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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. I do apologize for the slight delay. We have been working on the roll call, the master roll call boards, and I will give you more information on that shortly.

The prayer today will be offered by Rev. Jana Quisenberry. Now, you were with the United Christian Church, Coal Center, Pennsylvania, but, Reverend, your church now is in Bethel Park; Brightwood Christian Church in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. And she is here today as a guest of our good friend and colleague, Representative Pete Daley.

We are really so honored to have you. Reverend Quisenberry, please take the rostrum.

REV. JANA QUISENBERRY, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Will you enter into a spirit of prayer with me.

Gracious God, this day we thank You for our Commonwealth and ask that the work done in these hallowed halls might bless it in ways greater than we can ask or imagine. Bless those on whose shoulders these legislators stand – their constituents, that they may be engaged in the political process; their staff, that they might find their work meaningful and joyous; and especially their families and friends, that they may be happy and prosperous and secure in the knowledge that their sacrifices matter deeply in the lives of Your people. May these legislators have discernment, humility, grace, and may they reconnect with the passion that drove them to public service. 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 Monday, October 24, 2016, will be postponed until printed.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILLS RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 162, PN 3955; HB 1118, PN 4066; HB 1618, PN 4068; HB 2148, PN 4064; and HB 2025, PN 4069**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 2058, PN 3428; HB 2290, PN 3893; and HB 2291, PN 3769**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives by amending said amendments to **HB 1196, PN 4090**.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 984, PN 2167**.

SENATE MESSAGE**RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
October 24, 2016

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, November 14, 2016, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, November 14, 2016, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 2058, PN 3428

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for duties of department and for first aid and other safety services; and, in governance of the system, further providing for criminal laboratory user fee.

HB 2290, PN 3893

An Act amending the act of March 29, 1803 (P.L.542, No.156), entitled "An act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotages, and for other purposes therein mentioned," further providing for fees.

HB 2291, PN 3769

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services.

SB 984, PN 2167

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally), 66 (Public Utilities) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, further providing for definitions and for certificate of public convenience required; providing for transportation network companies and for regulation of taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties, providing for power of commission to confiscate, impound and sell vehicles; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; providing for motor carrier regulations and for transportation network service; and, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for Greg ROTHMAN of Cumberland County for the day and Kurt MASSER of Northumberland County for the day.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for Leslie ACOSTA of Philadelphia County for the day, Dan McNEILL of Lehigh County for the day, Steve SANTARSIERO of Bucks County for the day, and Dwight EVANS of Philadelphia County for the day.

Without objection, all those requests for leave will be granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, as you can see, we are basically at one of the four boards working here right now. The one on my right, your left, may tally but the system needs a new part and we are not supposed to get that part until tomorrow sometime. So I have been asked to say if you could where your voting area is, I have been instructed that it is fairly sensitive, so if you could keep objects away from your button area, that would be appreciated.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair will proceed with the master roll and we will see how it works. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—197

Adolph	Evankovich	Kotik	Ravenstahl
Artis	Everett	Krueger	Readshaw
Baker	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Reed
Barbin	Farina	Lewis	Reese
Barrar	Farry	Longietti	Regan
Benninghoff	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bloom	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Boback	Freeman	Major	Rozzi
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Saccone
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Masser	Rothman	Santarsiero
Evans	McNeill		

LEAVES ADDED—12

Brown, R.	Davidson	Farina	Ross
Brown, V.	Day	Kirkland	Turzai
Daley, P.	DeLuca	Regan	Verab

LEAVES CANCELED—9

Brown, R.	Masser	Rothman	Turzai
Daley, P.	Regan	Santarsiero	Verab
Day			

The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-seven having voted on the master roll, we have a quorum present.

Hold on; we are not locked in yet. There is one other member who I— Representative Madeleine Dean's button is not denoting her presence. So we are going to close the board and we are going to record for the record that Representative Dean is also present. Representative Dean, while the green color did not come on, you were in fact denoted on the master roll as being present. It did denote on the master roll that you are present.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Rothman is on the House floor and should be added back to the master roll.

At this time, members, I would ask you to take your seats. We have an outstanding delegation with us today and a special guest. So I would ask all members to please take your seats. I would ask all members to please take your seats.

AMBASSADOR GHEEWHAN KIM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Our good friend and colleague, Representative Kate Harper, is going to be coming up to the dais here to introduce to us a very special guest, and he is in fact going to speak to us and I will have some comments afterwards. But I would like to give the honor to Representative Harper, who brought the Consul General for the Republic of Korea to meet with us.

Representative Harper, please proceed.

Members, please take your seats. This is a very special guest, and I would like to make sure that he has our full attention. All members, please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Harper, you may proceed.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you very much.

Members of the House, we often bring special guests with us to the House, but it is a very rare thing for a guest to be allowed to speak at the Speaker's invitation. Today I have such a special guest. I think it is wonderful that in the back of the room we have a number of veterans because my special guest today is Ambassador Gheewhan Kim of the Republic of Korea, South Korea, one of our strongest allies, although they are a small country. They also have one of the better economies in the world, although they are a small country, and they value their relationship as an ally of the United States of America and as a trading partner.

In my home county of Montgomery County, there are 45,000 Koreans or Korean-Americans, almost enough to make a House district. They came to our country and contribute mightily to our country in terms of intellect, industriousness, and other things that help our Pennsylvania industries get ahead.

The Ambassador himself has served all over the world, and do not hold this against him – he has a law degree from the University of Seoul, Korea, and a master's in law from Cambridge. And he has served all over the world, and he wanted to be able to come and address the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to renew the bonds of friendship between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America in the Keystone State.

So it is my pleasure to introduce Ambassador Gheewhan Kim from the Republic of Korea. Please give him a warm welcome.

The SPEAKER. Members.

AMBASSADOR GHEEWHAN KIM. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Good morning, everyone.

I am Korean Consul General to New York. I am really happy to visit Harrisburg and to meet with many distinguished Representatives here in this beautiful Capitol Building hall. And

also my sincere hello to the veterans in the audience as well. Really, this is a special opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Turzai; distinguished Representatives; ladies and gentlemen, good morning. It is my great pleasure and enormous privilege to speak to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives today. In particular, I thank Representative Kate Harper for arranging this precious opportunity.

Pennsylvania is very familiar and well known to Korea and Korean people. To take on a few examples, two legendary football players: 2006 Super Bowl MVP (most valuable player) and Steelers former wide receiver, Mr. Hines Ward, and his dedicated Korean mom; and Mr. Franco Harris, famous for his "Immaculate Reception," was honorary consul general from 2011 to 2016. Pittsburgh Pirates infielder and 2015 National League Rookie of the Year finalist, Mr. Jung Ho Kang, has many fans in Korea as well.

Pennsylvania has been a very important State for Korea for a long time. Pennsylvania is known as where America began and where Benjamin Franklin worked as a statesman, author, printer, scientist, and diplomat. I know there are many more Pennsylvanians; I think the wall painting behind me represents those famous Pennsylvanians. Pennsylvania is where Dr. Philip Jaisohn, American-educated medical doctor and the first U.S. citizen from Korea, worked as a statesman, reformer, publisher, and educator for independence and democracy of Korea under and after the colonial occupation of imperial Japan.

Pennsylvania is also the home State of Rev. Henry Gerhard Appenzeller, born in Souderton and the first Methodist missionary to Korea. He arrived in Incheon, Korea, in 1885. Korea was a very poor country at that time. He was not only a missionary but also an educator and became concerned about the lack of educational opportunities for women and common people in Korea. He opened the first modern, Western-style school, Pai Chai HakDang, in Seoul in 1885, and later a bookstore in 1894, which later expanded to become Methodist Printing and Publishing House. He taught Gospels in Korean and in English. He himself learned Korean language and practiced it again and again to teach Gospels, to teach good opportunities for women and common people at the time, and by doing so, he expanded literacy among women and the common people. His daughter, Alice, became the president of Ewha Womans University, Korea's first college for women, and his son, Henry, again Henry, Jr., became the president of Pai Chai HakDang, the school his father started.

Dr. Philip Jaisohn also taught at Pai Chai HakDang and Dr. Syngman Rhee, Korea's first President, and many other Korean leaders thereafter were educated in this Pai Chai HakDang.

Pennsylvania is closely linked at critical junctures in Korean history. When the Korean war broke out on June 25, 1950, more than 200,000 Pennsylvanian soldiers came to defend South Korea as part of 1.8 million American soldiers to serve in that war.

Taking this opportunity, I want to thank for the service and dedication, the veterans who are present today as Representatives in this House. Particularly the audience, the veterans in the audience of the House, I thank for their presence, special presence today with us.

Capt. Leonard LaRue – a Navy seaman, a Philadelphia native – and his vessel, SS *Meredith Victory*, rescued over 14,000 refugees in the middle of fierce battle and retreat from massive and sudden offensive of voluntary Chinese army, I think 300,000 Chinese volunteer army, in the cold winter of 1950. It was just before Christmas. This was the largest humanitarian rescue operation by one single ship. The descendants of over 14,000 refugees are now working and contributing to advancing Korea in many areas.

Now, Korea has grown into a country of the 11th largest economy in the world and a country with sophisticated institutions of democracy and sophisticated innovative industries, and the first female Presidency of the country, now incumbent. Korea is a strong ally of the United States for more than 60 years and the Korea-U.S. alliance is a linchpin of peace and security in Northeast Asia. Korea is a strong economic and strategic partner of the United States in the region and globally with high-quality, comprehensive Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement in the fifth year of its implementation. Today Korea is Pennsylvania's 10th largest export destination and the 6th largest importing country to Pennsylvania.

In terms of investment, there is a very steady increase in Korean-owned companies in Pennsylvania. Companies like Clark Equipment, Erie Power Technologies, StarKist, Dae-IL USA, Hyundai Rotem USA, HIOSSEN, Woori America Bank, Essex Group, Hyosung HICO America, and KEPCO are these companies, and these companies have been creating a significant number of jobs. I think, I am sure, there will be more Korean business that will be coming not only to the United States but also to Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is also home to over 56,000 Koreans, many of them working as professionals, businessmen, and community leaders. Representative Patty Kim, Philadelphia City Councilman David Oh, and Councilwoman Helen Gym are among them. I think there will be more.

Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation is still active in offering medical and social services in Philadelphia. And General Secretary Master Bong Pil Yang and President Kwang Soo Lee, the leaders of the America-Korea-China Leaders Society who are present with us today, have been community leaders for a long time in spreading tae kwon do and its high spirit of self-discipline and compassion.

I came to Pittsburgh in November last year to open the Korean Heritage Room in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh. And I am a father of a daughter who graduated from Carnegie Mellon this year. Though a bit late compared with 29 others, I was very happy to add the Korean culture room here in Pennsylvania.

This afternoon I will be signing an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Secretary of Transportation Ms. Leslie Richards on mutual recognition of driver's licenses. This is a long, long prepared work to accomplish today. I am confident that this MOU will help to expand people-to-people exchanges and business opportunities in Pennsylvania in the future.

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished Representatives, as President Obama emphasized in his speech in Korea, "Korea and the United States go together." "같이 갑시다" in Korean. I want to say this again today in Pennsylvania, we go together, Korea and Pennsylvania. "같이 갑시다." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Ambassador Kim, thank you so much for joining us here in the august chambers of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. We are so honored to have you as a guest of our chamber at the invitation of Representative Harper and wish you well. Pennsylvania is so honored, is so honored to have this outstanding relationship with the Republic of Korea. Thank you.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. COHEN

The SPEAKER. Now, at this time Representative Cohen, I know you wanted to give remarks prior to a break, and if this is an okay time, we have a good crowd and I know everybody would be welcome to hearing your remarks.

Representative Mark Cohen will be presenting his remarks to this chamber after 42 1/2 years of service. Please. Please stand for that – 42 1/2 years of service. It is amazing. He was elected in a special election on May 21, 1974, and has been the longest serving member of the House of Representatives in the history of Pennsylvania. Yes; it is really amazing. He currently serves as the Democratic chair of the House State Government Committee, formerly served as the Democratic chair of Human Services, and as the chair of the House Labor Relations. He served as Democratic majority whip and was the Democratic caucus chair. He has actually held that post on two different occasions, I believe.

He resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Mona, who just retired as a special education teacher, and they have a daughter, Amanda, who is employed by the city of Philadelphia. I wonder if your retirement has anything to do with your loving wife's retirement as well. You will have to tell us.

Representative Cohen, we are so honored to give you the rostrum. Please come on up. Thank you.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, thank you for your kind words, and thank you for your constant recognition of the importance and value of each individual member and your seeing members as dedicated people rather than partisan or ideological stereotypes.

As I have worked to prepare remarks for today, I have learned firsthand why some members decline to give a farewell address. It is extremely difficult to examine one's own career and friendships and produce remarks that fit into a reasonable period of time.

When my daughter, Amanda, was in preschool, I told her that when I was her age, dinosaurs roamed the streets. "Daddy, that's not true," she said, thus proving the value of a preschool education. But the world in which I grew up and the world in which I was elected in 1974 is far different from the world of today.

One of the enduring memories of my childhood is a neighbor of mine, Helen Scheiman, a married woman, got her own car so she could drive to go to work. Among the preteens on my block, the fact that a married woman could get her own car and drive it herself was really big news. In retrospect, it was the forecast of constant changes to come.

When I was sworn in as a member of the legislature 42 1/2 years ago, the Steelers had never won a Super Bowl and the Phillies had never won a World Series. Many things were different then.

The footprints of law enforcement in Pennsylvania was far smaller than it is now. Wiretapping was illegal under almost all circumstances. There were no State investigative grand juries. There was no elected State Attorney General. There were only about 6,000 people in Pennsylvania prisons. The prison budget was only about \$100 million.

There was no State Ethics Commission and no preelection campaign finance disclosures. There were few PACs (political action committees), and campaigns, by today's standards, were very inexpensive. I won a hotly contested primary election in 1974 as the top spender with \$4400 in total expenditures.

Being intellectually or physically disabled was far more likely to get one institutionalized than being a criminal. We had a system of State facilities for the physically and mentally disabled that effectively institutionalized many thousands of them involuntarily in conditions far worse than that endured by convicted criminals.

Crime victims' rights did not apply to testifying in court or weighing in on the sentencing of criminals. Sexual crimes almost always went unpunished. The lack of virginity of a rape victim was a virtually surefire defense for any rape defendant. The sexual abuse of children was considered much more a fact of life than a crime. Child pornography was then legal.

The State lottery was new and experimental. People wondered if it would last and what would happen to property tax and rent rebates if it went out of business.

Working conditions in Pennsylvania factories and other workplaces were often terrible. The smoke of cigarettes and cigars overwhelmed many workplaces, including the floor of the House of Representatives. No one in labor or management usually knew what chemicals were regularly being exposed to the workers.

Our minimum wage had never been different from the Federal minimum wage. There was no 4-year or graduate educational institution in Harrisburg for us to recruit from or to help people in State government with expert advice.

Patronage was the dominant political currency. The main job patronage workers had was to get out to vote. It was a rough balance between Democratic and Republican patronage armies. Governmental payrolls had many unnecessary workers because of this. Yet legislators, except in extraordinary circumstances, had no district offices, nor did we have many Harrisburg staffers. Two or three legislators had to share the services of a single secretary, and old-timers remembered when there were no secretaries at all.

Professional staff were extremely rare. There was no printed analysis of bills and amendments. House sessions were not televised. Legislative leaders were often picked by horse trading among county political organizations. They often tended to represent the county political organizations more than they represented the members.

When I was sworn in as a member of the House, I had a somewhat fearful and stereotype view of my fellow legislators. I had read and believed all too many newspaper editorials back in the day when most people actually read newspapers. What I found here, to my surprise and delight, was a legislature brimming with dedicated and responsible individuals passionately committed toward building a better Pennsylvania.

So I actively participated in a constant reexamination of the status quo along with many other legislators. I attended every caucus and committee meeting that I could to fully participate in

the ongoing process of making Pennsylvania a better place to live. I learned firsthand that legislative service was a form of calling and that the potential for constructive change was both great and all too often unrealized. I came to believe that voters wanted action more than political maneuvering and they cared more about what actually happened here than about the political personalities. Until the extraordinary 2012 Supreme Court redistricting decision, which effectively dismembered my legislative district and opened the door to a flood of outside money, these core beliefs served me well.

I am proud of the active role I played in both elevating the importance of the institution of the House of Representatives and in elevating the importance of the work of rank-and-file members of the House. I am proud of my work to create a more open, more honest, more empathetic State government through numerous innovations – from mail registration to online registration, from State ethics laws to regular ethics trainings, from legislative district offices to highly professional staffers, from extremely limited higher educational facilities in Harrisburg to a rich array of undergraduate and graduate professional programs here.

I am proud to have been an early advocate of the PACE (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) program and the expansion of the State lottery. The whole lottery proceeds when I was first elected was \$60 million a year.

Nothing that I or anyone else accomplishes here can be done alone, nor can I or anyone else say that everything we wanted to have been accomplished has been accomplished and there is nothing else to be done.

I am proud to have initiated the effort for medical marijuana. We have enacted it, but except for giving Pennsylvanians the right to take advantage of medical marijuana laws in other places around the country and around the world, it has yet to be implemented.

I am proud to have coauthored the law providing for preelection financial disclosure. Yet time and court decisions have led to a flood of money that creates great political peril for the political system. Reform here is long overdue.

