003 class. I have served with three administrations, six different Speakers, and currently with – I can say that here today – my favorite, but all of them outstanding leaders. I can say, though, to you, Speaker Turzai, I have had the opportunity to know you when. So I came in, I think, just a class later than you, so I have had the opportunity to work with our Speaker when he was the

Policy chair. I was on that committee. I can remember him, I had an issue that ended up being very important to all of us, but I was having a hearing – he had given me permission to have a hearing, and he was really busy – down at Lebanon Valley College. And when someone called and told him how important this issue was and the people that were testifying, he came flying down from Harrisburg. I do not know how he got there, maybe flying, maybe driving fast, but he got there, and we were able to move forward on that issue. And that was way back in Policy when I realized the leadership he could provide to me and the things that I really hoped to get done. I worked with him as a deputy whip when you were the caucus whip, our majority leader, and now as our Speaker, so I feel that I have really been privileged to grow and thrive under your leadership as both a mentor and a friend, and I wanted to say that.

Over the many years my focus has been on our responsibility as legislators to give a voice to the voiceless and lend a hand to the most vulnerable, particularly our children, our elderly, the disabled, and victims of domestic abuse, of course. And as a result of that focus, I have served on a lot of different committees, including Appropriations, under my friend and mentor, Bill Adolph. We will be walking out the door together. That was an honor and a pleasure and taught me an awful lot about the budget that runs this Commonwealth. But I spent all 14 years on – I am looking to see if he is here; I am trying to eyeball him – working on the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, a lot of that time with Chairman Tim Hennessey. We call him my twin, because we have matching hair. Tim is a champion. He is a champion for the escalating senior population that we have here in the Commonwealth, and it has been an honor to serve with him. And now that I am demographically officially joining the senior population, I can appreciate what Tim does more, believe me.

Before being elected to the House, I spent over a decade in local government, as many of you did, a valuable asset here, and dovetailing with that, I have had the chance, and the Speaker mentioned that, to serve as an appointed member of the Local Government Commission, working with their outstanding staff. We saw one of their bills today. Their outstanding staff has given me the opportunity to, in a bipartisan manner, deal with some really important issues in our local municipal governments, which is really where government starts.

As chair of Labor and Industry, it has been quite a ride. I respect that every issue we deal with, every issue we address in that committee affects someone's job, someone's livelihood, and ultimately, their family. Our committee this term, this session, has dealt with many complex issues, and I want to thank the knowledgeable and committed committee members on both sides of the aisle who have helped us pass significant bipartisan legislation that will affect job creation and workforce development, things that are paramount to us all. And I want to give special thanks to Noah Karn. Is Noah here somewhere? Noah was with me when I first joined the Labor Committee. He was a tremendous asset to me and with helping to bring on our new executive, John Scarpato, who is definitely like a sponge and picking it all up very quickly.

But I will tell you, oh, boy, I am going to miss my South Central Caucus, a lot of us sitting right over there. We have created a real brotherhood and sisterhood dedicated to the issues that affect our area and our constituency in the "T," and

hopefully folks will continue to gather around a fire pit and continue to editorialize on how things should be done.

As I ponder what I am going to do, life's next adventure, I doubt that anything can match the unique experience and opportunities that I have had and that you have had in the House of Representatives here in Pennsylvania.

And unfortunately, the female representation has not quite reached equality over the years since January 2 in 1922 when the then departing Governor Sproul stood here and said, used these words, "Welcome, ladies and gentleman of the General Assembly." I am grateful for the extraordinary women that came before me and paved the way, and I respect and admire the women I am serving with today. Two of them are going to be moving on to new adventures at the end of the term, as I will. It has been an honor. It is my plan to continue to mentor and encourage women to consider public service roles. A legislative body functions best when it includes a variety of perspectives and differing points of view that make it truly representative.

In my failed effort towards brevity here today – and when you are a politician, by brevity we mean we just talk faster, we do not make it any shorter – I will simply end by saying thank you, thank you for walking this path with me, a very special path. And I will leave you with one piece of advice from this old Irish chick: Do not always look for the party answer; look for the right answer, and embrace and accept your responsibility for the future of this beautiful Commonwealth, this incredible State.

Thanks so much, and may the Lord be the wind beneath those wings. Thank you all.

The SPEAKER. Mauree, we are going to miss you, my dear. I have to tell you, first on the professional side. This good lady, if you were writing a history book of the legislature, has probably the most significant landmark legislation with respect to the delivery of human services. And not one bill, Mauree, many bills, so many pieces of legislation you took the forefront on and really delivered and did it with bipartisan support every single time that you ever put the bills into gear and got them over the goal line – every single time.

And if you needed – you know, sometimes issues are tough issues – but if you needed somebody to bring them down to a commonsense level and an everyday personal level, who could take complicated issues and really deliver them to working men and women and families. How many times would I be calling you late at night and saying, "Mauree, would you please deliver this speech for our caucus and really provide great perspective on it?" and you were always there and you always hit a homerun whenever you gave those remarks. Always. She was willing to go up front on so many important issues to families from, you know, birth to where we are reaching our final days, because I am right behind you on the senior thing.

So, Mauree, with that, I just want to also tell you, you have a great family, and that is because you are just one dynamic mom and wife and legislator, and thank you for your professionalism, and you are a great role model, as are the next two speakers, a great role model for women legislators. Thank you.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

Mrs. GINGRICH. Thank you. God bless you.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Bradford is on the House floor and should be placed back on the master roll.

Representative Ryan Warner is on the House floor and should be placed back on the master roll.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MS. MAJOR

The SPEAKER. Now, another great friend to all of us, a longtime member of our leadership team. Representative Sandra Major has served the 111th District of Susquehanna and Wayne Counties for 22 years. She was elected in 1994 and she is currently serving her fifth term as Republican caucus chair. She also serves on the Committee on Committees. Sandy, as we all affectionately refer to her, is a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, where she chairs the Need Analysis Committee and serves on the Executive Committee and Audit Review Committee.

Folks, she has been, without a doubt, one of the most effective – if not the most effective, at least for my tenure – caucus chairs that I have ever had the opportunity to observe and watch. She is fair. She is judicious. She is informed. She never misses any opportunity to be in front of the caucus, unless called upon for another responsibility with the leadership team; just absolute dedication and commitment.

She resides in Brackney with her husband, Tony.

And at this time I would like to call to the rostrum Representative Sandra Major, our caucus chair.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for that very kind introduction and for giving me the opportunity to speak and address the members today.

As I stand to give my final remarks, I must first say that I have been truly honored to serve 22 years as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This would not have been possible without the efforts of many people whom I would like to thank. As we each know, the job of a State legislator, if done well, can be a 24/7 commitment. The support of my family enabling me to do my job has been without hesitation. My husband, Tony, is my greatest supporter. My mother, Barbara, has always been there for me for whatever I have needed. My sister, Susan, and my brother, Stephen, and his wife, Melanie, have helped me tremendously in the district. My other sister, Billie Kaye, and her husband, David, who reside here in the Harrisburg area, have been invaluable in helping me in countless ways, and Billie Kaye is here with me today.

My extended family here in Harrisburg, which is made up of staff whose devotion and dedication are unwavering: Jessica Gray, Jennifer Harrison, and Teri Swanger are truly amazing ladies, and they are here with me. I am glad for them to be in the chamber here today. They make my work as caucus chairman possible and always ensure that everything runs smoothly in an organized fashion. I also thank Tricia Lehman, my writer, who has always helped me to keep my constituency informed. Once again, they are all here in the chamber today. If they would please stand, including my sister, Billie, and I would ask you to please help me thank them for their years of service. I thank all of you for your years of service and working with me throughout these many years.

Also, I want to thank my district staff, Debra Valunas, Alex Allen, and Karen Kazinsky, who are on that front line at all times. They are dedicated and work extremely hard to assist me as well as the constituents who come into our offices.

I also have some members of staff who have retired and I would certainly like to recognize them: Carol Cutting, Jim Mills, and Len Bennett, who worked with me here in Harrisburg; and Eileen Spencer, Debbie Kissell, and Donna Hammill, who worked in the district, also provided invaluable service over the years. My thanks to each of them.

As caucus chairman over the past 10 years, I have truly valued the commitment to lead and the passion to move a sometimes challenging agenda forward of both past and current leadership teams. I want to thank all the leaders, both Republicans and Democrats, with whom I have served, and a huge thank you to our leadership staff. They are truly amazing people.