I am proud to have worked continuously for the betterment of the economically destitute. But I never imagined that our declining safety net created by legislation which I strongly opposed would mean that my offices and many other legislative offices would be involved in giving out food and clothing to the neediest among us. When I was first elected, the poverty to that extent did not exist. I would hope that future legislatures would revisit and rebuild our tattered economic safety net.

Whatever I have done or helped others do, I am eternally grateful to the many people who have worked with me. I would like to thank our current Democratic leaders – Frank Dermody, Mike Hanna, Joe Markosek, and others – for the help and courtesies they have given. I would also like to thank the many other Democratic leaders with whom I have served who have given vision and leadership in the ever-difficult challenge of producing unity from diversity. I want to thank the members of the Democratic Caucus, retired and still here, for electing me as a caucus leader for a record 11 times.

K. Leroy Irvis remains my all-time legislative hero. I have enjoyed working in the building named for him for the past 6 years. His eloquence and constructiveness were always inspiring to me and to many others.

On the Republican side, I wish to thank Dave Reed, Bryan Cutler, and Bill Adolph for help and courtesies they have extended.

This session has produced glimpses of the hope for extended bipartisan cooperation in the future. As a citizen, I will look forward to that.

I want to also thank Gene DiGirolamo, Daryl Metcalfe, and the other Republican chairmen whom I have worked for the courtesies they have extended.

Matt Ryan remains the preeminent Republican leader of my time. He could be prickly and difficult at times, especially in his later years when he was suffering from very severe illnesses, but his love for the House of Representatives and his balancing of internal legislative interests with other societal interests was superb. I and this institution miss his absence deeply.

Of course the most important person in my life is my wife, Mona. She is both an outstanding educator in her own right and a devoted and passionate advocate for many children and for my cause as a State legislator. I could not have lasted as long as I did without her enthusiastic and passionate support. Mona, please stand in the back. She is in the front. She is in the front. Thank you.

I would also like to thank my long-term executive director, Michael Cassidy, now the head of Temple University Harrisburg's Internship Program, and my current executive director, Kim Hileman.

I would also like to thank my longtime legislative research analyst, Leon Czikowsky; my current research analysts, Kathy Seidl and Matt Hurlburt.

I would like to thank my former aides, Eric Fillman and Dawn Reese, both of whom engaged in extensive caucus service as counsel and deputy chief clerk after leaving my office.

I would like to thank the woman who led my legislative district office for 35 years, Mable Windham, who was unable to be here today, and the women who are here now. Phyllis Swing heads the legislative office. Phyllis is in the back. Thank you very much. Others who served in my legislative office are Sonya Thomas, Debra Murphy-Whittingham, Carmen Hughes, Susan Grondski, and Diane McGann. I am deeply grateful to them and all my prior district aides over the years for their dedicated service.

All good things must come to an end. My legislative service will end November 30, but I intend to stay active in various political, legal, educational, governmental, and possibly lobbying capacities in the years ahead. The end of my legislative service will not be the end of my involvement here. Representative democracy has been the cause of my life, and I will not abandon it.

I wish each of you well, and for all of you who have worked in the House, both here on the House floor and elsewhere, I wish you Godspeed in the years ahead. Thank you very much.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Cohen, I must say whenever you approach the microphone to speak on the important issues of the day in front of us, you were always so well prepared, so cogent. You deliver very well-thought-out, analytical arguments that make everybody think. And you are passionate about the issues confronting the citizens of Pennsylvania and you have

represented your district magnificently over these past 42 1/2 years. I am sure that the citizens of the 202d District will miss you greatly. We will miss you greatly. You have been a real statesman. You have been a person who, while not abandoning your principles or your perspective, has been able to work with so many people on both sides of the aisle to accomplish so much. And you love this institution and it shows every single day. Of course we will be looking forward to seeing you visit regularly over the next years.

Thank you so much, Representative Cohen, and a small gift for your retirement here on November 30.

Thank you for coming up to speak today. Thank you.

Last week we passed a very important resolution that addressed the issue of breast cancer awareness. I invite right now to come up to the front of the chamber in the well of the House Representative Donatucci. I know Representative Helm, Representative DeLissio, and other members are here dressed in pink today as a sign of their support behind this important issue. The resolution was HR 1057, and I again ask all of the members here today dressed in pink or a variation thereof or who just want to come up and show their support on this issue to please gather behind. I think Representative Donatucci, Representative Toohil, and maybe some others will be speaking. We will begin our presentation as soon as all the members are in fact in the well of the House.

STATEMENT BY MS. DONATUCCI

The SPEAKER. Representative Donatucci, I think the team is behind you and you may begin.

Ms. DONATUCCI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is stunning when you hear that every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. While you browse the morning news, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. In the time it takes to make a cup of tea, another woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. And during the time you make a withdrawal from an ATM (automatic teller machine), yet another woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. The numbers are not meant to scare us, but rather call attention to the importance of breast cancer awareness. The good news is that women are being diagnosed earlier, and we can thank opportunities like Breast Cancer Awareness Month for educating women on the risks and symptoms of breast cancer.

I look around and I see those of you who are mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, my friends, and I see our male counterparts who are fathers, sons, and brothers. Chances are, we have all been touched by this disease and have heard incredible stories of courage and survival.

We all look around during this month and see the pink fountain. The pink we see all around serves as a nudge to all women to learn how they can prevent becoming a breast cancer statistic. The pink we see in October also reminds us how far we have come with research, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer, giving women a better chance than ever of surviving.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I rise today, to provide hope and to celebrate courage, determination, and so many women's capacity to find health and healing. And I would like to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support of my resolution, which was adopted last week, HR 1057, making October 2016 "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month." Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MS. TOOHL

The SPEAKER. Representative Tarah Toohil.

Ms. TOOHL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you to all of our colleagues in the House for your affirmative vote on HR 1057.

The statistics are startling: Just today 37 women in Pennsylvania will be diagnosed with breast cancer, today. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

We have two role models in the fight against breast cancer right here among us, our very own Representative Pam DeLissio and our very own Representative Sue Helm. You are both an inspiration. They are both an inspiration to us all. They have worked tirelessly – and they are here at work – they have worked tirelessly side by side with us as they fought a silent battle sometimes.

Today we stand with you as does every member of this House. As a token of our solidarity, we have some pink flowers here for you today. We have pink flowers we are going to give the ladies. We are going to hear from the Representatives, and then afterwards at the break we are going to meet at the pink fountain, get a photo, and the gentlemen colleagues are invited to attend as well. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MS. HELM

The SPEAKER. Representative Helm or Representative DeLissio, would you like to say a few remarks?

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank everyone here on the floor today for everything you did for me during my time of going through chemo and also did the radiation. When I found out I had it, you know, it was always that scary spot. But everyone, my cancer had no boundaries because it did not matter which side of the aisle it was, I was receiving flowers, cards, phone calls, prayers. I know so many of you said that you pray for me, and believe me, that helps so much.

But I was very lucky with modern medicine that basically in 6 months I was over it. I went through the chemo. And Bryan Cutler probably knows more than anybody what my schedule was because I was asking like, what are we doing?

So my doctor told me like the third day after the chemo is when I would feel the results of the chemo. So I knew that on the Thursday after the Monday when I had the treatment I had to pretty much stay home. But other than that, I really did not miss hardly anything, and I think the fact that I had this busy job was really good for me because you do not have time to think and it really helped me through it.

But I think the most trying thing was my hair. I mean, you all know I had the long hair. And they tell you that your hair will fall out and maybe you should get your head shaved, but I did not want to get my head shaved. But I did not know that one morning I would take a shower and my whole hair matted, so I had to take a scissors and cut it off. But, you know, I had a wig so I came in here and you were all so gracious because no one walked up to me and said, "Do you have a wig on?" Pretty much you just said like, "Did you get your hair cut?" And then I wore the wig for probably, what, 6, 8 months, and then when

I took it off, so many people said again, "Did you get your hair cut?"

So you have really been great to me and I appreciate that. And if you ever hear the word "cancer," it is not the end of your life. Here I am to prove it. I am just as good as I was before I started this. So you can get through it. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MS. DeLISSIO

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLissio.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I remember when I found out that our great colleague from Dauphin County was diagnosed with this and remember giving her a little peck on the cheek and telling her that we would be here to support her for whatever she needed. Impossible to imagine, because I think a lot just human nature, impossible to imagine that I would walk that journey less than a year later.

And I hope that what we are doing today serves as a cautionary tale. I think Representative Helm was pretty quick when she found that lump and got herself to the doctor and got herself on the road to treatment. I did not. I let life get in the way, and I take personal responsibility for that. And I am very fortunate because even though there was a delayed response to my reacting to it, which allowed a delayed response for my medical team to react to it, my prognosis is very good. It is excellent. It is curable. It is treatable. My journey will be twice as long as Sue's, probably about a 14-month journey.

And I just want to say that without not only the love and the support of my family, that you just cannot get through this, but you are my family up here, and every day when somebody has given me a hug, squeezed my hand, makes sure I am drinking enough water, and tells me that I am on the prayer list, I am on your church's list, that is what gets us through.

So I would invite that anybody watching this today who is past due for their mammogram or perhaps is due for one and has never had one, to feel free to call our district offices. We will help get you to that mammogram if you are not sure where to turn or how to go about it. And more importantly, for those who might be a little afraid or a little scared or a little concerned about going by themselves, do not be afraid to ask for a buddy. I have offered myself as a buddy in order to do that. So please, I am sure all of our offices would be happy to help with anybody who calls to make sure we get our constituents to the appropriate resource in a timely way.

Again, Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Thank you for helping us to help other women in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. Do not let anyone say this is a partisan body. This is a great group of fellow legislators, and thank you for your courage and thank you for your message. We love you. Thank you very, very much.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

Boy, this morning and afternoon we have just some amazing people and some amazing messages.

At this time I need to have Representative Sankey, Representative Gabler, Representative Dush, who have really outstanding guests. Now, I think I would like to invite those individuals up to introduce their extraordinary guests. Matt and Tom and Cris. Representatives Gabler, Dush, and Sankey. And do you want to come up here, gentlemen?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

STATEMENT BY MR. DUSH

The SPEAKER. Representative Dush, you are going to start, and then Representative Gabler and then Representative Sankey.

Representative Dush, you are on.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the rear of the House today we have members of the Order of the Purple Heart from Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield, and Elk Counties. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is composed of military men and women who receive the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. The group with us today is comprised of veterans from the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars. Ladies and gentlemen, these are men who were in the thick of it, had colleagues pass beside them, and were able to come home. They bear the scars physically, that some of their comrades also bear the mental scars, but these men bear the physical scars of what it means to stand for what the United States of America stands for and to put their lives on the line. And it is our honor to be able to welcome them here to the floor of the House, let them see firsthand the establishment of the NCO (noncommissioned officer) Corps with the portrait at the rear of the House.

And as Matt and I being veterans ourselves, we truly appreciate, and for those of you guys from the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, one of the most poignant things that I can remember when we were coming back from Baghdad was the discussion about how different the welcome home was that we were going to be receiving versus what you gentlemen did, and I will leave it with, for you guys, welcome home.

STATEMENT BY MR. GABLER

The SPEAKER. Representative Gabler. Before you start, tell everybody what your rank and service is too, and I should have had Representative Dush do that as well, and then please make sure you introduce everybody.

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

It is my pleasure to speak second. Certainly the NCO Corps leads the way. Representative Dush is a master sergeant in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. I serve as a captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

It is my pleasure to have some of the most distinguished and honored constituents that we could possibly welcome here to the hall of the House. We have a busload of several dozen constituents from across the area that Representative Dush had mentioned. I want to specifically name six members of our delegation who are here who are Purple Heart recipients, and so I would ask them to please stand when I say your name. They

include John Delaney, John Hibner, John Starr, Ed Greenawalt, Ron Muth, Joe Woods, and David Walker. Let us give these gentlemen a warm round of applause.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that we are honoring our delegation here for their military service, for the sacrifice that they have made, but I would be remiss if I did not also mention that these men and women who come home from military service, they do not stop stepping up there. These are the same men and women who we see leading our communities each and every day, from our civic organizations to our American Legions to our VFWs (Veterans of Foreign Wars) to our city councils to our fire departments. These are the people that we as Representatives who have the honor and pleasure of serving 64,000 people apiece, sometimes you wonder whether you are going to see the same person twice. These are the people that we see each and every day leading the way in our districts. So I just want to say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you not only for your military service but thank you for never stopping serving.

Mr. Speaker, thank you so much for this opportunity.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Gentlemen, thank you so much for making the trip here to Harrisburg to spend this day with us. It is our honor to have you in this august body. Thank you for your service to your country and to us, your fellow citizens.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Rosemary BROWN of Monroe County has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes fifth and sixth grade students and teachers from Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. They are guests of Representative Paul Costa. Please rise and be recognized.

Also located in the gallery, as guests of Representative Thaddeus Kirkland, the Chester County elected officials are Councilman William Jacobs, Councilman William Morgan, City Controller Edith Blackwell, Chief of Staff Ronald Starr, Chief Financial Officer Nafis Nichols, Solicitor Ken Schuster, Communications Director Aigner Cleveland, and Officer Crawford. Please rise and be recognized.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes Representative Frankel's interns from his Pittsburgh office: Sarah Best, Sage Lincoln, and Megan Williams. They are all students at the University of Pittsburgh. Please rise and be recognized.

Located in the well of the House, the Chair welcomes guest page Brook Reichenbach from Bloomsburg University, who is a guest of Representative Dave Millard. Welcome.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MURT called up **HR 1047, PN 3977**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2016 as "Commonwealth Hunters Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1048, PN 3978**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2016 as "Head Start Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1049, PN 3979**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1050, PN 3980**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 3 through 7, 2016, as "Financial Planning Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1051, PN 3981**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2016 as "National Depression Education and Awareness Month" and recognizing the week of October 2 through 8, 2016, as "Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 1052, PN 3982**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 16 through 22, 2016, as "Love Your Avenue Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 1054, PN 3984**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 25, 2016, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. NESBIT called up **HR 1067, PN 4015**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2016 as "Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and commending the work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

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Mrs. GINGRICH called up **HR 1069, PN 4017**, entitled:

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

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Mrs. R. BROWN called up **HR 1074, PN 4031**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2016 as "American Music Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 1093, PN 4091**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 31 through November 4, 2016, as "No Place for Hate Week" in Pennsylvania and commending the Anti-Defamation League for its outstanding efforts to promote peace, brotherhood and goodwill.

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Mrs. WATSON called up **HR 1095, PN 4093**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 19, 2016, as "National Adoption Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. GOODMAN called up **HR 1096, PN 4094**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of December 2016 as "Made in PA Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BAKER called up **HR 1099, PN 4097**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 12, 2016, as "International CJD Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ADOLPH called up **HR 1101, PN 4099**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "Respiratory Care Week" in Pennsylvania and commending respiratory therapists for their outstanding contributions to health care.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Everett	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Artis	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Readshaw
Baker	Farina	Lewis	Reed
Barbin	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Barrar	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Benninghoff	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Major	Rothman
Boback	Gabler	Maloney	Rozzi
Boyle	Gainey	Markosek	Saccone
Bradford	Galloway	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Evans	Regan	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	McNeill		

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

STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. First up for members wishing to speak on House resolutions, Representative Kinsey and Representative Lewis are recognized to speak on HR 1054.

You may proceed when you are ready.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of Representative Lewis and myself, I want to thank the members of this chamber for their support of HR 1054, recognizing October 25, 2016, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I have previously shared with this esteemed body that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. And I know that I shared that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded by 10 young men, with Elder Watson Diggs at the helm, along with John Milton Lee, Byron

K. Armstrong, Guy L. Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds.

But, Mr. Speaker, what I have not shared is how this organization, Kappa Alpha Psi, helped to shape me into the man I am today. Kappa Alpha Psi helped me to understand the importance of leadership, teamwork, respect, and a greater understanding of my fellow human beings. Our motto, "Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor," has been consistent with our members, not just with me and Representative Lewis, but with every single member of our organization.

We believe in supporting worthy causes through our Guide Right programs, programs such as our Achievement Academy, where we mentor young boys between the ages of 10 to 18 years old, training them to become leaders in their communities and in their schools; through our scholarship program, as we provide not only college tours but financial support to assist young students to achieve their dream of entering an institution of higher learning; through our community outreach programs, where we host Thanksgiving dinners through our Feeding 1,000 initiative; and our Healthy Communities Program that focuses on supporting and educating communities on healthy choices; and through our partnership with organizations like St. Jude's Hospital, a leading children's hospital that is pioneering research and treatment for kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Mr. Speaker, many are called, but few are chosen into our bond, and I want to thank and welcome some of our members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity who have joined us here today. To the left of the rostrum – and when I call your name, just please stand up – I have Mr. Darryl Stephens, who was the polemarch of the Philadelphia alumni chapter. Darryl, please stand. I also have with me Mr. Doug Harrell, who was the first vice polemarch of the Philadelphia alumni chapter; Mr. Martin Henry, who is the political action committee chairman; and also Mr. Bobby Hunter, who is the past polemarch.

Mr. Speaker, I am also going to ask that the members in the rear of the House, the members of Kappa Alpha Psi, please stand up as well. Mr. Speaker, I ask that this esteemed body join me in welcoming the members of Kappa Alpha Psi to the halls of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MRS. WATSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Kathy Watson is recognized to speak on HR 1095, National Adoption Day.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

National Adoption Day will be observed on November 19. We will all be back in our districts, but it is a day we should not forget. Many of you have constituents whose family has been put together through adoption. I stand before you as an adopted child grown up and a parent of an adopted child, the proud parent, I should say, of our son. I know that even in our ranks others are in the process or have children who are adopting presently. It is a great way to make a family, and there are certainly children all throughout Pennsylvania who need good families.

I will tell you that the work you did and the work of the Children and Youth Committee, that they did putting together an adoption package, our bills are over in the Senate. We already have commitment from some of the people who were indeed the prime sponsors that if the Senate does not get to that in the time that we have left, they will be reintroducing in January. So for those of you who will be here in January, we will have one more go at it and perhaps by next year on National Adoption Day we will have revised some of Pennsylvania's adoption laws so that there will be more families made through adoption.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to speak.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you very much, Representative Watson.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Murt is recognized to speak on HR 1047.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to my colleagues for their affirmative vote on HR 1047, which declares November as "Commonwealth Hunters Recognition Month."

Mr. Speaker, while the whitetail deer is the official State animal, hunting could easily be considered the State's premier recreational activity, as it contributes to a healthier environment, like culling overgrown herds. Mr. Speaker, hunting-related activities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania account for nearly \$1 billion in retail sales, with over \$600 million of that being from deer hunting alone.

That is why it is critical that we raise new generations of knowledgeable, respectful, and skillful hunting students who behave conscientiously. Mr. Speaker, responsible behavior includes having respect for others and our wildlife and for weapons. Responsible hunters do not poach or act carelessly. They obey hunting laws, practice safety rules, and wait for a clean kill before shooting. How they behave shows the public how important hunting is to our ecosystem.

Since the inception of the hunter education and hunter safety courses, accidents have decreased by more than 50 percent. The largest drop in accidents has occurred in the last 20 years as many States have focused on educating inexperienced hunters. Mr. Speaker, educated hunters understand that hunter safety is about more than just gun safety. It is an opportunity to learn the proper ethics and responsibility as borrowers of the land and its bounty. Hunters are the stewards of our forests and the guardians of Pennsylvania's environment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mrs. GINGRICH submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

An assistive technology device is any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the

functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older citizens. These, in addition to the support of assistive technology services, empower those whom they serve to control their lives and their futures.

Thank you for joining me in recognizing the importance of assistive technology devices and services by voting for this resolution. Together, we can encourage all citizens to investigate and acquire tools that will contribute to the health, happiness, and independence of our families, friends, and neighbors.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2429 By Representatives DONATUCCI, DEAN, YOUNGBLOOD, DRISCOLL, SCHLOSSBERG and M. DALEY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for sale or transfer of firearms and for Pennsylvania State Police and providing for self-exclusion from purchasing a firearm.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 25, 2016.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MENTZER called up **HR 1105, PN 4114**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2016 as "Check Your Health Insurance Coverage Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The clerk will record the vote—

We are having technical difficulties. Strike that.

The Speaker has been informed that while it does not show on the board, that we have recorded all members voting on this item.

For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe, rise?

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, there is information coming from the other side of the aisle. They think this might be rigged.

Mr. Speaker, your idea to continue to run these votes works if it is unanimous, but it is not going to work if it is not a unanimous vote. We need to see what our vote is. So these unanimous votes are great, but I hope, Mr. Speaker, that we have some technical folks that are going to get this resolved before we continue today with anything that might even have one negative vote cast.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The votes are recorded. The board is entirely lit up here, and all the members will be recorded.

The following roll call was recorded:

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Evans	Regan	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	McNeill		

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. HANNA called up HR 1100, PN 4098, entitled:

A Resolution honoring and celebrating the contributions and sacrifices made by Pennsylvania's first responders.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Hanna, is recognized.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I stand before you to offer HR 1100, which honors and celebrates the contributions and sacrifices made by Pennsylvania's first responders. Our first responders are worthy of recognition for their courage, heroism, and concern for the welfare of our communities they serve regardless of peril or injury to themselves.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that thousands of first responders make the ultimate sacrifice every day to protect the citizens they serve. You know, the sacrifice our first responders make really hit home last week as much of Centre County and portions of Clinton County were devastated by disastrous flooding. Many of my constituents are without homes, without clothing, without the necessities that we all rely on day in and day out, and many wonder how they will pay for the damages.

But I promise you, Mr. Speaker, every single constituent is grateful for the dedication, compassion, support, and assistance they received from our area first responders. There were over 100 water rescues during the early morning hours on Friday. Without our first responders, some may not have made it to safety, some may not have been given the medical treatments they needed, and some may not have been able to access food and water.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania employs 27,413 police officers, we have 1,796 registered fire departments resulting in the largest number of fire departments nationally, volunteer staff in over 90 percent of all fire departments, and is made up of 55,000 certified EMS (emergency medical services) personnel.

Our first responders go above and beyond to help those in need, so it is only fitting that we take a moment to recognize the countless hours these brave men and women spend away from their families in the name of public safety to help individuals other than themselves.

I encourage a "yes" vote on HR 1100. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-197

Table with 4 columns: Adolph, Artis, Baker, Everett, Fabrizio, Farina, Krueger, Lawrence, Lewis, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Reed

Table with 4 columns: Barbin, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bizzarro, Bloom, Boback, Boyle, Bradford, Briggs, Brown, V., Bullock, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Causer, Christiana, Cohen, Conklin, Corbin, Costa, D., Costa, P., Cox, Cruz, Culver, Cutler, Daley, M., Daley, P., Davidson, Davis, Dawkins, Day, Dean, Deasy, DeLissio, Delozier, DeLuca, Dermody, Diamond, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Driscoll, Dunbar, Dush, Ellis, Emrick, English, Evankovich, Farry, Fee, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Gabler, Gainey, Galloway, Gergely, Gibbons, Gillen, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Greiner, Grove, Hahn, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Harkins, Harper, Harris, A., Harris, J., Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hickernell, Hill, Irvin, James, Jozwiak, Kampf, Kaufer, Kauffman, Kavulich, Keller, F., Keller, M.K., Keller, W., Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Klunk, Knowles, Kortz, Kotik, Longietti, Mackenzie, Maher, Mahoney, Major, Maloney, Markosek, Marshall, Marsico, Masser, Matzie, McCarter, McClinton, McGinnis, Mentzer, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Miccarelli, Millard, Miller, B., Miller, D., Milne, Moul, Mullery, Murt, Mustio, Neilson, Nelson, Nesbit, Neuman, O'Brien, O'Neill, Oberlander, Ortity, Parker, D., Pashinski, Payne, Peifer, Petrarca, Petri, Pickett, Pyle, Quigley, Quinn, C., Quinn, M., Rader, Rapp, Reese, Roae, Roebuck, Ross, Rothman, Rozzi, Saccone, Sainato, Samuelson, Sankey, Santora, Savage, Saylor, Schemel, Schlossberg, Schreiber, Schweyer, Simmons, Sims, Snyder, Sonney, Staats, Stephens, Sturla, Tallman, Taylor, Thomas, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Topper, Truitt, Vereb, Vitali, Ward, Warner, Watson, Wentling, Wheatley, Wheeland, White, Youngblood, Zimmerman, Turzai, Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Table with 4 columns: Acosta, Brown, R., Evans, McNeill, Regan, Santarsiero

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

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD called up HR 687, PN 2830, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Northwest Raiders Football Team on capturing the 2015 Pop Warner National Super Bowl Championship for the "Midget" Division and winning back-to-back national championships.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Evans	Regan	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	McNeill		

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the resolution, the gentledady, Ms. Youngblood, is recognized.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of the General Assembly for voting for HR 687 and I am handing in my remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentledady.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of the House for their support of HR 687.

HR 687 officially recognizes Philadelphia's Northwest Raiders Pop Warner Football Team for winning the 2015 Pop Warner National Super Bowl Championship, earning their second national title in as many years. The back-to-back Pop Warner National Championships are an extremely rare feat, according to Pop Warner organization officials.

With a 34-19 victory over Baltimore, Maryland's Old Town Gators on December 12, 2015, the Northwest Raiders, hailing from the Germantown area of northwest Philadelphia, captured their second-ever Pop Warner Super Bowl Championship since the program began back in 1971. The Super Bowl was held at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and was nationally televised live on the ESPN family of sports networks.

As some of you may know, Pop Warner is a nonprofit organization that provides youth programs in 42 States across the country and is the only youth football program that requires participants to maintain academic standards in order to play. So the young men of the Northwest Raiders football program have not only proven themselves on the football field but also as students and positive members of our community in Northwest Philadelphia.

Congratulations again to these bright and talented men, and thank you for allowing us to recognize them today.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 838, PN 3242**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Imhotep Institute Charter High School Football Team on capturing the 2015 Class AAA State Football Championship and becoming the first Philadelphia public league school to win a State football championship.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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Artis	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Readshaw
Baker	Farina	Lewis	Reed
Barbin	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Barrar	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Benninghoff	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mahoney	Ross
Bloom	Freeman	Major	Rothman
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Briggs	Gergely	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gillen	Matzie	Santora
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Caltagirone	Gingrich	McClinton	Saylor
Carroll	Godshall	McGinnis	Schemel
Causar	Goodman	Mentzer	Schlossberg

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Costa, P.	Harhart	Miller, D.	Sonney
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Daley, M.	Heffley	Mustio	Taylor
Daley, P.	Helm	Neilson	Thomas
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Deasy	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vereb
DeLissio	Kampf	Ortitay	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Ward
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
Dermody	Kavulich	Payne	Watson
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pyle	Youngblood
Dush	Kirkland	Quigley	Zimmerman
Ellis	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
English	Kortz	Rader	Speaker
Evanovich	Kotik	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Evans	Regan	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	McNeill		

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, you had announced the vote, and when you announced it, what it says up on the board over on the right side of the chamber, your left, it says that there was one "no," but you are telling us it was zero "noes." So who voted "nay"? Is yours right or is that right?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Metcalfe, we are having some difficulties with the board. Everyone was recorded unanimously by a vote of 197 to 0 in favor of the resolution.

Mr. METCALFE. But how do we know if your record is right or that record is right? How do we have accountability for the votes, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The official vote is recorded here, and you can also look on your laptop and the laptop will also reflect the official record as being correct, 197 to 0.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. PYLE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. PYLE. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if this goes into the same vein as the prior speaker, but I have been voted "yes" on the last five or six votes. Is that board going to wipe so I can see how I am really voting on stuff?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Pyle, it is my understanding that the boards are going to be worked on over the lunch break. All of the resolutions are passing. We are announcing the official vote from the board and it is also recorded on the laptop. There are some technical difficulties with the board. They hope to be able to resolve it very soon.

Mr. PYLE. That is very informative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. RADER called up **HR 1106, PN 4115**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Pocono Township, Monroe County.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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Artis	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Readshaw
Baker	Farina	Lewis	Reed
Barbin	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Barrar	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Benninghoff	Flynn	Maher	Roebuck
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Conklin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Simmons
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Ellis	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
English	Kortz	Rader	Speaker
Evanovich	Kotik	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Acosta	Evans	Regan	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	McNeill		

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

RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time the Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Adolph, for announcements.

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

Mr. Speaker, there will be an immediate meeting of the House Rules Committee in the House Republican Appropriations conference room.

Then at 1 o'clock there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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At 1 o'clock there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlelady, Ms. Major, is called upon to make some announcements.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce that Republicans will caucus today at 1:30. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 1:30. We would be prepared to come back on the floor, Mr. Speaker, at 3 p.m. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Frankel, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 1:30. Democrats will caucus at 1:30.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be in recess until 3 o'clock, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:30 p.m.; further extended until 4 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

Representative Mike Regan is on the House floor and should be placed back on the master roll.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 2350, PN 3898

By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 613, PN 2189

By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 898, PN 1064

By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 899, PN 1065 By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1235, PN 2162 By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1367, PN 2157 By Rep. ADOLPH

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1368, PN 2190 By Rep. ADOLPH

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 162, PN 3955 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for definitions and for original birth record.

RULES.

HB 869, PN 4121 (Amended) By Rep. REED

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

RULES.

HB 1118, PN 4066 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for conflicts of interest; and repealing and adding provisions relating to independent counsel.

HB 1618, PN 4068 By Rep. REED

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

RULES.

HB 2148, PN 4064 By Rep. REED

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, amending the title of the act; providing for eligibility of firemen of airport authorities, firemen employed by the Commonwealth and emergency medical services personnel of cities; and making editorial changes.

RULES.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

SR 448, PN 2133 By Rep. REED

A Concurrent Resolution commemorating the 200th session of the General Assembly.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time we are going to proceed with the final remarks from members. I would ask everybody to please take their seats, and I would like all members to please report to the floor.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS
BY MR. DALEY**

The SPEAKER. Our good friend and colleague, Pete Daley, will be offering his remarks.

Pete Daley has served the 49th District of Fayette and Washington Counties for 34 years. He was elected in 1982. Pete is currently serving as the Democratic chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee where, serving with Chairman Godshall, they have reported out and ultimately got signed into law important pieces of legislation. He formerly served as Democratic chair of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee and the Commerce Committee.

Before his election to the legislature, Pete served as mayor of California Borough, and he was elected in 1973. He was the youngest mayor in the history of Pennsylvania at the age of 22. He continues to reside in California, Pennsylvania, where California University of Pennsylvania is located.

It is my honor and privilege to invite Representative Pete Daley to offer his final remarks to this chamber. I would ask all members to please take their seats. Representative Daley, we are honored to have you up here at the rostrum. Thank you very much for your service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Michael, you have been a dear and close personal friend, and it is an honor to be able to have served with you under your tutelage as the Speaker of the House of Pennsylvania.

Leader Dermody, Leader Reed, I know sometimes it is like herding cats on both sides of the aisle, and we have talked about that many times, but you have done a remarkable job. We have all faced many budget days, a long time, and we finally worked things out.

Thirty-four years ago the people of the 49th District of Washington and Fayette Counties gave me the remarkable opportunity to be elected at the age of 32, when the average age

of the legislature was 64, and all of them, not just Democrats, but Republicans, Independents, as we all humbly served our constituencies.

I want to say thanks to my constituents in southwestern Pennsylvania for what an honor you placed upon me, and I know I really echo the feelings of every individual person that sits in this legislature, because we all know how great an honor we have serving our constituents.

Maybe I was born and elected into an era of historic leaders of Pennsylvania, great leaders that are worth being on the Apotheosis behind me. Of course, we all believe that we should probably be on the Apotheosis behind me, but there are some people that I served that probably really should have been and may someday be on that Apotheosis: James Manderino, Matt Ryan, and where I am standing here was K. Leroy Irvis. I sat right in the second row, and you know what, with Tony DeLuca and Joe Markosek and Tom Caltagirone and Dwight Evans, we experienced something, gentlemen and ladies, that I cannot tell you. It was like two gladiators in a pit that would battle and know things, and you thought, how could they remember these things extemporaneously? They were truly great leaders, but when they walked out of here, they walked out with their hands over each other's shoulders, because they knew what goes on in the pit stays in the pit. This is what democracy was all about and is all about.

We have a great person here – many of you have not known him as well as I – and it is Clancy Myer. You know, Clancy has worked for Republicans, Democrats; he did not care. He stood next to the Speaker, like he stands today, giving remarkable opinions concerning the Constitution of Pennsylvania, our rules and the laws. I know you watch him in amazement like I have for 34 years wondering how in the heck does he know all this stuff. But Clancy is the type of guy that really truly knows all this stuff. And, Clancy, it has been an honor and a privilege to be able to work with you, even though I disagree with the opinion of the Chair sometimes. I know you pulled me to the side and enlightened me on my wrong decisions, but I always believed and followed what you had to say.

Now, these great men taught me some things that are rather remarkable. They taught me what is known as the Golden Rule, and for some of you, you have heard what the Golden Rule is. It is not he who has the golden rules, because that is the way it was sometimes, but really, it is some things that as legislators you cannot forget. Manderino used to always tell me, "Pick your spot. Don't get up. Don't debate everything. Pick your spot, because after a while people kind of get tired of hearing you." Then he said, "Duck when you must." And sometimes you come out and we come out with some very, very, very explosive issues. Most people do not work where we work where you are voting things that the public is going to really get you about, and sometimes they are tough decisions, regardless of what side of the aisle. And he said, "Duck sometimes. Don't put your head out of the foxhole." He said, "Know your subject. Don't get up sort of half-cocked. Know what you're talking about. That's how you're going to gain the respect of the other members." He said, "Always stand up for what you believe, no matter what the cost. Whatever is in your heart, you stand up and you fight." And Matt Ryan told me one day when he pulled me to the side, and he said, "I want you to remember something, son," and I was kind of resentful being called "son." He said, "Ben Franklin once said that no bird has ever flown so high that his wings

don't touch the ground." I looked at him and he said, "Do you get it?" I said, "Mr. Speaker, I do get it."

My father was born in Italy. It is something we did not quite know for a long time, and when he died, he did not even know he was born in Italy. And he came to this country – I know that is kind of bizarre, but he really thought he was born in Clairton, Pennsylvania – and my dad went to Pitt, was an All-American football player, went on to be a very, very famous coach and died at the age of 48. My father taught me a lot of things, that life was sort of like football and football was sort of like life. He says, "Whatever you do, you believe it in your heart, and if it's tough, you fasten the chin strap a little bit tighter and you take the hit." My dad got his master's and his Ph.D. It is kind of funny, I never thought of myself as a first-generation American, but here I am, after I found out my dad was born in Italy, I am first generation, but my mother's side was Moyers and Zirkles. They came to Berks County in 1735. So I got the sons of the Italian immigration on one side and the daughters of the American Revolution on the other side, and the two clashed, as you all know from our parents. But those two parts of my life ingrained certain values and principles in my heart and in my soul.