I would also like to thank all of the House members, including several who have retired and those of you who continue to serve. Many of you are my closest friends and confidants – you know who you are, so I will not get into naming you individually. I will say, though, that I absolutely will miss each and every one of you tremendously.

Perhaps most importantly, I must thank the people of the 111th District for their trust and their faith in electing me 11 times to represent them in Harrisburg. I am honored by their belief in me and their support and enthusiasm, which motivated me to work hard for them over the past 22 years.

When I retire, certainly reflecting on all these years, something that I will absolutely recall, and I think it is something important to recall, is that we are a diverse body of members representing a diverse constituency. But despite those diversities, I am proud that, when faced with difficult challenges, we most often come together to focus on solutions to serious problems and move forward in an effort to make Pennsylvania as great as it can be, recognizing that sometimes we have different definitions of "great."

I have always viewed my position as a member of this House as an incredible privilege. Every time I enter this chamber I am touched by the grandeur of our surroundings and the magnificent history of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I have been inspired to work hard, doing the people's business and improving the lives of the constituents I have been elected to represent and all Pennsylvanians.

I will leave office in a few weeks grateful for the opportunity to serve, humbled by the experience, and hopeful that Pennsylvania's best days are yet to come. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with and serve with each and every one of you. Thank you, and may God bless.

The SPEAKER. Sandy – as I said, that is how we affectionately refer to our caucus chair, Sandra Major – for the public and for the members here in both sides, many of our heated discussions on legislation are amongst our own colleagues within our party, and that is true for I know our Democratic, when they have their caucus or when we have our Republican caucus. And the persons, for the outside world, that actually run those caucus meetings are the caucus chairs. Sandra Major has been our caucus chair – Sandy, it is the fifth term, right? – for 10 years has run our House Republican meetings on all the important issues, particularly the budgets, which we do every year, and it is in those meetings where, really, members are able to get into the details and the nuances of the legislation

that is going to be in front of us. Nobody, nobody has run – and you have to have somebody strong, particularly when you have, we are at 119, I know at 119 members, you have to have somebody strong who is fair and principled, because sometimes you have to say, "We've got to move along." Sometimes you have to say to members, "Listen, we've got to have order again. We've got to tackle this important issue," and that is not a job for, not everybody can pull off that job. You have to have a strong personality, but who is well-liked and who is fair, and who knows the rules of order. Sandy has just been outstanding. Sandy, you are outstanding, and I just have to say we think the world of her. I know you also represent your district exceptionally well, too, and that you are never, your heart and mind are never far from your home in the northeast. But you do have a role that addresses the entire State, and I think it is important that everybody out there, all the citizens know just what an important role you play.

Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MRS. HARHART

The SPEAKER. Our last speaker for this evening, before we get into some legislation, is one of my closest friends, and I know a close friend to so many of us here. Representative Julie Harhart has served the 183d District of Lehigh and Northampton Counties for 22 years. She was elected in 1994, and currently serves as the majority chair of the Professional Licensure Committee. Julie also serves on the House Transportation Committee, as well as the State Transportation Advisory Committee. She previously served on the Children's Trust Fund, the Consumer Affairs Committee, was vice chair of the Children and Youth Committee, and minority chair of the Local Government Committee.

Julie is a lifelong resident of North Catasauqua, where she resides with her husband, Frank.

Chair Harhart, please come on up to the rostrum and address your good friends. We are so going to miss you.

Members, I would ask everybody to please take their seats.

Mrs. HARHART. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity over the past 22 years to be a part of bringing about changes that have made the Commonwealth a better place for all of us to live and work. It is with mixed feelings that I say goodbye today. Some are feelings of sadness, as I know I will miss seeing and working with many friends and colleagues from both sides of the aisle that I have grown to know and respect, even those who call me Grandma. Right, Joe? But it is also with great anticipation that I look forward, not to retirement, but to the next stages and the new adventure of my life.

As with all of us, serving as a State Representative has given me the opportunity to take a stand on issues that are my passion. For me it has been my commitment to the safety and protection of the children of the Commonwealth. One of the issues that was most important to me and closest to my heart was the more than 10-year effort to fund the child advocacy centers. What a difference these one-stop centers can make for the most vulnerable among us: the children who are victims of abuse. Another was the Safe Schools Act, enacted to prevent school

violence, which, ironically, was passed on the same day as the horrific Columbine school shootings in Colorado.

I also appreciate having had the opportunity to work both here and at home with local governments, organizations, and citizens to make sure necessary, and in some cases critical, services were available and convenient to the citizens of the 183d Legislative District. One example I am very proud of was the implementation of my senior mobile offices. These mobile offices allowed us to take needed assistance and service to our senior citizens where they resided instead of requiring them to travel to my offices, a task that is difficult or impossible for many of our seniors.

Now, there are so many people that I would like to thank. A very special thanks to Chair Readshaw, members of the Professional Licensure Committee, and the Professional Licensure Committee staff for their service and support. I am very appreciative of the way we were able to come together in a bipartisan manner to move important legislation to this body for consideration; also to the Lehigh Valley delegation for, again, coming together in a bipartisan manner to do what was best for the citizens of the Lehigh Valley.

I would like to thank my family for their support over the years, especially my husband, Frank. He has been there with me campaigning every 2 years, attending events, driving in parades, almost – and I say almost – always patient with the long hours and unexpected demands this job requires of us.

I would also like to thank my staff, both my district staff and my Harrisburg staff. My Harrisburg staff is here. Wayne, who is the executive director, Wayne Crawford, the executive director of my committee; Tricia, who is my writer; and my right-hand person, Angie Kelly. Thank you both. Thank you all. Stand up. And to my district staff people – their names are Wendy, Jodi, Stephen, and Trish. And I will tell you, they take care of the many and varied issues presented to them on a daily basis. To me, they are not only a valued staff but also valued friends.

Now that I know I am leaving, now I have been thinking more about the things that I have come to take for granted and wish I had taken more time to appreciate. Of course, the beauty of this building, which is a Pennsylvania treasure and a national treasure as well. Also, Tim Hennessey, I am going to miss Tim Hennessey's jokes, not to mention the mass of red poinsettias which appear shortly after Thanksgiving each year on the third floor; thank you, Tim. To Dave Millard's happy whistle and song that always brightens up the third floor; thank you, Dave. To Bill Adolph's rendition of "Julie, Julie, Julie," which he sang to me this morning. Thank you, Bill. My aisle seat on the House floor – to leadership, I am forewarning you – I am bequeathing my seat to Representative George Dunbar. And my friend, Sandy. Sandy has been my sorority sister over the years. She and I came in together and we were immediately friends. She has been here with me through many exciting and happy times, as well as my support in tough times. Plus I will miss every one of you, every one, there are just so many to mention.

And as I leave, I will again become Julie Harhart, private citizen. The titles of Representative and Chair are titles which will be passed on to my successors. There is one informal title, however, that I will not pass on to my successors, one which will remain with me forever. This title was bestowed upon me by three of my former colleagues, Doug Reichley, Craig Dally, and Dick Stevenson, a title many of you may not be aware of. It

is the title of "Queen of the Lehigh Valley," and yes, Marcia, let it now and forever be on record that my title and my crown are retiring with me.

With that, I bid you all farewell. It has been a wonderful, wonderful journey. So till we meet again, I thank you all, and God bless.

And one last thing, I know you are going to present me with something, but I would like to present this to you, Mr. Speaker, and you may either open it now or you may open this in your office. There you go. Well, maybe you should wait until your office.

The SPEAKER. I will never forget when Julie first showed me this. We were doing a hearing together. I do not know what we were talking about, Jules, but I am looking over at Julie like, "What are you talking about?" and she is basically telling me, "I know what I'm talking about; you don't."

Julie and I, and so many of our – whom you mentioned – our past colleagues whom we sat with in those back rows: Dick Stevenson, Craig Dally, Doug Reichley, Dave Reed was back there, Tom Stevenson, we had – Scott Hutchinson – a great group. And I came here in a special election in a year that had many special elections, and Julie and our neighbors back there took me out to dinner for the first time to sort of instruct me about the State legislature. Julie, everything you said was true, but I did not understand it at the time, and now I get it. It has taken me a lot of years.