My dad told me as a young man, and when he was coaching, he coached at the University of Miami, he coached at Penn State, he coached high school ballplayers, he coached Mike Ditka and he coached Joe Namath in some all-star games, and I remember him in the locker room telling the kids before the game that life is like a tunnel, and you do not know how long that tunnel is, and when you go through that tunnel, you better make every mark you can on that tunnel and make a difference in life, because you do not know how short that tunnel is. You do not know when you are going to pop out the other end. My dad went out the other end very quickly, but he touched over 300 kids' lives and got them into college and changed their lives, and when my dad died, I was on a mission that I could believe that if I can change one life every day, the world would be a better place.

I want to thank my family who is here – please stand up – Sally, Delia, Talia. This is my family. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. And Bella and Jake and River and we are missing one who is in first grade in Ringgold Elementary. I want to thank them, because like you think of your family, they are like at the frontline. We are down here kind of insulated from people most of the time, but they are the ones that get hit at the grocery store. They are the ones that had to put up with all the noise in school. They are the ones that had to put up with all the complaints. They usually do not tell us about the complaints, but they are the frontline. They are the ones making the sacrifice, and we in western Pennsylvania, and I know on both sides of the aisle, we are away a lot, 3 days a week, they are kind of home by themselves raising the family. That is a tough job. I missed a lot of things with my kids, and I apologized to them, but, you know, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here, to work for what I believe is the higher good of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you very, very, very much from the bottom of my heart.

You know, we all go to town meetings, and you know, we do TV spots and endless town meetings. After 34 years, the interaction with people on the street. How many times have you ever gone out to dinner and someone then sits down beside you and says, "I want to ask you about this issue" or "I want to talk

about getting a job," or you are in a grocery store and they are following you around? This is our life. See, the public does not see that we do work 24/7, and that is why Matt Ryan instilled in me how important it was to protect the institution of the House of Representatives, because we are not like anyone else employed in the world.

They talk about term limits. Our term limit is every 2 years. You know, if the public does not like you, you are out. And the way the public is today, you are out. And the stuff we have to put up with on the street is rather remarkable. I would like to have a couple people walk in your shoes and see the stuff that you put up with, and in their shoes to see the stuff they put up with, because we are doing what we think is in the best interest of the people of Pennsylvania.

I want to introduce some staff and some guests that I invited, and please bear with me. Jamie Macon – I want them to stand; they are in the back – 18 years as my executive secretary; you know, you remember Wally, Wally worked – that was Jamie's father-in-law – Jamie, you can stand up, please. Oh, okay, Jamie. I am sorry. You know we figured this out the other day, after 34 years my staff here and in the district offices have serviced over 100,000 constituent requests. That is crazy. That is crazy. Beth Rosentel is our executive director. Please stand, Beth. She is the current executive director of the Consumer Affairs Committee. Jerry Livingston and Brett Biggica are on our staff that do our researching. Please stand.

From the district office, Donna Nicholson. She is with her husband, Leroy. She has been with us for 20 years. Joanne Latkanich with her friend, James Pavelko. Joanne has been with us for 10 years. Chip Glab is rather remarkable. He is with his son, Anthony Glab, who is a police officer in California Borough. He has been with me 31 years. He did all my PENNDOT. He is like Mr. PENNDOT.

We have Matt Maciorkoski. He is the writer here in Harrisburg. He fixes all the problems I create. And, Matt, you have done a remarkable job. Sandy Altland worked for me for 12 years on the Ag and Commerce Committee. She is retired. We miss you, Sandy. Now, that is my grandbaby making that noise. Tom Andrews. Tom worked for me, and then we sent him to another office, a little bit above us, but he is happy to be back from whence he came. Tom, it is a pleasure. Beth Horne-Beachy. She is now the executive director of the Business and Commerce Committee, the Banking Committee that we called it, and Beth is now the executive director. Tom Andrews, I mentioned. Sharon DePalma McKee. Now, you all know Sharon. Sharon has been around for a while. Sharon was my first intern 32 years ago. We did plant-closing legislation. It was some remarkable stuff way back then. Sharon, thank you for your service to the Commonwealth. Rob Miller. You all know Rob. He is Mr. Hunter, Mr. Fisherman. Rob served as my executive director on the Commerce Committee. You did a remarkable job, Rob, and I am glad you are working for the Governor now on issues that you love.

Charles Duncan. You all know Charlie Duncan. Charles Duncan is my son, who has announced it today. I adopted Charles Duncan when he was in law school and Charles worked as an intern for me, and he has really been very remarkable. He worked in the Senate Appropriations Committee. I think you were sort of the executive director over there. Now he is over at the turnpike serving as the legislative liaison, so if you have a problem, call Charles Duncan.

Some people that are not with me today are Raymond Pecuch, who has worked for us for several years. Some of you may remember Ray. Lorraine Vitchoff, who is very, very sick, but she is doing a little bit better. Ron Luci was my chief of staff for many years, and he is also sick, and we are praying for him and Lorraine. A guy named George Zemo, who was my adviser in college, in graduate school. He is one of the smartest men I have ever met. He went to Stanford. He taught me political science, where I got a master's under his tutelage, and he worked for me for almost 28 years, working in the Uniontown and Brownsville office. His name was George Zemo. Reverend Quisenberry, thank you for coming today. Thank you very, very, very much. You gave a wonderful prayer this morning.

A gentleman that is not here today but has been by me several times on the floor, a guy named Danny Landy, from Mount Pleasant. He was a principal in the Mount Pleasant School District. We graduated from college together and for over 35 years we were best friends and he died of a heart attack a couple years ago, and I know that if he could be here today – he is here today in spirit.

Ed Savarno – and Shirley Savarno is in the back – Mr. Savarno has done all my golf outings for 25 years, helped me in a lot of campaigns, but more importantly, he is my accountant and he has kept the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) away from me for a long time. God bless you and thank you so much for your service and protection of our back end in my business endeavors.

Another person that is not here today is Dr. Jacqueline Goodwin. Jackie Goodwin is the editor of Capitol Watch, and I am sure you have read the paper. She writes the paper. But she has been involved in my campaign for 15 years. She wrote most of my press releases. And in my law practice she also does all my research, and I want to just thank her publicly for her kindness and her work for us.

Some of the committee chairmen that I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve with are Ray Bunt when we were on the Ag Committee; Art Hershey, on Ag Committee; and who could ever forget, nor would I ever forget, Bob Godshall. Bob, please stand up, please. Bob was part of the class of 1982. He was in the class. I was 32 and Bob was 33 at the time. But, Bob, thank you very much; you are a good leader. And of all those committees, not to forget Dick Hess. Dick Hess was a chairman of the Banking Committee with me. Dick was a great man. And all the Republican chairmen that I worked with, we never ever let a bill come out of committee that we did not all agree upon. Rarely did we ever have something that we were so cantankerous or contentious about that we let slide on partisan issues. It just did not work that way with any of those folks.

I want to thank Steve Crawford, Dan Reisteter, Tom Snedden – you all heard of him, the PACE (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) Program. Eric Fillman is in the back who works with our ethics. Eric and I went to college, law school together. Eric is a great man and a good father. And, Eric, did I get that credit that I was telling you about for today? Okay. I got that one. That is great. And Chick Tulli – many of you know Chick – a great man, great legislator, good friend.

When I was made chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee, I do not know how much or how many of you know about it, but my committee is a really remarkable committee,

and they started saying words that I had no concept about. I mean, I have a law degree, two master's degrees, and I was like, "What the heck did they just talk about?" when I met with the PUC (Public Utility Commission) commissioners. There were acronyms that I just could not figure out. And I worked with Gladys Brown and Andrew Place, John Coleman, Bob Powelson, David Sweet, Jim Cawley, and Pam Witmer; Office of Consumer Advocate, Tanya McCloskey; Small Business Advocate, Representative John Evans – and I know some of you remember serving with John Evans, a great man and a good, good guy – and Paul Wentzel.

I want to thank all the members of the Consumer Affairs Committee, Republicans and Democrats. I can mention your names today, but oh, what the heck, I might as well: Representatives Bizzarro, Burns, Davis, Flynn, Longiatti, Matzie, Neuman, O'Brien, Schweyer, Snyder, Barrar, Delozier, DiGirolamo, Emrick, Evankovich, Farry, Kampf, Kauffman, Masser, Metzgar, Miccarelli, Pickett, Quigley, Stephens, and Toepel. We have great legislators, folks, regardless of what side of the aisle. We have really great legislators and I have seen a lot come and go, but we really do. And for Spizz and Lynn, and honest to goodness, I mean, I spent a lot of time back getting my hair cut, and boy, they are our in-house psychologists. Did you ever talk to these guys? I mean, they listen; um-hum, yeah, okay, yeah, um-hum. And how about our staff? Do you know how many employees we have in the Commonwealth? We have about 722,000 employees, according to what I just looked up just recently. What a bunch of great people. You know, these people could be really getting a lot more money working somewhere else. Our stenographers, our Chief Clerk's staff, we are so gifted and so lucky to have these folks, the Chief Clerk's staff.

And by the way, for the Commonwealth employees, no 30-and-out this year. I have tried for 15 years. It looks like it is going to take someone else's leadership to get us 30-and-out.

Curtis Thomas with the Black Caucus; Harry Readshaw with the Allegheny County delegation; Chris Sainato, northwest; Eddie Day Pashinski, northeast; and Bob Matzie, southwest; and all the Republicans, and not to forget, you guys know Lloyd Binkley. Lloyd works downstairs for us, doing a lot of deliveries. Lloyd has been a good friend for a long time.

Let me just tell you a real quick story, and I am going to wrap it up in a couple more minutes, about Joe Paterno. Now, who the heck would ever think I would be talking about Joe Paterno in my farewell address, but some of you may know my father and Joe coached together at Penn State, and they had a camp together in the Alle-Kiski area, and as a little boy at 10 years old, I had the opportunity to know Joe Paterno when Joe was just Joe. And if you had a chance to meet this guy and know this guy, you would be so amazed by his grace and so amazed by how smart Joe Paterno as a man was. He told me when I was 12 years old – and I was like the water boy at this camp. My dad was with the running backs. Joe was with the quarterbacks. I wanted to be a professional quarterback. I said, "Joe, Coach, I want to be a professional quarterback." He said, "No, don't do that. I want you to go to law school" like his dad wanted him to do. I thought about it. And when I was in high school, I was getting my brains beat out playing quarterback. I was thinking maybe Joe Paterno is right. Maybe I should go to law school. And Eric and Mark Cohen, thank you for doing what you had to do to go to law school at Widener University.

Joe Paterno changed my life. He was one of those people that made a marked difference.

You know what? You have got to believe in what you believe, like I told you from the very beginning. Like my dad told me, you have to have it in your heart. You know, I have got a lot of pieces of legislation – some good, some bad, some real controversial stuff, really crazy stuff. I made news all over the country over that period of time, but you have got to stand up and believe certain things. I believed that we needed to do something about plants shutting down. I believed that we needed to help businesses in western Pennsylvania where we lost over 500,000 jobs from the decline in the steel industry, and I created an idea through Jim Manderino called the Business Retention and Development Task Force. We went to Boston and we talked to Governor Dukakis. And the day that Governor Casey got sworn in, there was a guy named Don Mazziotti. He came to see me, and I was like a third-termer, and he goes like, "We want to do what you want to do. We are going to create this Business Retention and Development Task Force," and it became the Governor's Response Team, and now the Governor's Action Team. And with that idea I made a difference.

And like the PACE Program, I led that ball for a while on the floor here and we affected over 300,000 people's lives. I touched somebody, like you can touch somebody. It is a great opportunity. The CHIP program (Children's Health Insurance Program), the anchor bill.

When I was Ag chairman, I was appointed as Ag chairman as a punishment. I was appointed as a punishment, but guess who else was appointed? Rosita Youngblood, Representative Waters, Representative Keller, Representative Butkovitz – four people from Philadelphia that never saw a farm even when they drove through Lancaster County. We were all being punished. Am I right, Rosita? We were being punished because we were opposition to the then Speaker leader. But you know what? We started the fresh fruits and vegetable program in Philadelphia, the first of its kind in the United States. We started a fresh fruits and vegetable program for seniors. We had a chance to make a difference.

I introduced a bill 20 years ago called smoking in the car with kids, prohibiting it. It was the first of its kind in the country. I made national news. I have not gotten it passed here yet, and I guess I am going to be leaving pretty soon and we ought to get the bill passed because we said you should not be smoking in the car with kids in the car seat, in the car, but 19 other States adopted it and Great Britain. We have not done it yet, but who knows what is going to happen when I leave office. It may happen.

I want to tell you a story real quick, and I have been sworn to secrecy, but today I break that secrecy. My father told me the story and I never really kind of believed him, and this is what I am all about. This is what I am sure you are all about as Pennsylvanians, because we come from all different places, all different countries. My grandparents came to the United States in 1908. They were Italian immigrants and they moved to Clairton and they moved to Brownsville and they bought a hotel, one of those old four-story hotels, and they had like a grocery store in the hotel, and they serviced the people that worked at the roundhouse and the coke ovens. And in 1932 – of course, we all know what happened in 1929 – in 1932 the First National Bank of Brownsville was foreclosing on my grandfather's mortgage. My grandfather packed up my

grandmother – and if you have an Italian grandmother, you know what I am talking about, the babushka, a big dress, those big shoes – and my dad, my Uncle Tony, my Uncle Joe, my Uncle John – and if you are Italian, you have those uncles, because every Italian family does – in a panel truck and drove to Washington, DC. He drove to Washington, DC, in 1933. They are going to see President Franklin Roosevelt. Seriously. This Italian immigrant with his family are parked outside of the White House on the other side of the road going to see the President of the United States, Franklin Roosevelt. Right. They had all the food packed in the car because Italians always pack big baskets. They did not need anyplace to stop to eat. On day three – in your mind's eye I want you to imagine this – my grandmother and grandfather, my dad and his brothers, in all their little holey sweaters, were in the Oval Office of the White House, and President Roosevelt said, "Mr. Daley, how can I help you?" And he said, "Can you make a call because the bank manager wants to foreclose on us? I came to the United States because this is the land that its streets are paved with gold, and it is the land of opportunity." Franklin Roosevelt picks up the phone and he calls up the bank manager and he goes, "This is Frank Roosevelt. Can you help Mr. Daley?" The bank manager dropped the phone in amazement. I sold that hotel in 1999.

That is the type of people that my family was, that is the type of people that we are, that is the type of people you are, because we have the guts to truly stand up and fight for what we believe. It does not matter about party. It does not matter about policy. You have to stand up for what you believe. Like my dad said, "You don't know how long the tunnel is. You've got to make your mark. You've got to make a difference. You've got to change people's lives."

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, friends, now it is time for me to say goodbye. Life – settle down – life is like football, and did you ever see the movie "Replacements"? And Keanu Reeves is on his knee and he says in the huddle, he looks up and he says, "Gentlemen, it's been a pleasure to do battle with you." And, ladies and gentlemen, it has been a pleasure doing battle with you. God bless you all. Godspeed. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Representative Daley, Chairman Daley, we are going to certainly miss you. You are an outstanding orator. And I have to tell you on a personal note first, thank you so much for doing the motion to close nominations and essentially giving me an endorsement in a bipartisan fashion when I took this esteemed office as Speaker. And also, I just want to tell you, Peter, you are one of the folks that really represents that rich history of the Pittsburgh region and much of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. You are a person who does not shy from your roots but extols them, and you recognize that this melting pot that is the United States has made us a better country.

Peter, I have to say, Representative Daley, I have to say, you are one of the really great friends that I have had the opportunity to meet here and the work you have done in a bipartisan fashion as a chair and as a legislator is noted by everybody here. Thank you so much for your service, and I am looking forward to having the opportunity to meet your family here soon. Thank you. Congratulations. God bless.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. VEREB

The SPEAKER. All right, members, please take your seats. Please take your seats. Maybe I should say hold on to your seats.

Our good friend and colleague, Mike Vereb, has served the 150th District of Montgomery County for 10 years. He was elected in 2006. He currently serves on the Appropriations Committee, is chair of the Crime and Corrections Subcommittee for the Judiciary Committee, and chair of the Aviation Subcommittee for the Transportation Committee. He also serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and is chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission and the SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) Board of Directors.

He previously served as the majority caucus secretary for the Republican Caucus and as cochair of the Basic Education Funding Commission. Prior to his election to the House, he worked in law enforcement and corporate security.

As many of you may know, Representative Vereb resides in West Norriton with his wife, and he is going to be introducing his family, and they have one daughter and two sons.

I am honored, honored, a little worried but honored, to be introducing my good friend, my good friend, who really, on so many important issues, has led the charge. If I am still around, I am going to talk to you about a lot of those after Mike is done. Actually, Mike is one of our good, good friends, our close friends.

And, Mike, the rostrum is yours, sir.

Mr. VEREB. Mr. Speaker, I anticipate that we will still be good friends in 20 minutes, 18 minutes.

Members, what an honor.

Let me just first address the skulduggery that has been going through this Capitol today. It seems that some members are very proud of the fact that I was a mall cop during the day while I was in the police academy at night.

Chairman Marsico, I understand you wanted to lead us in prayer?

Swearing-in day 2006, I remember the drive like it was yesterday. We all know what happened in January of 2007 with the Speaker's election, but I remember driving up here. I was both nervous and excited for my first drive towards the next journey of my life.

During my time here, one thing has never changed, and that is my honoring of our law enforcement community. Being a policeman is in my blood. I have lost friends in the line of duty and I have met with families of law enforcement officers killed on the job, and you have given me the honor, along with my good friend, Dom Costa, to recognize those families each year at the memorial for the last 5 or 6 years, and I appreciate that.

Would you just, one more time, please rise and join me to honor our fallen heroes in this music by David Werkheiser.

(Whereupon, there was a musical presentation of bagpipes by David Werkheiser and members of the House stood in honor of fallen law enforcement officers.)

Mr. VEREB. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, Leader Dermody, Leader Reed, and my colleagues, it is an honor to address you after 10 great years. I only offer a few remarks and a lot of thanks, and I promise to get through them so we can get to the calendar and Karen Coates will be happy with me for once today.

My time spent here, I think the greatest attribute that I was able to exercise with all of you and I think something that I hope in the years to come when I watch this great body get into their work is compromise. Mr. Speaker, we recognize that, even with a Republican House and Senate and Governor, we still run into roadblocks, and I hope that the one thing I have learned here is that you do not always get your way. We are a diverse State by geography and we are a diverse State by nationality. We are all elected by our individual districts and we are expected to come up here and represent those districts but also get some work done. My success has been because of compromise with all of you, our colleagues in the Senate, and Governor Corbett, and soon to be Governor Wolf. Right, Karen? Still running my bill? I just wanted to offer those remarks because sometimes we have heard many comments. And my good friend, Dwight Evans, said about leaning back in the chair and staring up at the ceiling and recognizing the beauty of the workplace, that we have been sent to do our work, and I think Kate Harper will tell you that I clearly spent many days and hours staring at that ceiling thinking of the opportunities of compromise to get it done.

I would like to begin with thanking my family, who could not be here today. First, my mom, whom I lost before I got here, and my dad, who should be here but he passed before the primary. My wife, Bernadette, of 25 years. We all know what our spouses go through with the work that we do. We are very proud of our daughter, Kaitlyn, who will be married in October of this coming year. That is the reason I need to get a real job, to pay for a wedding, and her fiancé, Alin. Both of them are graduates of Johnson & Wales in North Miami Beach. Kaitlyn is now a pastry chef at a restaurant in Montgomery County and Alin is a sous-chef, and we are very, very proud of them. Our son, Michael, is a sophomore at the great Temple University. I thought Ken Lawrence would be yelling out on that one. And our Shane is a freshman at Montgomery County Community College pursuing criminal justice.

You are right, Pete. This is hard.

My staff – we always hear about our staff – my staff, as all of our staffs are, are just special people. They are our frontline up here and back home. My office manager for all 10 years, she got hired election night, Kandy Heckman, who had previously worked for John Fichter, and Julianne Naccarato. All these folks are saints. Julianne has been my assistant up here for many years, through leadership and through post leadership. Laura Smith, who went to greener pastures, allegedly, with Todd Stephens, but Laura is here with us today. Tricia Graham Harris, I know how lovely of a woman she is. We called her the writer. She kind of made sense of some of the things that I would try to say. Sandra Molnar could not be here, but she was like a real mother to me. She worked part-time in the district office. Lauren Pacella worked up here in the Capitol with me; Bill Bayler, who is a police officer as well; Brian

Kadunc, whom we lost to a sudden young death; and then Dan Massing, who spent the last 5 years trying to make sense of the things I wanted to say.

Of course I am thankful to the people of the 150th Legislative District. Without them, without one more vote than the other guy, I do not get here. To do that, to get one more vote, you need a lot of volunteers – volunteers, obviously, on the political side; volunteers on the legislative side.

And at an appropriate time, you will meet a very important part of our staff and our family. I believe the Democratic Caucus and half this Capitol have seen Sammie, the groundhog, and we will be talking about him in a few minutes.

So in every job I have had, the police department job and my corporate security job, I always managed to have someone step up in my life during that job and become a mentor and become a friend. And everyone knows, all joking aside, that there were times when my flip-flops were hanging off the edge of the dock ready to take a dive in the water with some of the things I was going to do. Our former Speaker, Sam Smith, is here, and he is just that, a mentor and a friend, and probably saved me more times than we will ever talk about. But, Sam, thank you for being here. It really means a lot. But I absolutely enjoy grading Punxsutawney against your wishes.

Two very important friends and guests of mine. In September of 2014 our Pennsylvania State Police were ambushed in the Poconos, where an animal laid in the woods for 2 weeks planning the mass casualty of our Pennsylvania State Police. If you tell the story ahead of time, similar to 9/11, there was no way that you would know something like this could happen, that somebody could be such an animal. That day Cpl. Bryon Dickson left his family, went to work, prepared to go out in the street, walked out to his car, and never made it off the sidewalk. As we know, there was, basically, a national resource manhunt; a mass, a mass coordination of effort to ensure that no one would be hurt more and that we would not lose any more police officers in that search, dealing with the terrain that these folks had to deal with. I was honored to be invited up by the Commissioner at that time to the command center and not necessarily to be briefed but just see the magnitude of resources that were being coordinated. Ladies and gentlemen, please give a warm welcome back to this chamber to our former Police Commissioner, Frank Noonan, and Lt. Col. George Bivens, who I believe are over here, for that work.

I do not know if Senator Rafferty made it over here yet. I believe Ryan Boop is here. Senator Rafferty was one of the people in the beginning— Ryan, I see you. Thank you for being here. He and John Fichter both convinced me that this is a great job and that I should run for this office, and it just so happened the company I worked for at the time would be laying off in 3 years, so I made the right decision, and I am very thankful to the Senator. He is a good friend, and, Ryan, you are, without question, a great chief of staff to the Senator. Thank you for being here.

To my Montgomery County delegation – Tom Quigley, Tom Murt, Marcy Toepel, Todd Stephens, Kate Harper, Bob Godshall. As you notice, Kate is smiling, Bob is smiling, I am smiling – it is a great family to be part of. We are united except when it comes to water companies.

The Democrats from Montgomery County – Steve McCarter, Madeleine Dean, Mary Jo Daley, Tim Briggs, Matt Bradford, Pam DeLissio – we fight for our county. At the end of the day and we are up in this building, we fight for our county. It is a

pleasure. Matt, you, obviously, do not agree with anything I do but sometimes things I say, but I appreciate your friendship and your support for our county. Mary Jo and Tim, for the effort on that sidewalk naming for those two fallen chiefs – as you know, it was a great ceremony – thank you. That is what we need more of in this chamber. Steve, you are not on my list, but, Santarsiero, it is so great to see you here. The only reason your little law firm has disappeared is because Matt Smith retired.

Members of our legislative team, when I served on leadership, our leader, now Speaker Mike Turzai, Mike, you hit it on the head. We have had some very, very warm issue-related debates, but I knew that you were always doing it for the right reason, and I know sometimes you think I was trying to do it for the wrong reason, maybe one or two times.

Dave Reed, Bill Adolph, Sandy Major, Stan Saylor, I do not miss those meetings necessarily, but I just think we had a really great team, as our leadership team currently is doing.

To our leadership staff, Tony Aliano, Karen Coates – you notice there is no mischief going on because Dave Thomas has left – Dave Reddecliff, whom I know could not be here today, but just a great human being; and Jimmy Fata, who tries to make sense of what people are saying as well. Marcia Lampman, thank you. Todd Brysiak, Rod Corey and the entire legal team, we are second to none in this chamber.

Spizz and Lynn, everybody has to say thank you for what you do for us. You are good people.

The chairman of the Brick Haus Caucus, Eric Larson, is with us in the back.

And the A-Team, not many people know what the A-Team is. It is a group, literally, of neighbors and of friends and motorcycle groups that come to the aid of families in need, mostly for law enforcement, and C.J. Santangelo is not here, but the work they do for people, unrecognized, not looking for attention, and I proudly am part of that team with them.

Michael Shaw is the Skippack blogger. Sometimes if you check out "I Love Skippack," you will recognize the pride in the little community that I so proudly served for these last 2 years after reapportionment; all the staff on our committees that we served.

Chairman Marsico, you, without question, are a dear friend, and while I have a lot to respond to you at a later date, I want to thank you. You were one of the first calls 2 years ago to ask me to come back on Judiciary. You know, with Chairman Petrarca and Chairman Caltagirone, from my 6 years on that committee out of 10, that committee is just unbelievable the way we work together, focus on the issues, have debates but send legislation to the floor.

Jeff Pyle. How are you doing, Jeff? We will move on.

Jimmy Christiana and Jamie Santora, two fierce leaders in the EITC (educational improvement tax credit)/ OSTC (opportunity scholarship tax credit) work, and there are many others in this chamber and many people from across the State, but they both will tell you – and the Speaker – they will both tell you that these two really helped us work through that OSTC process to help so many kids.

Ellis, one of my best friends up here. I am finally admitting in public you are a friend. Scratch the record, Mr. Speaker.

Jimmy Marshall, in our first term, a classmate, going up to Beaver County, we have a lot of stories about that trip. Jim, I never realized that they have restaurants on one side and full-blown rooms of illegal machines on the other, but

nonetheless, the food is great, and it was great to be up there in your freshman year.

Mark Mustio, pizza boy. We know the story. I hope, as all of you, we remain friends as I leave.

Jerry Knowles, the only reason I am even mentioning your name is because I am tired of you asking me where I am going after this. So I figured I would throw your name in here.

Keith Gillespie, you are going to have to keep up "fore" when I leave. You are going to have to be the one yelling "fore," and we will not talk about why.

Dan Moul, America's pilot. Dan Moul was very successful for me last night in getting my Segway up here via flight, and I know everyone wanted to see the Segway.

Tommy Sankey, thank you for attempting to clear the snow off of Sankey field when I was coming in to visit you in your freshman year even though I was not in an airplane.

Barry Jozwiak, Dom Costa, two great leaders for law enforcement, I know that you are going to take everything we have been working for— Barry, really? This place just took the State trooper right out of you. Wow. I know you are going to lead that fight, I know you are going to make this chamber proud, and I know you are going to make sure that law enforcement is forefront in the issues here in this chamber.

Again, Tom Caltagirone and Joe Petrarca, it has been an honor working with you in the committee.

Frank Dermody, as much fun as we had together in planning Sammie arriving at the ballfield, it really rubbed the Speaker the wrong way at the time.

Bob Freeman. Bob, we have not interacted that much on the floor on issues, but I will tell you that you made a mark on me, as many others in the Speaker's Reform Commission back in 2007. I thank you so much.

So many other people that are here: our State F.O.P. (Fraternal Order of Police) representative, Joe Regan. John McNesby could not be here today from Lodge 5 in Philadelphia for a good reason. They are burying a police officer, 40 years old, who had a massive heart attack while working.

A man that has been here all afternoon patiently awaiting and clearly has a lot of work on his plate, he is a dear friend, he has been responsible for the work and a lot of legislation we have done, and I do not think we need to say anything more other than he is a great district attorney from Montgomery County, Kevin Steele. Kevin, thank you for being here today.

Judge Risa Ferman. She is a judge now and she is supposed to be watching, but they are busy, our judges are busy, so she could not make it up here today. But Risa, again, is a dear friend. Both of them I had worked with previously. And the Montgomery County's District Attorney's Office was behind many major issues that we got signed into law.

Former Speaker DeWeese, Bill DeWeese, and Mike Manzo. You know, people would ask, "Well, why would you have them here?" Well, you know, in talking about compromise, in 2007 I arrived here after finding my sergeant bludgeoned and near death, and in fact, they found his gun and the statute of limitations had expired. They could not even interview the person with the gun about that crime. We worked together when we were in the minority with Mike Gerber and Josh Shapiro at the time and Mike Manzo and Bill DeWeese to get that legislation done, so if you put your hands on a police officer in an aggravated fashion, you no longer can hide behind the statute of limitations. Gentlemen, I cannot tell you how thankful I was

for that moment. I also cannot tell you how thankful, Mike Manzo, I was for your running up the aisle to graciously ask the gentleman from Delaware County to stop interrogating me.

I mentioned Ken Lawrence. Ken is a dear friend. Nobody can figure out why we are friends, and that is why we are able to maintain our friendship. The great work you do for Temple University, but better yet, a friend of me and my family.

Jen Storm, you are not going to be— Where is Jen? Stand up, Jen, our Victim Advocate here in Pennsylvania. Are you kidding me? She rocks.

My good friend, Dave Casinelli, chief operating officer of Yuengling. Yes, the Governor knows he is here, and we are over that issue.

Brandon Igdalsky and Ricky Durst from Pocono. Man, what great friends you guys are, and I love Pocono more than Mario Scavello does.

Mario Civera could not be here. Hey, you know, we had to fire somebody, and he has been here for the last month every day. He just cannot make it for my speech.

Some of our accomplishments: we gave victims a voice at parole hearings; we introduced and, all of us, we passed the first sudden cardiac arrest education law in the country; protecting student athletes against sexual assault; our Revictimization Relief Act; and the independent prosecutor bill, which is on the calendar today, and just vote "yes" and I will not speak; and we have done some DRPA (Delaware River Port Authority) reform.

I also forgot to mention one staffer who kind of worked for me the whole time. Our administerer of disinformation, Steve Miskin, I believe, is here.

And then, Mr. Speaker, as you know we had the Vereb Commission, and it was a robust body of talented human ability. And, Mr. Speaker, I conducted an investigation on your behalf, and what I found out is your love for Panera Bread iced tea, Mr. Speaker, is no secret, and leaders in meetings and we know your staff were trying to get it to keep you in the building so you would not run out. Mr. Speaker, the jury found that one Krystjan Callahan was tired of going to Panera Bread and has been feeding you Turkey Hill iced tea from a gallon jug in the Panera cup.

So I know everybody expected all kinds of things going on, but I will tell you, I worked with Clancy Myer and the Speaker on my presentation today. Some of the things I asked for but were somewhat rejected: a movie screen, a DJ, an LED light display, a fog machine, a disco ball, the Philly Phanatic, alcohol, an audio broadcast of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, a bingo ball dispenser, a catapult capable of launching T-shirts into the gallery, a 4-foot round trampoline, and a marching band.

Mr. Speaker, at this time it gives me great honor to introduce my mascot, our mascot, who has been in parades; he has been everywhere. He has been featured on Fox 29 in Philadelphia. He is the number one groundhog in the 150th District, and we had asked Sammie to come through. Sam, you can imagine where we got the name for Sammie, but I was so inspired by our visit to Punxsutawney that he has been my mascot. And as we roll along— Sammie, the Speaker would like to see you up here.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask you to unveil him for the first time in public.

Okay. In all seriousness – now I know what it is like to try to get this chamber back, Mr. Speaker. The Speaker has been an absolute great sport. We do not have bands and all the stuff that

I wanted to do. But in all seriousness, a lot of members have ended their speeches with quotes. I have a sign outside of my office: "It's not how our fallen police officers died that made them heroes; it is how they lived their lives and fulfilled their duties each day." I do not recall and was not able to find the source of that quote or I certainly would give credit, and I am passing that sign on at Barry's request to his office.

I will leave you with this. My good friend, Frank Custer, loves Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and the mayor once said, "You never begin a new life. It's a mistake to think that you end one part of your life and start another as if there's no continuity." I agree with him. This place has shaped me, and I hope that in some small ways I have shaped it for the better.

I am proud of the legacy that we will leave behind and know that I will make many friendships with many more people as I begin the next chapter of my life.

I thank you for your friendship and service with me and cooperation with me for the last 10 years, and I was honored to address you, and thank you for your patience.

Now, let us go out there and make America great again. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Mike said that he is raising a point of order. He wants to know, where did those signs with his face come from? Not from up here, my good man.

This gentleman talked about a number of the important pieces of legislation that he has worked on. But I must tell you, I first got to know Mike myself when I was chair of Policy, and Mike led the direction with respect to the gaming reforms in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We had Tom Corbett, then as Attorney General, come to speak to our committee, and Mike took the suggestions that were brought to the table by the Attorney General and made them become a reality and ensured the integrity of the system in so many respects.

I heard Mike talk about Jim and Jamie – Representative Christiana and Representative Santora – about school choice. Educational improvement tax credits were expanded, opportunity scholarship tax credits were expanded, and I can tell you the conversations I had in gyms and football fields and baseball fields where I was talking to Mike on the phone and his passion and desire to get that across the goal line, and it did.

Transportation, modernizing our transportation system, Mike was one of the true leaders at the forefront of making sure that that happened, pushed the Governor, amongst others, to make it a high priority. You can figure out who the others might be. And I will just say that, Mike, there are so many issues that you led on.

But in addition, really, it was unbelievably touching. I really was not sure where you were headed when I heard the bagpipe was coming in, and it was so touching, because I have been to all of those ceremonies over in the Forum, where you have been our representative, you have led on our behalf, and it was unbelievably touching, because when I am over there, you are so sincere, because you have led the life of somebody in law enforcement protecting victims and therefore you understand the daily risks and you have been unbelievably moving over there. And your gesture about bringing that good gentleman in to play the bagpipes and having us remember the fallen officers, it was very important and very touching and very you, by the way, very you.

So I congratulate you on your retirement. You are going to be a leader in any endeavor that you undertake.

And, boy, thanks so much for bringing that guest of honor here today.

To all of you, thank you. And, Michael, thank you so much. Thank you, buddy.

Members, the marching band is going to be coming through here shortly, so if you could take your seats.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1292, PN 1961**, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2266, PN 3738**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for offenses involving indecent exposure when children present.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 486, PN 2065**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, authorizing an additional fee to be imposed and used for demolition; and making an editorial change.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 975, PN 3195**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in recovery of possession, providing for early termination of leases by individuals with disabilities and senior citizens.