Julie, you have been outstanding as the Professional Licensure chair, really one of our most productive and important committees. People talk about just what an outstanding bipartisan job you do with Chairman Readshaw.

And also, I know your first 2 elections were by less than 100 votes, right, Julie?

Mrs. HARHART. Correct.

The SPEAKER. I mean, this good lady went around her district and got to know everyone and now has served for 22 really illustrious years. Julie, thank you for your service and thank you for your friendship.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

Mrs. HARHART. Thank you.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Representative Marty FLYNN has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1280, PN 4080**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for prohibition of a recyclable plastic bag ban, fee, surcharge or tax.

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 – sorry; sorry. I thought this was one of these that had a lot of support.

So who all wishes to rise?

Representative Krueger-Braneky will be first, Representative Donatucci, Representative Daley, and Representative McCarter. So we will go in that order. And then Representative Petrarca? Okay.

Representative Krueger-Braneky, the floor is yours.

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to interrogate the maker of the bill, if he is willing to stand for interrogation.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman has indicated he is willing to stand for interrogation, and you may proceed.

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A question on this bill. It "...prohibits the imposition of a ban, fee, surcharge or tax on the provision of RECYCLABLE plastic bags at the point of sale..." Mr. Speaker, there are small businesses in my legislative district who already have a fee or a ban or a surcharge on recyclable plastic bags. If this bill was signed into law, what would the penalty be on these small businesses?

Mr. FARRY. The regulations are to be determined by the department, which is the Department of Revenue.

Ms. KRUEGER. So there is no language in the bill clarifying exactly what kind of impact this would have on small businesses in our districts?

Mr. FARRY. Correct. But what your small business could do is actually sell the bags. There is no ban or penalty for selling the bags.

Ms. KRUEGER. There is a penalty for a fee on the bags, is there not?

Mr. FARRY. Correct. So they could just sell the bags.

Ms. KRUEGER. So they could sell the bags. So selling the bags is different from a fee on the bags?

Mr. FARRY. Correct.

Ms. KRUEGER. Okay. And if there is a small business that chooses not to use plastic bags at all, what would the impact be on those small businesses?

Mr. FARRY. There should not be an impact on them.

Ms. KRUEGER. Okay.

Second question. This bill refers to recyclable plastic bags. Now, there are all different kinds of recyclable plastic, some of which is easy to recycle for local municipalities and some of which is much harder to recycle.

For purposes of this bill, how exactly are you defining "recyclable?"

Mr. FARRY. It is a bag that can be recycled. We did not set parameters on how it is recycled. It can be recycled. So for example, when you go into a Giant supermarket, in the vestibule – I was in mine this weekend – they actually have a container for plastic bags to be recycled in. They have the area, so

whether you recycle it on the way out or recycle when you come back to shop again, there are provisions to recycle it.

Ms. KRUEGER. So any bag that could be put into the recycling container, whether it is easily recyclable or not, would count under the provisions of this bill.

Mr. FARRY. Correct.

Ms. KRUEGER. Okay.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill, please?

The SPEAKER. On the bill, please. You may proceed.

Ms. KRUEGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill. Right now there are 165 municipalities across the country that have already adopted some form of single-use plastic bag fee legislation or bag regulations. There are only three other States in the entire country that have already passed bills like this: Arizona, Idaho, and Missouri.

I am not sure why in three session days before an election we are pushing through a bill that appears to be a handout to the plastic bag manufacturing industry. Right now there are already 130 supermarkets in Pennsylvania that currently charge a small fee on single-use recyclable plastic bags. They would be affected by this bill. Mr. Speaker, if you have an ALDI or a Price Rite or Save-A-Lot in your district, they would be impacted by this bill.

For that reason I urge my colleagues to vote "no." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. I know there are many other speakers. I am going to go over this bill temporarily. We will definitely be getting back to this bill, but I want to get to some bills I know that we are going to be moving forward on quickly.

* * *

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1804, PN 3947**, entitled:

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, providing for contributions for pediatric cancer research.

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.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1804 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—15

Acosta	Evankovich	Kotik	Saylor
Cohen	Evans	Maher	Thomas
Cruz	Flynn	McNeill	Wheatley
Diamond	Harper	Santarsiero	

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

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

* * *

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2134, PN 3483**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

Adolph	Fabrizio	Lewis	Ravenstahl
Artis	Farina	Longietti	Readshaw
Baker	Farry	Mackenzie	Reed
Barbin	Fee	Mahoney	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Major	Regan
Benninghoff	Freeman	Maloney	Roae
Bizzarro	Gabler	Markosek	Roebuck
Bloom	Gainey	Marshall	Ross
Boback	Galloway	Marsico	Rothman
Boyle	Gergely	Masser	Rozzi
Bradford	Gibbons	Matzie	Saccone
Briggs	Gillen	McCarter	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gillespie	McClinton	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Gingrich	McGinnis	Sankey
Bullock	Godshall	Mentzer	Santora
Burns	Goodman	Metcalfe	Savage
Caltagirone	Greiner	Metzgar	Schemel
Carroll	Grove	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Causer	Hahn	Millard	Schreiber
Christiana	Hanna	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Conklin	Harhai	Miller, D.	Simmons
Corbin	Harhart	Milne	Sims
Costa, D.	Harkins	Moul	Snyder
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Mullery	Sonney
Cox	Harris, J.	Murt	Staats
Culver	Heffley	Mustio	Stephens
Cutler	Helm	Neilson	Sturla
Daley, M.	Hennessey	Nelson	Tallman
Daley, P.	Hickernell	Nesbit	Taylor
Davidson	Hill	Neuman	Tobash
Davis	Irvin	O'Brien	Toepel
Dawkins	James	O'Neill	Toohil
Day	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Topper
Dean	Kampf	Ortitay	Truitt
Deasy	Kaufner	Parker, D.	Vereb
DeLissio	Kauffman	Pashinski	Vitali
Delozier	Kavulich	Payne	Ward
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Peifer	Warner
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Petri	Wentling
Donatucci	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Pyle	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood

Dush	Klunk	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Ellis	Knowles	Quinn, M.	
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Turzai,
English	Krueger	Rapp	Speaker
Everett	Lawrence		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-15

Acosta	Evankovich	Kotik	Saylor
Cohen	Evans	Maher	Thomas
Cruz	Flynn	McNeill	Wheatley
Diamond	Harper	Santarsiero	

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

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

* * *

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2382, PN 4081**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, further providing for records of and reports by employers; in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for determination of contribution rate and experience rating, for interest on past due contributions and for limitations upon enforcement of payment of contributions, interest and penalties; in compensation, further providing for qualifications required to secure compensation, for ineligibility of incarcerated employee and for rate and amount of compensation; in determination of compensation and appeals and reviews and procedure, further providing for determination of compensation appeals and for decision of referee and further appeals and reviews; in protection of rights and compensation, further providing for certain agreements void and penalty; in penalty provisions, further providing for false statements and representations to obtain or increase compensation, for false statements and representations to prevent or reduce compensation and other offenses and for violation of act and rules and regulations; and providing for an amnesty program.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-171

Adolph	English	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Artis	Everett	Lawrence	Readshaw
Baker	Fabrizio	Lewis	Reed
Barbin	Farina	Longiatti	Reese

Barrar	Farry	Mahoney	Regan
Benninghoff	Fee	Major	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Markosek	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Marshall	Rothman
Boback	Gainey	Marsico	Rozzi
Boyle	Galloway	Masser	Saccone
Bradford	Gergely	Matzie	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	McCarter	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gillespie	McClinton	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gingrich	Mentzer	Santora
Bullock	Godshall	Metzgar	Savage
Burns	Goodman	Miccarelli	Schemel
Caltagirone	Greiner	Millard	Schlossberg
Carroll	Grove	Miller, B.	Schreiber
Causer	Hahn	Miller, D.	Schweyer
Christiana	Hanna	Milne	Sims
Conklin	Harhai	Moul	Snyder
Corbin	Harhart	Mullery	Sonney
Costa, D.	Harkins	Murt	Staats
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Mustio	Stephens
Culver	Harris, J.	Neilson	Sturla
Cutler	Heffley	Nelson	Tallman
Daley, M.	Hennessey	Nesbit	Taylor
Daley, P.	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
Davidson	Hill	O'Brien	Toohil
Davis	Irvin	O'Neill	Topper
Dawkins	James	Oberlander	Vereb
Day	Kampf	Ortitay	Vitali
Dean	Kaufner	Parker, D.	Ward
Deasy	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
DeLissio	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pickett	White
DiGirolo	Kim	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Dush	Kortz	Rader	Speaker
Ellis			

NAYS-16

Cox	Jozwiak	McGinnis	Roae
Emrick	Knowles	Metcalfe	Simmons
Gabler	Mackenzie	Peifer	Tobash
Gillen	Maloney	Rapp	Truitt

NOT VOTING-1

Helm

EXCUSED-15

Acosta	Evankovich	Kotik	Saylor
Cohen	Evans	Maher	Thomas
Cruz	Flynn	McNeill	Wheatley
Diamond	Harper	Santarsiero	

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

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

* * *

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1265, PN 2183**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1975 (P.L.604, No.173), entitled "An act to facilitate the use of electronic funds

transfer systems by providing that credits to accounts in financial institutions designated by recipients shall satisfy legal requirements for payments by cash or checks," further providing for electronic funds transfers; providing for definitions; further providing for consumer protections; providing for payroll card accounts; and making editorial changes.

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.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Sue HELM has requested to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1265 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—168

Adolph	Fabrizio	Lewis	Reese
Artis	Farina	Mackenzie	Regan
Baker	Farry	Major	Roae
Barrar	Fee	Maloney	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Ross
Bloom	Gabler	Marshall	Rothman
Boback	Gainey	Marsico	Rozzi
Boyle	Galloway	Masser	Saccone
Bradford	Gergely	McGinnis	Sainato
Briggs	Gibbons	Mentzer	Sankey
Brown, R.	Gillen	Metcalfe	Santora
Brown, V.	Gillespie	Metzgar	Savage
Bullock	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Schemel
Caltagirone	Godshall	Millard	Schlossberg
Causer	Greiner	Miller, B.	Schreiber
Christiana	Grove	Miller, D.	Schweyer
Conklin	Hahn	Milne	Simmons
Corbin	Hanna	Moul	Sims
Costa, D.	Harhai	Murt	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harhart	Mustio	Staats
Cox	Harkins	Neilson	Stephens
Culver	Harris, A.	Nelson	Sturla
Cutler	Harris, J.	Nesbit	Tallman
Daley, M.	Heffley	O'Brien	Taylor
Daley, P.	Hennessey	O'Neill	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Oberlander	Toepel
Davis	Hill	Ortitay	Toohil
Day	Irvin	Parker, D.	Topper
Dean	James	Pashinski	Truitt

Deasy	Jozwiak	Payne	Vereb
DeLissio	Kampf	Peifer	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufer	Petri	Ward
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pickett	Warner
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pyle	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Quinn, M.	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Rader	Youngblood
Dush	Klunk	Rapp	Zimmerman
Ellis	Knowles	Ravenstahl	
Emrick	Kortz	Readshaw	Turzai, Speaker
English	Krueger	Reed	
Everett	Lawrence		

NAYS—19

Barbin	Freeman	Mahoney	Neuman
Bizzarro	Goodman	Matzie	Petrarca
Burns	Kavulich	McCarter	Samuelson
Carroll	Kim	McClinton	Snyder
Dawkins	Longietti	Mullery	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Evankovich	Helm	Santarsiero
Cohen	Evans	Kotik	Saylor
Cruz	Flynn	Maher	Thomas
Diamond	Harper	McNeill	Wheatley

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 with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 356, PN 1689**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in consolidated collection of local income taxes, providing for the definition of "farming" and further providing for declaration and payment of income taxes and for withholding and remittance.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—185

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

NAYS—2

Daley, M.	Markosek
-----------	----------

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Evankovich	Helm	Santarsiero
Cohen	Evans	Kotik	Saylor
Cruz	Flynn	Maher	Thomas
Diamond	Harper	McNeill	Wheatley

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 with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

* * *

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 316, PN 1524**, 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 third consideration?

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. We are going to go over that bill at this time.

We are going to turn to second consideration at this time.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1235, PN 2162**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, further providing for expiration.

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

* * *

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2350, PN 3898**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549, No.54), known as the Primary Stroke Center Recognition Act, further providing for short title, for definitions, for recognition of centers, for emergency medical services and for biennial report.

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

* * *

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 613, PN 2156**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in human services block grant pilot program, further providing for definitions, for establishment of human services block grant, for powers and duties of the department, for powers and duties of counties, for allocation, for use of block grant funds, for applicability of other statutes, for appeals, for limitations and for construction and making editorial changes.

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

Mr. **BAKER** offered the following amendment No. **A10692**:

Amend Bill, page 5, line 8, by striking out the bracket before "(VIII)"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 9, by striking out the bracket after "STRUCTURE."

Amend Bill, page 9, line 30, by striking out "1403-B(7.1)" and inserting

1403-B(7)

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

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

Mr. **BAKER**. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

This is a technical amendment to address a drafting error, and I would appreciate the members' support.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—187

Adolph	Fabrizio	Lewis	Ravenstahl
Artis	Farina	Longiatti	Readshaw
Baker	Farry	Mackenzie	Reed
Barbin	Fee	Mahoney	Reese
Barrar	Frankel	Major	Regan
Benninghoff	Freeman	Maloney	Roae
Bizzarro	Gabler	Markosek	Roebuck
Bloom	Gainey	Marshall	Ross
Boback	Galloway	Marsico	Rothman
Boyle	Gergely	Masser	Rozzi
Bradford	Gibbons	Matzie	Saccone
Briggs	Gillen	McCarter	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gillespie	McClinton	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Gingrich	McGinnis	Sankey
Bullock	Godshall	Mentzer	Santora
Burns	Goodman	Metcalfe	Savage
Caltagirone	Greiner	Metzgar	Schemel
Carroll	Grove	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Causar	Hahn	Millard	Schreiber
Christiana	Hanna	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Conklin	Harhai	Miller, D.	Simmons
Corbin	Harhart	Milne	Sims
Costa, D.	Harkins	Moul	Snyder
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Mullery	Sonney
Cox	Harris, J.	Murt	Staats
Culver	Heffley	Mustio	Stephens
Cutler	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Daley, M.	Hickernell	Nelson	Tallman
Daley, P.	Hill	Nesbit	Taylor
Davidson	Irvin	Neuman	Tobash
Davis	James	O'Brien	Toepel
Dawkins	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Toohil
Day	Kampf	Oberlander	Topper
Dean	Kaufer	Ortitay	Truitt
Deasy	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Verbe
DeLissio	Kavulich	Pashinski	Vitali
Delozier	Keller, F.	Payne	Ward
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warner
Dermody	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kim	Petri	Wentling
Donatucci	Kinsey	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kirkland	Pyle	White

Dunbar	Klunk	Quigley	Youngblood
Dush	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kortz	Quinn, M.	
Emrick	Krueger	Rader	Turzai,
English	Lawrence	Rapp	Speaker
Everett			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Evankovich	Helm	Santarsiero
Cohen	Evans	Kotik	Saylor
Cruz	Flynn	Maher	Thomas
Diamond	Harper	McNeill	Wheatley

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

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

The **SPEAKER**. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

* * *

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1368, PN 2158**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for safe opioid prescription and imposing powers and duties on certain Commonwealth agencies.

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

Mr. **GAINEY** offered the following amendment No. **A10715**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "prescription" and for patient voluntary nonopioid directive
Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "a chapter" and inserting
chapters
Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

CHAPTER 52
PATIENT VOLUNTARY NONOPIOID DIRECTIVE

- Sec.
5201. Scope of chapter.
5202. Definitions.
5203. Voluntary nonopioid directive.
5204. Guidelines.
5205. Exemption from liability.
5206. Licensing boards.
§ 5201. Scope of chapter.
This chapter relates to patient voluntary nonopioid directives.
§ 5202. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Controlled substance." As defined in the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

"Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

"Health care facility." A health care facility as defined in section 103 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, or any other facility or institution licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with or prescribe or administer a controlled substance containing an opioid or other controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this Commonwealth.

"Licensing board." The term shall include the following:

(1) The State Board of Medicine as set forth in the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985.

(2) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine as set forth in the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

(3) The State Board of Nursing as set forth in the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law.