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

The SPEAKER. There are some amendments. One amendment – Representative Petri has an amendment, 10708 – in consultation with the Parliamentarian, that amendment is out of order.

There are amendments being offered by Representatives Dean and Caltagirone, and we will start with Representative Dean's amendment, 9463.

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

Mrs. **DEAN** offered the following amendment No. **A09463**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by inserting after "agency"
or an older adult daily living center

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by inserting after "agency"
or an older adult daily living center

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by inserting after "agency"
or an older adult daily living center

Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by inserting after "agency"
or an older adult daily living center

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 10 and 11
"Older adult daily living center." A facility licensed by the Department of Aging to provide services under the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.499, No.118), known as the Older Adult Daily Living Centers Licensing Act.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Dean is called upon to provide us a brief summary of that amendment.

Mrs. DEAN. That amendment will be withdrawn.
The SPEAKER. Amendment 9463 is withdrawn.

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

Mrs. **DEAN** offered the following amendment No. **A10841**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out the period after "citizens" and inserting
and for early release or termination of lease because of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 17 and 18
Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE V-C

TENANTS' RIGHTS IN CASES OF

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING
Section 501-C. Definitions.

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

"Attesting third party." A law enforcement official, licensed health-care provider or victim advocate.

"Domestic violence." The occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members, sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood:

(1) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing, or attempting to cause, bodily injury, serious bodily injury or sexual assault.

(2) Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent serious bodily harm.

(3) The infliction of false imprisonment pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).

"Domestic violence counselor/advocate." As defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102(a) (relating to definitions).

"Immediate family member." Any of the following who habitually reside in a dwelling unit with a tenant:

(1) an individual related to the tenant by blood, adoption or marriage;

(2) an individual having an intimate relationship with the tenant; or

(3) a foster child, stepchild or ward of the tenant or of an individual named in paragraph (1) or (2).

"Perpetrator." An individual who commits, or is alleged to have committed, an act of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking on a tenant or immediate family member.

"Sexual assault." Conduct that constitutes any of the following offenses:

(1) 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 31 (relating to sexual offenses), except 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 3129 (relating to sexual intercourse with animal) and 3130 (relating to conduct relating to sex offenders).

(2) 18 Pa.C.S. § 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children) if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim.

(3) 18 Pa.C.S. § 6301(a)(1)(ii) (relating to corruption of minors).

(4) 18 Pa.C.S. § 6318 (relating to unlawful contact with minor).

(5) 18 Pa.C.S. § 6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of children).

"Sexual assault counselor." As defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 5945.1 (relating to confidential communications with sexual assault counselors).

"Stalking." Conduct that constitutes an offense under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709.1(a) (relating to stalking).

"Tenant." A person that is a party to a lease of a dwelling unit and is entitled to possession of the dwelling unit.

"Victim." An individual who is the subject of an act of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

"Victim advocate." A sexual assault counselor or domestic violence counselor/advocate, whether paid or serving as a volunteer. Section 502-C. Change of locks.

(a) Right of tenant.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), if a tenant or an immediate family member is a victim and the tenant has a reasonable fear that the perpetrator or another individual acting on the perpetrator's behalf may attempt to gain access to the dwelling unit that the tenant leases, the tenant may change the locks or other security devices for the dwelling unit at the tenant's expense. The tenant shall immediately provide a key or other means of access to the new locks or security devices to the landlord and any other tenant, other than the perpetrator, that is a party to the lease.

(b) Right of landlord.—If the locks or other security devices are changed or rekeyed under subsection (a), the landlord may thereafter change or rekey them, at the tenant's expense, to ensure compatibility with the landlord's master key or other means of access or otherwise accommodate the landlord's reasonable commercial needs.

(c) Prohibition.—If a perpetrator is a party to the lease, the locks or other security devices may not be changed or rekeyed under subsection (a) unless there is a court order, other than an ex parte order, expressly requiring the perpetrator to vacate the dwelling unit or prohibiting the perpetrator from having any contact with the tenant or an immediate family member and a copy of the order has been provided to the landlord.

(d) Limitation.—A perpetrator is not entitled to damages or other relief against a landlord or a tenant who complies in good faith with this section.

Section 503-C. Early release or termination of lease.

(a) Possible release.—If, as the result of an act of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, a tenant or an immediate family member has a reasonable fear of further acts of domestic violence,

sexual assault or stalking by continued residence in the dwelling unit that the tenant leases, the tenant may be released by giving a notice that complies with subsection (b). The most recent act of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking must have occurred not more than 90 days prior to the date the tenant submits the notice.

(b) Required release.—A tenant shall be released from a lease if the tenant gives the landlord:

(1) a written notice signed by the tenant of the tenant's intent to be released from the lease as of a specific date. The notice must state the facts giving rise to the reasonable fear of suffering a further act of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and be given at least 30 days prior to the date the tenant intends the release to be effective; and

(2) one of the following:

(i) a copy of a valid outstanding court order that restrains the perpetrator from contact with the tenant or an immediate family member;

(ii) police reports, medical records or court documents relating to the tenant's or immediate family member's victimization by domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking;

(iii) evidence that the perpetrator has been convicted of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking against the tenant or immediate family member; or

(iv) a written verification signed by the tenant and an attesting third party that complies with the provisions of section 504-C.

(c) Termination for a single tenant.—The following shall apply if the tenant is the only tenant who is a party to the lease:

(1) The lease shall terminate on the date specified in the notice given by the tenant under subsection (b)(1) if the tenant vacates the dwelling unit on or before that date.

(2) The tenant is not liable for rent or other obligations under the lease accruing after the termination.

(3) The termination shall not affect the tenant's obligations under the lease accruing prior to the date of the termination.

(4) The landlord shall return to the tenant security deposits or other escrows to which the tenant is otherwise entitled under the lease or other provisions of this act and rent that may have been prepaid for the period following termination.

(d) Termination for multiple tenants.—The following shall apply if there are multiple tenants that are parties to the lease:

(1) The tenant who gave notice under subsection (b)(1) is released from the lease as of the date specified in the notice if the tenant vacates the dwelling unit on or before the specified date, but the release of one tenant under this section does not terminate the lease with respect to other tenants.

(2) The landlord may require the remaining tenants to provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the landlord that the remaining tenants will have the financial capability to continue to meet their obligations under the lease.

(3) The landlord is not required to return to the released tenant or a remaining tenant a security deposit or unearned prepaid rent until the lease terminates with respect to all tenants.

(4) The tenant released from the lease shall not be liable to the landlord or any other person for rent accruing after the tenant's release or for actual damages resulting from the tenant's release from the lease.

(5) The landlord and the remaining tenants may enter into a new lease upon mutually satisfactory terms.

(e) Limitation.—The following shall apply:

(1) A tenant who is a perpetrator may not seek termination of or release from a lease under this section.

(2) A perpetrator is not entitled to damages resulting from a good faith exercise of a right granted to a tenant or a landlord under this article or section 503-C or 508-C.

(f) Tenant's forwarding address.—If the tenant is entitled to the

return of a security deposit or prepaid rent under subsection (c)(4), the tenant may provide a confidential address to the landlord. The landlord shall maintain the confidentiality of the address if the tenant has advised the landlord that the address is confidential.

(g) Construction.—The provisions of this section with respect to the termination of or release from a lease by a tenant shall be self-effectuating without any further action by the tenant or the landlord. If a tenant who has complied with the provisions of subsection (b) prevails in a subsequent action by a landlord to recover all or any part of rent or other sums accruing under a lease after the effective date of the release or termination or for damages in connection with the release or termination, the tenant shall be entitled to recover legal fees and court costs incurred in connection with defense of the action.

Section 504-C. Verification.

(a) Requirements.—A verification provided by a tenant and attesting third party under section 503-C(b)(2)(iv) shall include the following:

(1) From the tenant:

(i) the tenant's name and address of the dwelling unit;

(ii) the approximate dates during which the domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking occurred, including the most recent date;

(iii) a statement that because of an act of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, the tenant or an immediate family member has a reasonable fear that the tenant or immediate family member will suffer further acts of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking by continued residence in the dwelling unit;

(iv) the proposed date for the termination of the lease or the release of the tenant from the lease; and

(v) a statement that the tenant understands that the statements could be used in court and that the tenant could be liable for perjury as well as the damages provided in subsection (b) for knowingly making false statements in the verification.

(2) From an attesting third party:

(i) the name, business address and business telephone number of the attesting third party;

(ii) the capacity in which the attesting third party received the information regarding the domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; and

(iii) a statement that the attesting third party:

(A) read the tenant's verification and has been advised by the tenant that the tenant or an immediate family member is a victim and has a reasonable fear that the tenant or the immediate family member will suffer further acts of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking by continued residence in the dwelling unit;

(B) believes the tenant;

(C) understands that the verification may be used as the basis for releasing the tenant from a lease; and

(D) understands that the statement could be used in court and that the attesting third party could be liable for perjury as well as damages to the landlord for knowingly making false statements in the verification.

(b) False statements.—If a tenant submits to a landlord a verification containing false statements made by the tenant or false statements made by an attesting third party that the tenant knew to be false, the court may award the landlord an amount equal to twice the landlord's actual damages, costs and reasonable attorney fees.

Section 505-C. Landlord's obligations.

If a tenant complies with section 503-C, the landlord:

(1) may not assess a fee or other penalty against the tenant solely for exercising a right granted under this article; and

(2) may not disclose information required to be reported to the landlord under section 503-C unless:

(i) the tenant provides specific time-limited and contemporaneous consent to the disclosure in writing; or

(ii) the information is required to be disclosed by a court order or by law other than this article.

Section 506-C. (Reserved).

Section 507-C. Effect of court order to vacate.

(a) Landlord and tenant.—Upon issuance of a court order, other than an ex parte order, requiring a perpetrator to vacate a dwelling unit, the landlord and a tenant do not have a duty to:

(1) allow the perpetrator access to the unit unless accompanied by a law enforcement officer; or

(2) provide the perpetrator with a key or other access to the dwelling unit.

(b) Lease interest of perpetrator.—If the perpetrator who is the subject of the court order described in subsection (a) is a party to the lease, the perpetrator's interest under the lease shall terminate and the landlord and any other tenants remaining in the dwelling unit shall be entitled to actual damages from the perpetrator as a result of the termination. If the lease is terminated as to the perpetrator, the termination of the perpetrator's interest in the lease shall not affect the rights and obligations under the lease of any other tenants remaining in the dwelling unit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the landlord may require the remaining tenants to provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the landlord that the remaining tenants will have the financial capability to continue to meet their obligations under the lease. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the landlord and the remaining tenants from entering into a new lease upon mutually satisfactory terms.

(c) Duty of landlord.—Upon termination of a perpetrator's interest under a lease under subsection (b), the landlord shall return to the perpetrator, if the perpetrator was the only remaining tenant under the lease, a security deposit and unearned rent, to which the perpetrator is entitled following the termination. The landlord's obligation to return a security deposit to a perpetrator under this subsection is subject to the landlord's claim for rent and damages against the perpetrator as a result of the termination or for any other claim the landlord may have with respect to the security deposit under other provisions of the lease.

Section 508-C. Limitation on landlord's conduct.

(a) Prohibitions.—Except as provided in subsection (c), a landlord may not increase or threaten to increase the rent, security deposit or fees payable under a lease, decrease or threaten to decrease services required under the lease or this article, terminate or threaten to terminate a lease, refuse to renew a lease, serve or threaten to serve a notice to terminate a periodic tenancy, bring or threaten to bring an action for possession, refuse to let a dwelling unit or impose different rules or selectively enforce the landlord's rules:

(1) because the tenant or proposed tenant or an immediate family member of the tenant or proposed tenant is or has been a victim;

(2) because of a violation of the terms of the lease or the provisions of this article by the tenant resulting from the incident of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking against the tenant or an immediate family member; or

(3) because of criminal activity relating to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking against the tenant or an immediate family member or a police or emergency response to a good faith complaint of activities relating to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking against the tenant or an immediate family member.

(b) Willful violation.—If a landlord willfully violates this section:

(1) the tenant may:

(i) terminate the lease;

(ii) defend an action for possession on the ground that the landlord willfully violated this section; or

(iii) obtain appropriate injunctive relief; and

(2) the court shall award the tenant an amount equal to

three months' rent or triple actual damages, whichever is greater.
(c) Construction.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to
limit the landlord's right to terminate the lease of the tenant for the
conduct of the tenant unrelated to the tenant being a victim.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 18, by striking out "2" and inserting
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Amend Bill, page 4, line 21, by striking out "3" and inserting
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On the question,
 Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentledady is recognized to provide a brief summary of the amendment.

Mrs. DEAN. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That is also withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So amendment 10841 is also withdrawn.

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

Mr. **CALTAGIRONE** offered the following amendment
 No. **A06876**:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by striking out "termination date
provided in the lease" and inserting

early termination date authorized under this section

Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "AS" and inserting

Any of the following as

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. That is withdrawn, Representative Caltagirone is telling me.

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

Mr. **CALTAGIRONE** offered the following amendment
 No. **A07024**:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by striking out "termination date
provided in the lease" and inserting

early termination date authorized under this section

Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "AS" and inserting

Any of the following as

Amend Bill, page 4, line 14, by striking out "62" and inserting

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

The SPEAKER. On amendment 7024, the Chair recognizes Representative Caltagirone for a brief summary of that amendment, please.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment, and I would ask everybody to vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

Representative Petri, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. It simply defines "senior citizen," and I would ask the members to support the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson, sir.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. SAMUELSON. This is a very important bill, a very important amendment. The voting boards are dark here in the House of Representatives. You cannot see the names of the Representatives as we have had in this chamber for years and decades. The rules of the House are very clear about having an electronic voting system, and the rules of the House provide that if the electronic voting system is out of order, the Speaker shall – it is not "may"; it is "shall" – call the "yeas" and "nays" by roll call. I raise that point because it is clearly spelled out in our rules.

I know you have some TV screens down there. I have to say I am about 25 feet away and I cannot read a single word that is on that TV screen. I cannot see the names of the members. I cannot see the "yeas" and the "nays." I know at the top you have a running total of how the vote is going. I cannot see how many people are voting "yes" and how many people are voting "no" and how many people are on leave. To me, this makeshift TV screen that you have down there is a violation of the House rules, and I think you have to follow the procedure that is spelled out in rule 66 since the electronic voting system that is specified in the House rules appears not to be in working order today.

This is the first time in 18 years I have seen a Speaker of the House, any Speaker of the House try to call a roll without having the votes of the House members be publicly visible. The voting board is publicly visible. A roll-call vote, as provided in rule 66, is a public vote. This, Mr. Speaker, is not a public vote, and I raise that objection.

The SPEAKER. Yes, Representative Samuelson, that is perfectly appropriate.

Listen, here is where we are. The boards are not working. They are not going to work for today and tomorrow. It is certainly not that anybody wants the boards not to work. The Parliamentarian came up with the idea with staff to make use of the television screens that are in front of you because they are electronic and they do show the votes of the members as they are being recorded.

I will say this, if the leaders – and, Representative Samuelson, I am going to go in recess until you have an opportunity to talk to Leader Dermody – if the leaders would prefer to take a roll-call vote at your request, I am more than glad to go with a roll-call vote.

At this time I am going to stand in recess. I would like you to please discuss with your leader, Leader Dermody, and if Leader Dermody and Leader Reed think that the televisions are not satisfactory with respect to the rules and want to proceed with a roll-call vote, I am more than glad to rule that we should go with a roll-call vote.

We are going to stand in recess at this time.

Members, I have been requested by the Parliamentarian and staff, we are going to, instead of being at recess, we are going to be at ease. So officially we are at ease, but I will await the discussion between the leader and Representative Samuelson.

Members, the House is going to come to order. Please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. We are going to proceed with second consideration votes and we are going to take it by roll call at the request of Representative Samuelson. Members, please wait. Members, please take your seats.

What we are hoping to do – and we have staff working on this at the present time – is that the television screens that are in front of you that the voting mechanisms are connected to, that the goal is to be able to film those screens and to feed them into your individual computers at your desks so that you may see in front of you the votes of all the members and the vote totals at the same time. We do not know if that is going to be successful, and while we are waiting for that to be set up, we are going to proceed with second consideration votes on amendments, and it will be done by roll call.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Schlossberg, you are recognized.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Is it possible for amendments, similar to what we do in committee, for you to inquire if there are "no" votes, so that this way if there is a unanimous amendment, it can be recorded as such so we could save a little bit of time?

The SPEAKER. That is a fair inquiry. I do not know the answer since I have not confronted this. Let me consult the Parliamentarian.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Okay. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Schlossberg, the Parliamentarian has indicated that in 1998 when we had to take up temporary quarters in the East Wing, that we did actually use that particular procedure.

So what we will do is, in following that procedure, as the amendment is called up, I will ask if there are any "nay" votes and I will ask those who are saying that they are "nay" votes to, you know, state their name with a "nay" vote. Otherwise, then I will indicate that that amendment has passed unanimously.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you for the inquiry.

Members, please take your seats.

We are just going to need a few minutes. There is a process that is in place – we have not used it – that allows for roll-call votes. As soon as we have that ready to go, we are going to start.

For the information of the public, the bills are in fact on the computer screens and can be seen by each and every one of the members. In addition, of course, they can have hard copies with respect to those bills and amendments.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, you are recognized. For what purpose do you rise?

Mr. STURLA. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, just out of curiosity, if in fact we were to suspend the rule that says we need to have an electronic vote and instead adopt either a temporary rule or just said we were not going to follow this rule anyway, we were going to suspend this rule, since you have an electronic record of what the votes are, could we suspend the rule and proceed like you were earlier today even without any cameras here that are showing anything?