(4) The State Board of Podiatry as set forth in the act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1206, No.375), known as the Podiatry Practice Act.

(5) The State Board of Dentistry as set forth in the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law.

"Opioid." Any of the following:

(1) A preparation or derivative of opium.

(2) A synthetic narcotic that has opiate-like effects but is not derived from opium.

(3) A group of naturally occurring peptides that bind at or otherwise influence opiate receptors, including opioid agonist.

"Patient." An individual who is under the medical care of a practitioner.

"Practitioner." A health care practitioner as defined in section 103 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act.

"Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth.

"System." The Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program electronic prescription monitoring system with a database component as established under the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act.

"Voluntary nonopioid directive." A written instruction form executed by a patient evidencing the named patient's request not to have a controlled substance containing an opioid offered, supplied, prescribed or otherwise administered to the named patient by a practitioner.

§ 5203. Voluntary nonopioid directive.

(a) Duty of department.—

(1) In consultation with a Statewide professional organization representing physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, Statewide organizations representing nursing homes, registered professional nurses, emergency medical systems and a Statewide organization representing health care facilities, the department shall develop and publish a uniform voluntary nonopioid directive form which may be used by a patient to deny or refuse the administration or prescribing of a controlled substance containing an opioid by a practitioner.

(2) The voluntary nonopioid directive form developed by the department in accordance with paragraph (1) shall indicate to all prescribing practitioners and health care facilities that the named patient shall not be offered, prescribed, supplied with or otherwise administered a controlled substance containing an opioid.

(3) The voluntary nonopioid directive form shall be posted in a downloadable format on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

(b) Execution of form.—The following shall apply:

(1) A patient may execute and file a voluntary nonopioid directive form with a practitioner or other authority authorized by the secretary to accept the voluntary nonopioid directive form for filing. Each practitioner or other person authorized by the secretary to accept a voluntary nonopioid directive form for filing shall date and affix his signature to the form in the presence of the patient as evidence of acceptance and shall provide a signed copy of the form to the patient.

(2) The patient executing and filing a voluntary nonopioid directive form with a practitioner shall sign and date the form in the presence of the practitioner, a designee of the practitioner or other person authorized by the secretary to accept a voluntary nonopioid directive form for filing. In the case of a patient who is unable to execute and file a voluntary nonopioid form, the patient may designate a duly authorized guardian or health care proxy to execute and file the form in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) A patient may revoke the voluntary nonopioid directive form for any reason and may do so by written or oral means.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), before signing a voluntary nonopioid directive form a practitioner may, if deemed appropriate, assess the patient's personal and family history of alcohol or drug abuse and evaluate the patient's risk for medication misuse or abuse. In evaluating such risks, the practitioner shall access the system to determine whether an unusual or suspect pattern for the prescribing of controlled substances containing opioids to the patient has been reported to the system. If a practitioner reasonably believes that a patient is at risk for substance misuse or abuse or a practitioner believes in the practitioner's expert medical opinion that for any other reason the nonopioid directive is appropriate, the practitioner shall sign the form. The practitioner signing the nonopioid directive form shall note doing so in the patient's medical record.

§ 5204. Guidelines.

(a) Adoption of guidelines.—The department shall adopt and publish guidelines for the implementation of the voluntary nonopioid directive form. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A standard form for the recording and transmission of the voluntary nonopioid directive form, which shall include verification by the patient's practitioner and which shall comply with the written consent requirements of the Public Health Service Act (58 Stat. 682, 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2(b)) and 42 CFR Pt. 2 (relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records), provided that the voluntary nonopioid directive form shall also provide the basic procedures necessary to revoke the voluntary nonopioid directive form.

(2) Procedures to record the voluntary nonopioid directive form in the patient's medical record or, if available, the patient's interoperable electronic medical record and in the system.

(3) Requirements and procedures for a patient to appoint a duly authorized guardian or health care proxy to override a previously filed voluntary nonopioid directive form and circumstances under which an attending practitioner may override a previously filed voluntary nonopioid directive form based on documented medical judgment which shall be recorded in the patient's medical record.

(4) Procedures to ensure that any recording, sharing or distributing of data relative to the voluntary nonopioid directive form complies with all Federal and State confidentiality laws.

(5) Appropriate exemptions for practitioners and other health care providers and emergency medical personnel to prescribe or administer a controlled substance containing an

opioid when, in their professional medical judgment, a controlled substance containing an opioid is necessary.

(b) Publication.—The department shall publish the guidelines in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on its publicly accessible Internet website.

(c) Written prescriptions.—A written prescription that is presented at an outpatient pharmacy or a prescription that is electronically transmitted to an outpatient pharmacy shall be presumed to be valid for the purposes of this section and a pharmacist in an outpatient setting shall not be held in violation of this section for dispensing a controlled substance containing an opioid or other controlled substance in contradiction to a voluntary nonopioid directive form, except upon evidence that the pharmacist acted knowingly against the voluntary nonopioid directive form.

§ 5205. Exemption from liability.

(a) Practitioner exemption.—No practitioner or employee of a practitioner acting in good faith shall be subject to criminal or civil liability or be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct for failing to offer or administer a prescription or medication order for a controlled substance containing an opioid under the voluntary nonopioid directive form.

(b) Representative exemption.—No person acting as a representative or an agent under a health care proxy shall be subject to criminal or civil liability for making a decision under section 5204(a)(3) (relating to guidelines) in good faith.

§ 5206. Licensing boards.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, a licensing board may limit, condition or suspend the license of or assess a fine against a practitioner who recklessly or negligently fails to comply with a patient's voluntary nonopioid directive form.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Gainey for a brief description of the amendment.

Mr. GAINNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I appreciate it.

This is an agreed-to amendment. The amendment would direct the Department of Health to establish a voluntary nonopioid directive form. It is already agreed to, and I want to thank my colleagues for agreeing to this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Baker, go ahead, please, on the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Evankovich is on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1368 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Representative Baker.

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

This is an agreed-to amendment, and it is my understanding that the remaining amendments filed will be withdrawn.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—15

Acosta	Evans	Kotik	Saylor
Cohen	Flynn	Maher	Thomas
Cruz	Harper	McNeill	Wheatley
Diamond	Helm	Santarsiero	

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

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

The SPEAKER. Members, have all other amendments been withdrawn with respect to this?

Representative McClinton, do you have an amendment? Okay. Amendment 10671, Representative? Okay.

Representative Gainey, go ahead, sir.

Mr. GAINEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is amendment 10672.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gainey, hold on just a second.

You are still going to file your amendment. We are going to go with amendment 10671 first.

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

Ms. **McCLINTON** offered the following amendment No. **A10671**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out "and" where it occurs the first time and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "agencies" and providing for substance abuse prevention and intervention

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "a chapter" and inserting

chapters

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

CHAPTER 52

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Sec.

5201. Scope of chapter.

5202. Definitions.

5203. Duties of Department of Education.

5204. Duties of school districts.

5205. Report.

5206. Construction.

5207. Regulations.

§ 5201. Scope of chapter.

This chapter relates to school-based substance abuse prevention and intervention.

§ 5202. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Controlled substance." The term shall have the meaning given to it under section 2 of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

"Drug." The term shall have the meaning given to it under section 2 of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

"Prescription drug." A controlled substance or any other drug which requires a medical prescription to be dispensed to or for an ultimate user.

"Program." The School-Based Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Program established under this chapter.

"School." Any public school, including any charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school operating in a school district within this Commonwealth.

"School district." School districts of all classifications established pursuant to section 202 of the act of March 10, 1949

(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

"Student." An individual enrolled in a school district, including an individual enrolled in a charter or cyber charter school in any school district in this Commonwealth.

§ 5203. Duties of Department of Education.

(a) Recommendations.—The department, in consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, shall provide guidance and recommendations to assist school districts with the development and implementation of curriculum guidelines for an effective age-appropriate, school-based program of instruction in substance abuse prevention and intervention.

(b) Guidelines.—The curriculum guidelines shall be designed to include the following elements, where age-appropriate, in health courses of instruction:

(1) Detailed factual information regarding the risk of harm associated with the use of controlled substances and the nonmedical use of prescription drugs, including the physiological, psychological, sociological, financial and criminal consequences and other aspects of controlled substance and prescription drug misuse and abuse.

(2) Detailed information regarding the availability of counseling and other support services and assistance for students and their families with controlled substance or prescription drug addiction or dependency problems.

(3) Skills needed to evaluate advertisements for and media portrayals of prescription drugs, including the marketing of prescription drugs.

(4) Detailed instruction on the need for and the role of law enforcement in controlling unlawful possession and use of controlled substances and prescription drugs and law-abiding behavior, including interaction with members of the law enforcement and criminal justice communities.

(5) Detailed information on population-specific risk factors, such as age, gender, culture, ethnicity, environment and substance-abusing peers.

(6) Detailed information on all forms of substance abuse, alone or in combination, including the underage use of illegal controlled substances and the inappropriate use of prescription drugs and other legally obtained drugs.

(7) Comprehensive instruction on Federal law and the laws of this Commonwealth related to the possession, sale and use of controlled substances and prescription drugs.

(c) Development of plan.—On or before June 1, 2017, the department shall recommend to the General Assembly a plan to assist each school district with the establishment and maintenance of a program that will provide appropriate counseling and support services to students who experience problems related to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances and prescription drugs or any other drug or substance which has a potential for misuse or abuse. A school district may integrate the counseling and support services provided for under this subsection into any student assistance program established and maintained by such school district under section 1547 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

§ 5204. Duties of school districts.

(a) Initial instructions.—

(1) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, and each year thereafter, each public school student shall receive mandatory instruction in the program established under section 5203(a) (relating to duties of Department of Education) in every school year and in every grade from kindergarten through grade 12. The instruction shall be integrated within the health course of study required in accordance with the State Board of Education regulations. In grades where health is offered, instruction may also be integrated into other appropriate courses of study. In grades where health is not offered, instruction shall be integrated into an appropriate curriculum requirement in accordance with the requirements of 22 Pa. Code (relating to education).

(2) The instruction required to be provided in accordance with paragraph (1) shall:

(i) Be age appropriate.

(ii) Be sequential in method of study.

(iii) Discourage the use of controlled substances and the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs which have a heightened potential for addiction or dependency.

(iv) Communicate that the sale, possession and use of controlled substances is a violation of law subject to criminal prosecution and may result in addiction.

(v) Communicate that the unlawful possession, sale or give away and the improper or unauthorized use of legally obtained prescription drugs are violations of law, which may be subject to criminal prosecution.

(vi) Include instruction in prescription drug misuse and abuse, including information on the connection between prescription drug misuse and abuse and addiction to controlled substances, such as heroin, and the likelihood of accidental overdose.

(vii) Include prevention strategies designed to prevent early experimentation and abuse of controlled substances and prescription drugs.

(3) School districts may utilize any appropriate public or private materials, personnel and other resources in developing and implementing the program. The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall make available information about appropriate curriculum materials upon request of a school district or charter school. In developing its program, each school district shall consult with the single county authority designated by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to provide drug and alcohol services in the school district's area.

(b) Additional authority.—Each school district is authorized to and may develop and offer programs relating to controlled substances and prescription drugs for parents of students enrolled in the public schools in the school district. If a school district develops the programs, they shall be developed in consultation with the single county authority designated by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to provide drug and alcohol services in the school district's area. Such programs shall be offered at no cost to parents.

(c) In-service training.—Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year and each year thereafter, the department, in consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, shall make available to all school districts and intermediate units in-service training programs based upon the curriculum guidelines established under section 5203 and the instruction requirements established under this section. The in-service training programs shall include information necessary to prepare for the required instruction in the misuse and abuse of controlled substances and prescription drugs, including opioid analgesics and other controlled substances approved for medical use which have a heightened potential for misuse and abuse. The in-service programs may utilize the single county authorities designated by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs or other institutions, agencies or persons as the department may deem appropriate.

(d) Training programs for instructors.—Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district shall provide, as part of its in-service training under subsection (c), training programs on controlled substance and prescription drug misuse and abuse for all instructors whose teaching responsibilities include courses of study in which instruction concerning controlled substance and prescription drug misuse and abuse is integrated. To comply with this requirement, a school district may utilize programs that may be made available by the department, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs or any other alternative programs as may be approved by the department, in consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

(e) Nonpublic schools.—The governing board of each intermediate unit in which a nonpublic school is located shall have the authority and the duty to loan to all students attending nonpublic schools within the intermediate unit all educational materials developed

by either the department or the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs under this chapter for the instruction of public school students on the nature and effects of controlled substances and prescription drugs and the misuse and abuse of controlled substances and prescription drugs. A board of school directors shall not be obligated to expend funds which are not provided by either the Federal or State Government for drug education programs for the use or loan of materials to a nonpublic school. A nonpublic school may utilize the in-service training programs made available by the department through the intermediate unit.

§ 5205. Report.

On or before June 1, 2018, the Secretary of Education shall report to the General Assembly concerning the 2017-2018 school year activities of the department pertaining to the provisions of this chapter and concerning proposed 2018-2019 school year activities of the department pertaining to this chapter.

§ 5206. Construction.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a school district from integrating a school-based substance abuse prevention and intervention curriculum of instruction in accordance with the requirements of this chapter into its current curriculum requirements for instruction of alcohol, chemical and tobacco abuse in accordance with section 1547 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

§ 5207. Regulations.

The department may adopt and promulgate regulations necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, Representative McClinton is recognized for a brief description of the amendment.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a simple but very much-needed amendment. My amendment will require our public schools to incorporate age-appropriate instruction on controlled substances and prescription drug abuse and misuse into health courses. These instructions would be provided at every grade from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Mr. Speaker, today's children face many risks. Drug abuse is a major risk that is compounded by the prevalence of opioid drugs, including prescription drugs that are in people's homes, in the homes of children like oxycodone, Vicodin, and morphine, and other illegal drugs like heroin.

Mr. Speaker, addiction experts tell us that drug addiction is mostly a problem of youth and most addicts become addicts at young ages. Prevention efforts should start early and they should start with education. A review of the coroner's report revealed that in 2015 overdose incidents were as young as age 15 years old, and included high school graduates, dropouts, college students, college graduates – all young people.

Mr. Speaker, opioid use disorder or addiction to prescription drugs or heroin is a disease that is devastating families in every region of this Commonwealth. My amendment would help schools across the Commonwealth establish creative drug abuse prevention and intervention that will help identify and reach vulnerable children and teenagers, helping to stem the tide of drug abuse. We need to teach children about the perils of opioid and heroin addiction because they are, unfortunately, dying.

I am asking for all of your support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Baker, on the amendment, sir.

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

This is not an agreed-to amendment, and we ask the members to oppose this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this summer my counterpart on the Republican side who chairs the Policy Committee and I held multiple meetings around the State concerning the opioid and heroin epidemic that faces this State. I do not believe there was a single meeting that we held where at least one, if not more, of the testifiers said that part of a comprehensive—

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, I do apologize for interrupting.

We are going to go over the bill at this time. So we are going to go over that, and if we do bring it back up, I will absolutely make sure to call you back on. Thank you.

* * *

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 898**, **PN 1064**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in fiscal affairs, further providing for limits on counties of the second class.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. It is my understanding that, Representative Mackenzie, all amendments have been withdrawn?

And I think there are no other amendments on this bill. Does anybody have any other amendments on this bill? Okay.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

* * *

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 899**, **PN 1065**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for limitation on tax increase after countywide reassessment.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Representative Mackenzie, it is my understanding all amendments are withdrawn from SB 899?

Representative Mackenzie, you are called upon.

Mr. MACKENZIE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker. I will be withdrawing my amendments. I think they make a lot of great points, but we have been working with the Senate on a number of issues, and I appreciate their willingness to work with us, so I will be withdrawing these amendments. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Mackenzie.

Does anybody else have any other amendments to SB 899? There are no amendments.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1280 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to return to HB 1280, PN 4080. It is on third consideration. It is supplemental A, page 1, and I know we have a number of speakers.

Representative Donatucci is recognized on HB 1280, PN 4080.

Ms. DONATUCCI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition of HB 1280. In Philadelphia residents have requested plastic bag fee legislation to reduce litter and to produce funding for improving our air and water quality, recycling, and street cleaning. HB 1280 would prohibit local legislation; therefore, I urge a "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Donatucci.

Representative McCarter.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my fellow colleagues to vote "no" on this particular bill.