The SPEAKER. Well, we did have at least one of the boards operating at that time.

Mr. STURLA. Okay.

The SPEAKER. Now we have none of the boards operating.

Mr. STURLA. Right.

The SPEAKER. But let me check again. Obviously, none of us have confronted this before. I am going to consult with the Parliamentarian, and it is an appropriate inquiry.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, just for the record, it is not clear that rule 66— In fact, the Parliamentarian and legal counsel do not believe we are in any way violating rule 66. They believe that, given the connection between the voting system and the screens by electronic, that we are there. But if members believe that there is not adequate, you know, let me say, protection of the vote and the sanctity of the member's vote and their ability to see how members are voting, if that is the issue, then we want to address that. We are not going to have any member here feel that in some way that the procedure is taking away from their ability to know exactly what the votes are at any particular time, and that objection was raised by Representative Samuelson.

Now, with that objection, I do believe if you wanted to make that motion—

RULE 66 SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla is recognized.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to move that we suspend rule 66 and adopt a temporary rule that would allow us to proceed with the boards that we have here and the understanding that the Speaker would give members time, if they desired so, to come down and look at the board to see what other members are doing and that in fact their vote is registered correctly, if they feel the need to do so.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to speak on the motion?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The SPEAKER. Representative Stephens, on the motion.

Mr. STEPHENS. I have a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. STEPHENS. I thought you just opined that we did not need a suspension of the rules or any special accommodation because we were, in fact, compliant with the rules. Is that right?

The SPEAKER. We would prefer to have the motion made because a member is objecting and is arguing that we are in violation of rule 66, and I would rather have the assent of this body to proceed. It is an aberration, it is an aberration, and at this time I am going to proceed with the vote on the motion.

Mr. STEPHENS. May I have an additional parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. You may.

Mr. STEPHENS. Does that establish the precedent that we are in fact not in compliance with the rule—

The SPEAKER. I do not believe so.

Mr. STEPHENS. —or any follow-up—

The SPEAKER. I do not believe so.

Mr. STEPHENS. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. At this time we are going to proceed as suggested by Representative Schlossberg and has been actually taken into account in 1998 by prior precedent.

If any member objects to Representative Sturla's motion, I would ask you to please stand and state your name for the record and that you are voting "no." Otherwise, it will be recorded as a "yes." And I will call out your name. I will call out your name.

Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote "no" on the Sturla motion.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mullery.

Mr. MULLERY. No.

The SPEAKER. Representative Miller.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote "no."

The SPEAKER. Representative McCarter.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote "no" also.

The SPEAKER. Representative Neilson.

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote "no."

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote "no."

The SPEAKER. Any other members wishing to—

Representative Maher? And Representative McGinnis.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. METCALFE. A parliamentary inquiry—

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. METCALFE. —related to once this is suspended, how are we—

The SPEAKER. Sir, right now we are just taking the vote at this time.

Mr. METCALFE. My vote is contingent on the answer to the question.

When we look at the boards, we can tell when a member is excused or when they are not in their seat so they are not ghost voting, Mr. Speaker, but with this, now we are not going to see who is excused without keeping manually track of that when you say the leaves. So if there is going to be an effort to make sure while we are doing this that members are in their seats and voting each and every vote, then I could go with the rule suspension, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Rule 64 requires that members are required to be present and vote. We will have strict adherence to that rule.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Santarsiero.

Mr. SANTARSIERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote "no" on the motion.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. No.

The SPEAKER. Yes. I apologize. That was not meant to be in contradiction of Representative Vitali's vote.

At this time we will close the vote.

Representative Cohen, sir, you may. Go ahead, sir. Representative Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. No, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Without any further votes—

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative ROSS is on leave.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Rothman is on the floor and is able to vote.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 975 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. We will close the vote.

(Roll-call machine was not operating correctly, and a voice vote was recorded.)

The SPEAKER. There is a two-thirds passage, but I am going to make sure that I know the exact total.

So we have 189 yeas, 10 noes, and 4 members on leave.

At this time we will continue with our votes by using the electronic voting and they will be represented on the screen, and as the individual, the maker of the motion, said, Representative Sturla, any member that wishes to come down and to see the votes certainly has the ability to do so and we will provide them time to do so.

In addition, we will continue to make sure that rule 64 is specifically adhered to.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Rapp.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A parliamentary inquiry, I believe, is correct.

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Ms. RAPP. I was wondering if you could please read the members who are on leave today—

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Ms. RAPP. —the names of the members.

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Acosta, Representative Evans, Representative McNeill, and Representative Ross are all on leave. Representative Vereb will be added subsequent to this vote.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Millard, please state the purpose for which you stand.

Mr. MILLARD. Mr. Speaker, the live streaming is not working. I do not know what the deal is.

The SPEAKER. The motion did not indicate— We are going to still attempt to do live streaming, by the way, but the vote had said that if you wanted to come down and look at the board, you would be able to come down and look at the board.

We are going to take the votes without the live streaming based on the vote that we just did, 189 to 10 with 4 that are absent.

We are now going to proceed to HB 975.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Diamond, you are recognized.

Mr. DIAMOND. A parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. DIAMOND. Just to be clear, going forward we are going to be taking electronic votes?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Is everybody prepared to move forward? Staff, are we prepared to move forward? Okay.

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

The SPEAKER. We have in front of us now HB 975, and the amendment in front of us is amendment 7024. We are going to start from the beginning on amendment 7024.

The Speaker recognizes the gentlelady, Representative Dean. I apologize; Representative Caltagirone. It is Representative Caltagirone's amendment.

Representative Caltagirone, will you again please provide us a summary of the amendment.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It alters the definition of "senior citizen" to a person who has attained the age of 60 or older in order to be consistent with

Federal and State law. Presently the bill defines the term to be someone aged 62 or older. This is an agreed-to amendment.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Does anybody wish to speak on the amendment?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. You will vote using your electronic voting buttons, "yes" or "no" – green for "yes," red for "no." It will be seen on the screen. If anybody wishes to see the screen, please come down.

My understanding is there are – and I am just going to clarify this – there are five members now marked on leave. That is Representative Acosta, Representative McNeill, Representative Evans, Representative Ross, and Representative Vereb. Strike Representative Vereb is on the floor and is not on leave. Representative Vereb is on the floor and is on the master roll.

There are four members on leave: Representative McNeill, Representative Evans, Representative Acosta, and Representative Ross.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. I am going to call out names who have not voted. It will not be a practice, but I have Representative DeLuca has not been recorded. Representative DeLuca, Representative Kirkland, Representative Davidson.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLUCA will be on leave. Representative DAVIDSON has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, those requests will be granted.

We are now up to six members who are on leave. Representative Kirkland? Representative KIRKLAND has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 975 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Fabrizio	Lewis	Readshaw
Artis	Farina	Longietti	Reed
Baker	Farry	Mackenzie	Reese
Barbin	Fee	Maher	Regan
Barrar	Flynn	Mahoney	Roae
Benninghoff	Frankel	Major	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Freeman	Maloney	Rothman
Bloom	Gabler	Markosek	Rozzi
Boback	Gainey	Marshall	Saccone

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-7

Acosta	DeLuca	Kirkland	Ross
Davidson	Evans	McNeill	

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. Representative Caltagirone, you have amendment 7025. Do you intend to offer that, sir? We are going to call up amendment 7025.

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

Mr. CALTAGIRONE offered the following amendment No. A07025:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "a family member's" and inserting

another individual's

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "a family member's" and inserting

another individual's

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "the tenant's family member" and inserting

another individual

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "is a relative and"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by striking out "family member's" and inserting

individual's

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Very briefly, this would enable a lease termination accommodation for a resident moving to any other residence, not just to the residence of a family member as the bill presently provides. This is an agreed-to amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to speak on the amendment?

Representative Rothman, you are recognized on amendment 7025.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Would the maker stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. He has indicated that he will so stand for interrogation, and you may proceed.

Mr. ROTHMAN. The statement provides for a tenant to reside in the home of any individual. Would that include another tenancy, where he went to live with another landlord?

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. No.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to speak on this amendment?

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 975 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—86

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

NAYS—109

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Acosta	Davidson	Evans	McNeill
Daley, P.	DeLuca	Kirkland	Ross

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. There are no further amendments.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 881, PN 2141**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF SB 881 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. I have two amendments on this bill. The first is by Representative Carroll, amendment 10851.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **CARROLL** offered the following amendment No. **A10851**:

Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 11 and 12 The term does not include storm water collected in a municipal separate storm sewer, as that term is defined by 40 CFR 122.26(b)(8) (relating to storm water discharges (applicable to State NPDES programs, see § 123.25)), that does not flow into a combined sewer system.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment simply clarifies that the storm water collected by a separate storm sewer is excluded in the definition of "wastewater." The PUC does not regulate stand-alone storm water systems, and I believe this is an agreed-to amendment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Godshall, Representative Bob Godshall, on the amendment.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. This amendment clarifies that we are not trying to bring municipal separate storm water sewers under PUC jurisdiction. The amendment makes clear the

bill only applies to PUC-regulated wastewater utilities. It does not apply to municipal authorities or municipal-owned systems.

The amendment was agreed to by Senator Blake and my cochairman, Representative Daley. It is supported by the Pennsylvania Water, American Water, Aqua, DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), the Municipal Authorities Association, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. The PUC is neutral.

I ask the members for a positive vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to speak on the amendment?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. It is my understanding that Representative DAY wishes to request to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 881 CONTINUED

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Farry	Longiotti	Reed
Artis	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Baker	Flynn	Maher	Regan
Barbin	Frankel	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Freeman	Major	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Gabler	Maloney	Rothman
Bizzarro	Gainey	Markosek	Rozzi
Bloom	Galloway	Marshall	Saccone
Boback	Gergely	Marsico	Sainato
Boyle	Gibbons	Masser	Samuelson
Bradford	Gillen	Matzie	Sankey
Briggs	Gillespie	McCarter	Santarsiero
Brown, R.	Gingrich	McClinton	Santora
Bullock	Godshall	McGinnis	Savage
Burns	Goodman	Mentzer	Saylor
Caltagirone	Greiner	Metcalfe	Schemel
Carroll	Grove	Metzgar	Schlossberg
Causar	Hahn	Miccarelli	Schreiber
Christiana	Hanna	Millard	Schweyer
Cohen	Harhai	Miller, B.	Simmons
Conklin	Harhart	Miller, D.	Sims
Corbin	Harkins	Milne	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harper	Moul	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Mullery	Staats
Cox	Harris, J.	Murt	Stephens
Cruz	Heffley	Mustio	Sturla
Culver	Helm	Neilson	Tallman
Cutler	Hennessey	Nelson	Taylor
Daley, M.	Hickernell	Nesbit	Thomas
Davis	Hill	Neuman	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	O'Brien	Toepel
Dean	James	O'Neill	Toohil
Deasy	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Topper
DeLissio	Kampf	Ortitay	Truitt
Delozier	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Vereb
Dermody	Kauffman	Pashinski	Vitali

Diamond	Kavulich	Payne	Ward
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Peifer	Warner
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petri	Wentling
Dunbar	Kim	Pickett	Wheatley
Dush	Kinsey	Pyle	Wheeland
Ellis	Klunk	Quigley	White
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
English	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Evankovich	Kotik	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Fabrizio	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Farina	Lewis	Readshaw	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Acosta	Davidson	Evans	McNeill
Brown, V.	Day	Kirkland	Ross
Daley, P.	DeLuca		

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. Representative Mahoney is withdrawing his amendment, 10854? Yes, sir. Thank you, sir.

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.

We are turning to page 16 in my book, which is something we have not encountered for some time.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS
NONCONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has nonconcurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 1071, PN 1913**.

MOTION INSISTING UPON AMENDMENTS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Reed, who moves that the House insist upon its amendments nonconcurred in by the Senate to SB 1071 and that a committee of conference on the part of the House be appointed.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative FARINA has requested to be placed on leave, and without objection, that will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION INSISTING UPON AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. On the House insistence, does anybody wish to speak?

Leader Reed and Leader Dermody?

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Speaker TURZAI. Without objection, the leave will be so granted. I believe that will be temporary.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1202, PN 2177**, entitled:

An Act amending 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, providing for licensing boards to require education in pain management, addiction and prescribing and dispensing practices for opioids.

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A10701**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "opioids" further providing for purpose, for definitions, for powers and duties of board, for requirements for dispensers and pharmacies and for access to prescription information; and

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 15, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30

Section 1. Section 2 of 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, is amended to read:

Section 2. Purpose.

This act is intended to increase the quality of patient care by giving prescribers and dispensers access to a patient's prescription medication history through an electronic system that will alert medical professionals to potential dangers for purposes of making treatment

determinations, including, but not limited to, a history of a drug overdose. The act further intends that patients will have a thorough and easily obtainable record of their prescriptions for purposes of making educated and thoughtful health care decisions. Additionally, the act seeks to aid regulatory and law enforcement agencies in the detection and prevention of fraud, drug abuse and the criminal diversion of controlled substances.

Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended by adding a definition to read:

Section 3. Definitions.

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

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"Opioid overdose agent." An FDA-approved medication to reverse the effects of an opioid drug.

* * *

Section 3. Section 5(3) and (5) of the act are amended to read:

Section 5. Powers and duties of board.

The board shall have the following powers and duties:

* * *

(3) Create a written notice to be used by prescribers and used or displayed by dispensers to provide notice to patients that information regarding prescriptions for controlled substances and opioid overdose agents is being collected by the program and that the patient has a right to review and correct the information with the program. The notice must include all of the following:

(i) The manner in which the patient may access the patient's personal information. The notice shall state that one-time quarterly patient access shall be at no cost.

(ii) An explanation of the program and the program's authorized users.

(iii) The program's record retention policies.

(iv) An explanation that prescription information is confidential and is not subject to the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

(v) Any cost associated with accessing the information more than once during each calendar quarter.

* * *

(5) Develop policies and procedures to:

(i) Require more frequent reporting of prescription medication information under section 7 should technology permit and so long as there is little or no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth or those required to report. Any change in the frequency of reporting shall be made in collaboration with the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Pharmacy's members to ensure that a pharmacy is able to accommodate the change.

(ii) Evaluate the information in the system.

(iii) Allow for authorized department personnel to conduct internal reviews, analyses and interpret the data contained in the system.

(iv) Safeguard the release of information to authorized users and department personnel and ensure the privacy and confidentiality of patients and patient information.

(v) Aid prescribers in identifying at-risk individuals and referring them to drug addiction treatment professionals and programs.

(v.1) Aid prescribers in identifying individuals with a history of a drug overdose in order to provide alternative treatment options.

(vi) Establish professionally developed criteria, with the advice of the advisory group, that generates referrals of prescription monitoring information to the appropriate licensing board in the Department of State. A referral may only be generated when the system produces

an alert that there is a pattern of irregular data for a dispenser or prescriber which appears to deviate from the clinical standard.

(vii) Provide training to prescribers and dispensers on the use of the system.

(viii) Assist professional organizations whose members prescribe, monitor or treat patients or dispense controlled substances to patients to develop educational programs for those members relating to prescribing practices, pharmacology, controlled substance abuse, the use and availability of opioid overdose agents and clinical standards, including:

(A) identification of those at risk for controlled substance abuse; and

(B) referral and treatment options for patients.

(ix) Permit individuals employed by prescribers, pharmacies and dispensers to query the system as designees so long as each individual designee has a unique identifier when accessing the system and set explicit standards to qualify individuals authorized to query the system and to ensure the security of the system when used by a designee.

(x) Keep pace with technological advances that facilitate the interoperability of the system with other states' prescription drug monitoring systems and electronic health information systems.

(xi) Evaluate the costs and benefits of the program.

(xii) Convene the advisory group at least annually.

(xiii) Direct the department to operate and maintain the program on a daily basis.

(xiv) Review the program for the purpose of compiling statistics, research and educational materials and outreach.

(xv) Identify any controlled substance that has been shown to have limited or no potential for abuse and therefore should not be reported to the program.

(xvi) Identify additional medications which could assist prescribers in making treatment options for patients who are at risk for controlled substance abuse.

Section 4. Section 7(b) of the act is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 7. Requirements for dispensers and pharmacies.

(b) Data elements.—[All] Except as otherwise provided under subsection (b.1), all of the following information shall be provided by a dispenser or pharmacy:

(1) The full name of the prescriber.

(2) The prescriber's Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration number.

(3) The date the prescription was written.

(4) The date the prescription was dispensed.

(5) The full name, date of birth, gender and address of the person for whom the prescription was written and dispensed.

(6) The National Drug Code.

(7) The quantity and days' supply.

(8) The DEA registration number and National Provider Identifier of the dispenser or pharmacy.

(9) The method of payment for the prescription.

(b.1) Data elements for opioid overdose agents.—With respect to opioid overdose agents, the following information shall be provided by the treating health care practitioner after administration of the opioid overdose agent in accordance with section 13.7 of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act:

(1) The full name, date of birth, gender and address of

the individual to whom the opioid overdose agent was administered.

(2) The date the opioid overdose agent was administered.

(3) The brand name, if any, of the opioid overdose agent.

(4) The national drug code of the opioid overdose agent.

(5) The United States Drug Enforcement Administration registration number and National Provider Identifier of the dispenser or pharmacy.

(6) The method of administration of the opioid overdose agent.

Section 5. Section 9(b)(3) of the act is amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

Section 9. Access to prescription information.