Mr. Speaker, the aspect of plastic bag use that has happened around the world over the past several years since the development of plastics has obviously reached a critical point. Plastic bags in the form of 17 billion pounds flow into the oceans every year from 192 countries with coastal access. Now, that does not sound like anything, except what are we talking about? Seventeen billion pounds, but that is 17 billion pounds of floating plastics that move into the oceans.

Plastic bags, as we are most aware of, do not biodegrade. They do shred, they do go into smaller pieces, but they do not biodegrade. They end up in the food chain. They end up being eaten by all other creatures that we also enjoy coming out of the oceans, and as a result, it is polluting our food chain. It is also polluting our roads, our bridges, and everything else that takes place with that.

Now, Mr. Speaker, one of the things that happens also with plastic bags is that it has become symbolic, symbolic in a very personal and a very, very beneficial way, that communities all over the United States, many municipalities have started to enact various different actions to make sure that plastic bag use is decreased. That comes in the form of fees, that comes in the form of charges.

Now, I heard earlier from the maker of the bill that in fact businesses can still charge for the bags – and I am not quite sure I understand the difference between a fee and a charge in this case – but the reality is, those charges that have happened have in fact become very beneficial to reducing the use, and we have examples from all over this country and we have examples from all over the world. In Great Britain, the enactment of a 5-pence tax there ended up with a reduction of 85 percent of all plastic bag use. In Ireland, that was almost the same amount. Both of

these countries, and along with our municipalities, should be the ones that we should be copying. Instead of trying to discourage, we should be following that example.

I go back to our kids and in schools. They are the ones who want to make sure that their environment is clean, that the streams are clean, that the roads are clean, that our communities are clean. We need to follow their example as well, Mr. Speaker. We need to make sure that we go ahead and we defeat this particular measure and move in the direction we should be, and that is keeping our environment clean, keeping plastic bags out of our oceans, and making sure that we have a better day for our grandchildren.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Mary Jo Daley.

Ms. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 1280, which would prohibit a ban, fee, surcharge, or tax on plastic bags in Pennsylvania.

Though seen as a convenience when grocery shopping or picking up some items at the drugstore, I, as well as many other people, find plastic bags an environmental inconvenience. They are only used for an average of about 12 minutes, but they remain in landfills, oceans, and other places for thousands of years. So whether it is environmental or a cost-saving measure, many consumers are thinking twice about taking a plastic bag with their purchases. In fact, studies in parts of the United States and overseas have shown the number of plastic bags has dropped when a fee is charged per bag. Shoppers either take the option of no bag at all or just carrying out what few items they purchased either in their arms or with a reusable bag.

While there are many stores that offer plastic bags for free with purchases, there are others that charge a per-bag fee. These stores, including some national chains, have the right idea. Right here in Pennsylvania, Save-A-Lot, ALDI, and Price Rite tout their policies of customers saving money because they bring in their own bags, and that helps these stores to keep the costs of their products down. Consumers also have the option of purchasing reusable bags for a one-time fee. I think this is a great alternative to plastic bags and promotes the need for even more options. The reusable bags can be just as convenient, if not more convenient, for the multiple purposes they can serve while helping to lessen the stress on our environment.

Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to this bill because of the environmental aspects of it, and I would urge my colleagues to vote "no" on it. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Daley.

Representative Donna Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, rise in opposition to this bill because of its environmental impact on our communities. You know, the age-old question of paper versus plastic is more complicated than we think. One, we thought it would be more environmentally safe because paper cuts down trees, plenty of trees, but plastic, as many of you know, is created from natural gas, which impacts fracking here in Pennsylvania.

The other question, whether single use versus recyclable versus reusable, that is also complicated is, does it help small businesses or does it hurt small businesses? Again, complicated, and it depends on which business you are talking about.

But another question that comes to mind is whether or not a fee on plastic bags would impact low-income communities, and I, too, think that is complicated as well. The reality is that many

low-income communities have already paid the cost of having plastic bags in our communities. Those plastic bags usually end up in our streams or in our landfills and usually end up hurting low-income communities that are often the victims of environmental injustices.

In Philadelphia we use more than 500 million plastic bags a year, 500 million bags that end up in our landfills, end up in our waters, end up in our communities. If we had a bag fee in Philadelphia, as is proposed at 5 cents per bag, we could raise over \$3 million, which can clean our streets for a year, which can take care of other cleanup efforts in our city of Philadelphia.

And for those reasons I think that we should leave the decision of whether or not to impose a plastic bag fee on our local municipalities. That, too, can be complicated, but it is a decision that I would rather leave to those local officials as they determine what is the best outcome for their residents, whether to ban a plastic bag fee or to allow one, whether to consider the environmental impacts on their communities, and whether or not the cost of the environmental impact outweighs a 5-cent fee.

For those reasons I also encourage my colleagues to oppose this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Greg Vitali is recognized.

And then after Representative Vitali is Representative Mike Sturla, and those will be the last two speakers other than Representative Hanna and Representative Farry, the sponsors of the bill.

So Representative Vitali, Representative Sturla, Representative Hanna, Representative Farry.

Representative Vitali, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill.

I made the environmental arguments the other day with the amendments, so I am not going to go with those.

I just want to outline a couple of points. One, Philadelphia City Council has come out in opposition to this bill. Two, the Boroughs Association has come out in opposition to this bill. Three, numerous environmental groups have come out in opposition to this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have sent all of the members a list of 130 supermarkets, 130 stores that would have to stop doing what they are doing now if the Hanna-Farry bill passes. The chains of Save-A-Lot, the chains of Price Rite, and the chains of ALDI, they all right now do something that this bill would prevent them from doing. They charge a small fee for recyclable – recyclable – plastic bags. Why should we as a legislature try to put mandates on our businesses? Why should we try to stop them with this legislation from doing what they are already doing right now?

Let me explain the policy of ALDI. This is why ALDI charges a slight fee, and you may have ALDIs in your own community. Take a look at that list. This is what ALDI says, "...one of the ways we help our customers save money is by encouraging them to bring their own shopping bags or to purchase a reusable, long-lasting ALDI bag." They are trying to save people money. Why are we trying to stop a business like ALDI from saving its customers money?

Price Rite also has this policy that the Hanna-Farry bill will stop. This is what Price Rite says: "How can we afford to offer you such incredibly low prices every day? Simple!" One of the reasons, "Customers bring their own shopping bags." This is a way to save people money, and we ought not be preventing that.

Mr. Speaker, the reality of this— And people have said to me, why are we doing this thing? Why are we doing this thing? And the shortest one-word answer is Novolex, Novolex. What Novolex is is one of the leading manufacturers of plastic bags, and Novolex has a plant, the Hilex Poly Company, in Milesburg, PA, and this bill is all about enabling Novolex to sell more plastic bags. It is no surprise that this company is in one of the maker of the bill's districts and adjacent to the other. That is what this is about. So you have to ask yourself, is it—

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali, please do not, if I might, just if you could, I do not think we typically reference entities in terms of any particular specificity. I certainly have absolutely no problem with your continuing with the themes that you are talking about, so please proceed.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, in summary, what we should be doing is letting businesses like ALDI, letting businesses like Price Rite, letting businesses like Save-A-Lot do what they are doing right now; enacting policy is what they are doing right now so they can save their consumers money and also in the process do a little bit of good for the environment.

So I urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the legislation please rise for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. Representative Farry has indicated he will so stand.

You may proceed, Representative Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, earlier you alluded to the notion that as long as you did not call it a fee or a surcharge that a retailer could in fact sell the same plastic bags that are banned from being feed or surcharged if it was in fact a sale. Is that correct?

Mr. FARRY. That is correct.

Mr. STURLA. So if I tell my customers, "I'll sell you that plastic bag for 1 cent," that is okay, but if you say, "I'm going to charge you a surcharge or a fee of 1 cent on that plastic bag," that is not okay?

Mr. FARRY. Correct.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. I mean, the Department of Revenue is going to be the one instituting the rules and regulations to administer and enforce this. So as long as you do not use the words "fee" or "surcharge" but you use the word "sale," that is okay?

Mr. FARRY. Correct.

Mr. STURLA. All right.

Is it all right for a retailer to say, I do not provide any plastic bags in my retail establishment, but I have joined with, say, some environmental group that will actually provide one of those plastic bags for you if you make a donation to them?

Mr. FARRY. It is America; I am sure you can.

Mr. STURLA. So that would be okay? Under this legislation, if it passes, that would be okay?

Mr. FARRY. I would believe the consumer can choose to say no at that point.

Mr. STURLA. Okay.

And one final question. Does this just ban local governments or local retailers from imposing this fee or surcharge, and could in fact the State impose a fee or surcharge without repealing this law if we wanted to fund, say, an environmental fund or something like that?

Mr. FARRY. Yes. If this body and the Senate and the Governor pass the legislation and it is signed into law, yes, they could.

Mr. STURLA. Okay. So without repealing this law, we could pass a fee or surcharge on plastic bags at the State level without repealing this law?

Mr. FARRY. Correct. This does not prohibit further legislative action.

Mr. STURLA. Okay.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Hanna, on the bill.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let us start with what the bill does do. The bill prohibits a tax, a tax on recyclable bags. What is a recyclable bag? They are 100 percent recyclable, reusable; made from natural gas, not oil; and a sustainable choice for consumers, communities, and businesses.

The plastic bag manufacturing and recycling industry is a uniquely American industry that employs more than 30,000 Americans in 349 plants across the country. So let me say that again. What does the bill do? It prohibits a tax on recyclable bags. There is no problem with taxes or fees on any bag that is not recyclable.

So why would environmental groups oppose this? When you prohibit a tax on just recyclable bags, you are incentivizing recycling. That is what you would expect environmental groups would want to support.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that there is any reason not to support this. It simply says that recyclable bags need to be encouraged, and the way to encourage them is to not tax them, so I am urging a "yes" vote on this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Farry, on the bill.

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And to follow up with what the good gentleman from Clinton County just stated, of those 30,000 jobs, 1500 are located right here in Pennsylvania.

And I want to be clear, I know I have been interrogated on this, but this does not prevent ALDI or any of those other supermarkets or any small business from actually selling you the bag. It does not prevent that from happening. This preempts – what this does is it ensures that local governments will not have the ability to tax or ban these plastic bags, and it also ensures that we can still take action at the State level.

With that being said, I recommend an affirmative vote.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1280 CONTINUED

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—75

Baker	Gillespie	Major	Reese
Barbin	Gingrich	Maloney	Regan
Benninghoff	Godshall	McGinnis	Roae
Bloom	Goodman	Mentzer	Sainato
Burns	Greiner	Metcalfe	Sankey
Causser	Grove	Metzgar	Schemel
Costa, D.	Hahn	Miller, B.	Stephens
Cutler	Hanna	Moul	Tallman
Daley, P.	Harhai	Nelson	Tobash
Day	Harhart	Nesbit	Toepel
Delozier	Harris, A.	Ortitay	Topper
Dermody	Hickernell	Payne	Vereb
Dunbar	James	Petrarca	Ward
Ellis	Kauffman	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Keller, F.	Pyle	Wentling
Evankovich	Klunk	Quigley	Zimmerman
Everett	Knowles	Rader	
Farry	Lawrence	Rapp	Turzai,
Fee	Mackenzie	Reed	Speaker
Gabler			

NAYS—112

Adolph	Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn, C.
Artis	Driscoll	Krueger	Quinn, M.
Barrar	Dush	Lewis	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	English	Longietti	Readshaw
Boback	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roebuck
Boyle	Farina	Markosek	Ross
Bradford	Frankel	Marshall	Rothman
Briggs	Freeman	Marsico	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gainey	Masser	Saccone
Brown, V.	Galloway	Matzie	Samuelson
Bullock	Gergely	McCarter	Savage
Caltagirone	Gibbons	McClinton	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gillen	Miccarelli	Schreiber
Christiana	Harkins	Millard	Schweyer
Conklin	Harris, J.	Miller, D.	Simmons
Corbin	Heffley	Milne	Sims
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Mullery	Snyder
Cox	Hill	Murt	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mustio	Staats
Daley, M.	Jozwiak	Neilson	Sturla
Davidson	Kampf	Neuman	Taylor
Davis	Kaufer	O'Brien	Toohil
Dawkins	Kavulich	O'Neill	Truitt
Dean	Keller, M.K.	Oberlander	Vitali
Deasy	Keller, W.	Parker, D.	Watson
DeLissio	Kim	Pashinski	Wheeland
DeLuca	Kinsey	Peifer	White
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Petri	Youngblood

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Evans	Kotik	Santora
Cohen	Flynn	Maher	Saylor
Cruz	Harper	McNeill	Thomas
Diamond	Helm	Santarsiero	Wheatley

Less than the majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the bill fell.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1368 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. We are going to come back to SB 1368, PN 2158, page 6 of today's House calendar.

Now, it is my understanding, I know Representative Gainey's amendment was passed, and that was amendment 10715.

AMENDMENTS WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Now, Representative McClinton had amendment 10671; Representative Gainey had two other amendments, 10672 and 10675; and Representative Heffley had 10694. Members, are all those amendments withdrawn?

Representative Gainey, your amendments are withdrawn?

Representative McClinton, is your amendment withdrawn? Yes.

Representative Heffley, your amendment is withdrawn? Okay.

So there are no other amendments, unless a member wishes to tell me otherwise. All amendments are withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

* * *

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1367, PN 2157**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for prescribing opioids to minors; imposing powers and duties on certain Commonwealth agencies and on the Legislative Reference Bureau; and imposing penalties.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Now, there were a number of amendments filed. Some would need suspension because they were filed late. Representative Gainey, Representative Heffley, Representative McClinton, you all filed amendments to this bill.

Representative Gainey, are your amendments withdrawn, sir? They are withdrawn. Okay.

And then Representative McClinton, is your amendment withdrawn? Yes, it is withdrawn.

Representative Heffley, is your amendment withdrawn? It is withdrawn.

There are no other amendments to SB 1367, PN 2157.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

RECONSIDERATION MOTION FILED

The SPEAKER. I am in receipt of a motion to reconsider. It states, "Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Rule 26, we the undersigned move that the vote by which the House defeated HB 1280 on the 24th day of Oct. be reconsidered." It is signed by Representative Mike Hanna and Representative Frank Dermody. I understand that they do not wish for me to call up that motion at this time.

Members, there are no further votes, and we will proceed to housekeeping here shortly.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek is recognized.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On SB 356, I inadvertently voted in the negative. I would like to be recorded in the positive. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MILLARD

The SPEAKER. Representative David Millard is called upon for an announcement, I believe.

Mr. MILLARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to call a meeting of the East Central Caucus immediately in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Okay. The East Central Caucus for the Republican Caucus will be meeting in the majority conference room.

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER. Representative Mary Jo Daley is recognized.

Ms. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On my vote on SB 356, I would like it to be recorded in the positive. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Okay. It will be a recorded "yes" vote. Thank you very much, Representative Daley.

Ms. DALEY. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush is recognized.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also would like a change, please, to HB 2382; recorded in the negative, please.

The SPEAKER. You wish to be recorded in the negative, sir?

Mr. DUSH. That is correct.

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Rob Kauffman is recognized.

Mr. KAUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, to correct the record.

During the uncontested calendar today, I was sitting in my seat and my button malfunctioned. I was not recorded at all but should be recorded in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, you will be recorded in the affirmative for the uncontested resolutions for today.

We will just do some housekeeping here.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 2350;
SB 613;
SB 898;
SB 899;
SB 1235;
SB 1367; and
SB 1368.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

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 975;
HB 2266;
SB 486;
SB 881;
SB 1086;
SB 1202; and
SB 1292.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 479**, **PN 3070**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, providing for delegation of functions necessary for the support of nursing services.

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 479 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 479 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 594, PN 1895**, entitled:

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

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 594 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 594 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 1489, PN 3729**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the inspection and regulation of mobile food vehicles in cities of the first class that use propane or other combustible fuel.

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 1489 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 1489 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 1893, PN 3381**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intergovernmental cooperation, further providing for ordinance, for content of ordinance, for joint purchases with private educational establishments, for required review of specified agreements and for effect of joint cooperation agreements.

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 1893 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 1893 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 1991, PN 3173**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for intergovernmental cooperation.

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 1991 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 1991 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 1992, PN 3174**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for municipal authorities and cooperation with other political subdivisions.

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 1992 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 1992 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. Representative Kurt Masser moves that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 7:02 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.