(b) Authorized users.—The following individuals may query the system according to procedures determined by the board and with the following limitations:

(3) ***

(iv) Information with respect to the administration of an opioid overdose agent shall not be subject to a query by the Office of Attorney General under this paragraph.

Section 6. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting

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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Cox, is recognized.

Is the gentleman withdrawing his amendment?

The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO offered the following amendment
No. **A10732**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "~~opioids~~" further providing for definitions and

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 15, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30

Section 1. The definitions of "controlled substance" and "licensed health care facility" in section 3 of 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, are amended to read:

Section 3. Definitions.

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

"Controlled substance." A drug, substance or immediate precursor included in the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or the Controlled Substances Act (Public Law 91-513, 84 Stat. 1236), except a nonnarcotic Schedule V drug used to treat epilepsy seizure

disorder.

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"Licensed health care facility." A health care facility that is licensed under Article X of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the [Public Welfare] Human Services Code, or the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. DiGirolamo, is recognized.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Is this amendment 0732? Is this 0732?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes, sir; it is.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would exclude from the prescription drug database the drugs that are used to treat, primarily treat epilepsy. These are Schedule V drugs that are nonnarcotic.

I am offering this amendment on behalf of the groups and the family members who have loved ones who have epilepsy who believe that this will create a stigma. I have done a lot of research on these drugs. There are basically three drugs that are used to treat epilepsy at Schedule V, and again, they are nonnarcotic. I have done a lot of research, and they have virtually no chance of being abused. And again, they are nonnarcotic.

I ask for an affirmative vote. These families and these groups have been asking to do this for some time, and I think this is the right thing to do.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

I respect the intentions of the maker of the amendment, but unfortunately, I request a "no" vote on this amendment. This issue was not discussed or even presented to the five-party joint opioids meetings that have been going on for the last several months. I think it would be better for us to continue to evaluate and discuss this particular issue in the months of November, December, and January as we look at more opioid epidemic fighting proposals going into the next session.

And finally, the ABC-MAP (Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions) Board already has the authority to remove any drugs which they do not think are the threat of abuse or could remove these drugs in the future if needed. They actually meet on Thursday, so the good gentleman from Bucks County could have that opportunity to go down and present before that board to make his intentions known as well.

So although I know the gentleman is well-intended, I think for this time because we have an agreement on this bill I believe with all four caucuses and the administration to become law, I would respectfully ask the members to vote "no," and we can continue to evaluate this going into the new year. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DiGirolamo, for the second time on the amendment.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And again, I absolutely believe this is the right thing to do. As was discussed in our caucus this afternoon originally that HAP (Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania) and the Medical Society had expressed opposition to this amendment, I have received an e-mail from HAP and from the Medical Society that they are not opposing this amendment.

I think this is absolutely the right thing to do for these families that have loved ones that are dealing with epilepsy. I understand what the majority leader is saying that there is the ability to remove them in the Department of Health. I am not sure that is ever going to happen. So I am asking for an affirmative vote for these families that have epilepsy. I think this is absolutely the right thing to do. And again, these are Schedule V. These are nonnarcotic drugs. There are basically three drugs that are used to treat epilepsy, nonnarcotic, and they have almost a zero chance for being abused from anybody.

So I would ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment. Thank you.

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

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we have already heard, the gentleman from Bucks obviously is well-intentioned. However, I do not want to endanger this bill, so I would ask the Democratic Caucus and the members to vote "no" on the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—83

Adolph	Diamond	Lewis	Quinn, M.
Artis	DiGirolamo	Maher	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Driscoll	Mahoney	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Fabrizio	Marshall	Roae
Boback	Farry	Matzie	Rozzi
Boyle	Freeman	McCarter	Samuelson
Bradford	Gainey	McClinton	Santarsiero
Bullock	Galloway	Metcalf	Santora
Burns	Gillen	Miccarelli	Savage
Caltagirone	Harkins	Miller, B.	Schlossberg
Carroll	Harper	Miller, D.	Schweyer
Cohen	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sims
Conklin	Heffley	Murt	Snyder
Costa, D.	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Costa, P.	James	Nelson	Tallman
Daley, P.	Kaufner	Neuman	Truitt
Davis	Kavulich	O'Neill	Vitali
Dawkins	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Dean	Kinsey	Petrarca	Wheatley
Deasy	Kortz	Petri	White
DeLissio	Kotik	Quinn, C.	

NAYS—109

Baker	Gergely	Longiatti	Reese
Barbin	Gibbons	Mackenzie	Regan
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Major	Roebuck
Bloom	Gingrich	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Godshall	Markosek	Saccone

Brown, R.	Goodman	Marsico	Sainato
Causar	Greiner	Masser	Sankey
Christiana	Grove	McGinnis	Saylor
Corbin	Hahn	Mentzer	Schemel
Cox	Hanna	Metzgar	Schreiber
Cruz	Harhai	Millard	Simmons
Culver	Harhart	Milne	Sonney
Cutler	Harris, A.	Moul	Staats
Daley, M.	Helm	Mustio	Stephens
Delozier	Hickernell	Nesbit	Taylor
Dermody	Hill	O'Brien	Thomas
Donatucci	Irvin	Oberlander	Tobash
Dunbar	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Toepel
Dush	Kampf	Parker, D.	Toohil
Ellis	Kauffman	Payne	Topper
Emrick	Keller, F.	Peifer	Vereb
English	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Ward
Evankovich	Keller, W.	Pyle	Warner
Everett	Klunk	Quigley	Watson
Fee	Knowles	Rader	Wheeland
Flynn	Krueger	Rapp	Youngblood
Frankel	Lawrence	Reed	Zimmerman
Gabler			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Acosta	DeLuca	Kirkland	
Brown, V.	Evans	McNeill	Turzai,
Davidson	Farina	Ross	Speaker
Day			

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

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

Mr. **DiGIROLAMO** offered the following amendment No. **A10735**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "~~opioids~~" further providing for requirements for prescribers and
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 15, by striking out all of said lines
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
Section 1. Section 8(a) and (b) of 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, are amended to read:
Section 8. Requirements for prescribers.
(a) System query.—A prescriber shall query the system[:
(1)] for each patient [the first] every time the patient is prescribed a controlled substance by the prescriber [for purposes of establishing a baseline and a thorough medical record; or
(2) if a prescriber believes or has reason to believe, using sound clinical judgment, that a patient may be abusing or diverting drugs].
(b) Medical record entries.—A prescriber shall indicate the information obtained from the system in the patient's medical record if[:
(1) the individual is a new patient; or
(2)] the prescriber determines a drug should not be prescribed or furnished to a patient based upon the information from the system.
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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. DiGirolamo, is recognized.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment would do would be to require those who are prescribing any of the Schedule II, III, IV, or V drugs to look in the database every time that they write a prescription for one of these scheduled drugs. I absolutely believe this is the right thing to do. We tried to get this done originally when we passed the bill. I understand that the Medical Society and HAP have objections to this amendment. I still believe it is the right thing to do.

Our addicts are the most entrepreneurial people that you can imagine, and they will find where the gaps are in the present database. So unless we make the prescribers look every time in the database, I do not think we are going to be able to stop this doctor shopping that is going on.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. But that said, Mr. Speaker, I am going to withdraw this amendment for today. I understand that they want to get this bill passed clean and over to the Senate. Even though I think this is the right thing to do, I know my friend from Allegheny County has got another amendment that is going to plug up some of those holes and is a really good amendment, and I am going to support it. But I am going to withdraw this amendment for today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman as he withdraws his amendment.

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

Mr. **GIBBONS** offered the following amendment No. **A10707**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "~~opioids~~" further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of board, for requirements for dispensers and pharmacies and for requirements for prescribers,
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 15, by striking out all of said lines
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
Section 1. Section 3 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, is amended by adding definitions to read:
Section 3. Definitions.
The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
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"Benzodiazepine." A psychoactive drug whose core chemical structure is the fusion of a benzene ring and a diazepam ring and works on the central nervous system, acting selectively on gamma-aminobutyric acid type A (GABA(A)) receptors in the brain.
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"Observation status." When a patient receives onsite services from the hospital for more than 23 consecutive hours, the onsite services received by the patient include a hospital bed and meals that have been provided in an area of the hospital other than the hospital emergency room, and the patient has not been formally admitted as an inpatient at the hospital.

"Opioid drug product." 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.

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Section 2. Sections 5(5) of the act is amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

Section 5. Powers and duties of board.

The board shall have the following powers and duties:

* * *

(5) Develop policies and procedures to:

* * *

(xvi) Require and ensure registration of all prescribers and dispensers with the program.

Section 3. Section 7(c) and 8(a) of the act are amended and the sections are amended by adding subsections to read:

Section 7. Requirements for dispensers and pharmacies.

* * *

(c) Frequency.—A dispenser or pharmacy shall submit all information required under subsection (b) to the system no later than [72 hours] the close of the subsequent business day after dispensing a controlled substance.

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(e) System query.—

(1) A dispenser shall query the system before dispensing an opioid drug product or a benzodiazepine prescribed to a patient if any of the following apply:

(i) The patient is a new patient of the dispenser.

(ii) The patient pays cash when they have insurance.

(iii) The patient requests a refill early.

(iv) The patient is getting opioid drug products or benzodiazepines from more than one prescriber.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, a new patient does not include an individual going to the same pharmacy, or a different physical location of that pharmacy, if the patient's record is available to the dispenser.

Section 8. Requirements for prescribers.

(a) System query.—A prescriber shall query the system:

(1) for each patient the first time the patient is prescribed a controlled substance by the prescriber for purposes of establishing a baseline and a thorough medical record; [or]

(2) if a prescriber believes or has reason to believe, using sound clinical judgment, that a patient may be abusing or diverting drugs[.]; or

(3) each time a patient is prescribed an opioid drug product or benzodiazepine by the prescriber.

(a.1) Query not required.—If a patient has been admitted to a licensed health care facility or is in observation status in a licensed health care facility, the prescriber does not need to query the system after the initial query under subsection (a)(1) as long as the patient remains admitted to the licensed health care facility or remains in observation status in a licensed health care facility.

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Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting

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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Gibbons, is recognized.

Mr. GIBBONS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 10707 will improve the prescription drug monitoring database to prevent diversion of prescription opioids to illicit use.

Under the current law, prescribers of a controlled substance are only required to check the monitoring database when prescribing a controlled substance to a patient for the first time or when the patient, you know, they believe that the patient is abusing or diverting the drugs. Also under current law, registration is not mandated, meaning that doctors and pharmacists have the option to register and are not required to register with the database to check a patient's prescription history.

So what this amendment will do is change two things. First, it will require the doctors to check the database each time they prescribe an opioid or a benzodiazepine to the patient. And secondly, it will mandate registration by all prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances.

This amendment would also require dispensers to query the prescription drug database before filling a prescription for an opioid or benzodiazepine if the patient is either a new patient, a patient who pays cash when they have insurance, requests an early refill, or is attaining an opioid drug or benzodiazepine from more than one dispenser.

The amendment also requires the pharmacist input prescription data for controlled substances by the close of business the next day as opposed to this current 72 hours to get that information into the system quicker.

Finally, the amendment clarifies when a prescriber must query the database in inpatient and clinical settings. A doctor would only have to perform an initial inquiry when the patient is admitted to the hospital or when they are in observation status in the hospital.

These new requirements will improve the operation of the Commonwealth's prescription drug monitoring system and will be a critical tool in our effort to help fight the heroin and opioid epidemic here in Pennsylvania.

This amendment is supported by the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Hospital & Healthsystem Association, and the Pennsylvania Chain Drug Stores, as well as the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association.

And I certainly want to thank HOPE (Heroin, Opioid Prevention and Education) Caucus cochairman Representative Gainey from Allegheny County for working with me to get this language together. I think this amendment will go a long way toward helping us to help fight the opioid crisis here in Pennsylvania, and I ask you for your affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the presence of the gentleman, Mr. Day, and he will be added to the master roll, without objection.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1202 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, on the amendment.

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

This is an agreed-to amendment, and we would ask the members to support it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

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

NAYS—2

Cruz Maher

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Acosta	DeLuca	Kirkland	
Brown, V.	Evans	McNeill	Turzai,
Davidson	Farina	Ross	Speaker

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 pro tempore. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D

BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 162, PN 3955**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for definitions and for original birth record.

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

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff, for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Senate did amend HB 162 to extend the redaction period for birth parents from the 6 months that I had on originally to do it in perpetuity for adoptions prospectively, but it will not affect those of us that were adopted years before, and I would ask for unanimous support of this bill as it passed out of the Senate unanimously as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Adolph	Everett	Kotik	Rader
Artis	Fabrizio	Krueger	Rapp
Baker	Farry	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Fee	Lewis	Readshaw

Barrar	Flynn	Longiotti	Reed
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mackenzie	Reese
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Daley, M.	Helm	Neilson	Sturla
Daley, P.	Hennessey	Nelson	Tallman
Davis	Hickernell	Nesbit	Taylor
Dawkins	Hill	Neuman	Thomas
Day	Irvin	O'Brien	Tobash
Dean	James	O'Neill	Toepel
Deasy	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLissio	Kampf	Ortitay	Topper
Delozier	Kaufner	Parker, D.	Truitt
Dermody	Kauffman	Pashinski	Vereb
Diamond	Kavulich	Payne	Vitali
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Peifer	Warner
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Petri	Wentling
Dunbar	Kim	Pickett	Wheatley
Dush	Kinsey	Pyle	Wheeland
Ellis	Klunk	Quigley	White
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
English	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Evanovich			

NAYS—4

McGinnis	Miller, D.	Schemel	Ward
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Acosta	DeLuca	Kirkland	
Brown, V.	Evans	McNeill	Turzai,
Davidson	Farina	Ross	Speaker

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT BY MR. BENNINGHOFF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff, on unanimous consent.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker, on unanimous consent I just want to take one moment, if I may.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. I just want to take a moment to thank the membership. Some of you that are new here do not realize that I have been working on this for 8 years. So for those that may not be getting something run today, good luck; you only have 7 1/2 more years to go.

I just wanted to do a quick shout-out. I have a friend of mine, a new friend, Representative Ann Williams, who is in the Illinois Legislature. She is a Pennsylvania native who is an adoptee, eventually moved to Illinois, and has voted to give her citizens the right that you just gave her. She is 48 years old and all she has wanted to know is that proverbial question from whence I came.

I also want to give a shout-out to the Vietnam veteran who talked to me two terms ago when I tried this and failed, who said to me, "Kerry, as a young man I was sent off to a land, a place where I didn't even know where it was, to help people I didn't even know and some, most of whom I never met, and now in my seventies I can't even get a single piece of paper to tell where I came from."

And last but not least, I want to thank you on behalf of my granddaughter who was born 4 weeks ago. Though she has some challenges, she is adorable. But as a grandfather who has had to tell his own children I cannot help you medically because I do not know my background and now my daughter to be told the same thing for my grandchild, on behalf of all those kinds of children, all the Pennsylvanians, not only here in Pennsylvania that sit around but also across this country, many of whom are watching this streaming right now, I want to personally thank you.

Thank you for your indulgence of my bothering you about this for the last 8 1/2 years. Thank you to leadership for running it, and to Representative Kathy Watson, our chairwoman – and I would not be standing here today had she not pushed that out of committee – an adoptee and adoptive mother as well. And thank you to the Senate.

With no further ado, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It means more than you think, and it is not just a piece of paper; it is an answer that many people waited for decades. God bless you and thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 1118, PN 4066**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for conflicts of interest; and repealing and adding provisions relating to independent counsel.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Vereb, for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mr. VEREB. Mr. Speaker, we sent this bill to the Senate, and working with Senator Gordner and Chairman Greenleaf, two basic changes were made to this bill that make it better. It is the makeup of the special investigative panel and the procedure for appointment of a special investigative counsel if the Attorney General may have committed an offense.

Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence, I just want to thank the members for an affirmative support on this bill. This will be the last one we ship to the Governor. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Adolph	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Rapp
Artis	Farry	Lewis	Ravenstahl
Baker	Fee	Longietti	Readshaw
Barbin	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reed
Barrar	Frankel	Maher	Reese
Benninghoff	Freeman	Mahoney	Regan
Bizzarro	Gabler	Major	Roae
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Brown, R.	Gillespie	Matzie	Samuelson
Bullock	Gingrich	McCarter	Sankey
Burns	Godshall	McClinton	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Goodman	McGinnis	Santora
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Savage
Causser	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Cohen	Hanna	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Conklin	Harhai	Millard	Schreiber
Corbin	Harhart	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Simmons
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Sims
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Snyder
Cruz	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sonney
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Staats
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Stephens
Daley, M.	Hennessey	Neilson	Sturla
Daley, P.	Hickernell	Nelson	Tallman
Davis	Hill	Nesbit	Taylor
Dawkins	Irvin	Neuman	Thomas
Day	James	O'Brien	Tobash
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Toepel
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLissio	Kaufner	Ortitay	Topper
Delozier	Kauffman	Parker, D.	Truitt
Dermody	Kavulich	Pashinski	Verab
Diamond	Keller, F.	Payne	Vitali
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Ward
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Warner
Driscoll	Kim	Petri	Watson
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Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Wheatley
Ellis	Knowles	Quigley	Wheeland
Emrick	Kortz	Quinn, C.	White
English	Kotik	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Evankovich	Krueger	Rader	Zimmerman
Everett			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Acosta	DeLuca	Kirkland	
Brown, V.	Evans	McNeill	Turzai,
Davidson	Farina	Ross	Speaker

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 2148, PN 4064**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, amending the title of the act; providing for eligibility of firemen of airport authorities, firemen employed by the Commonwealth and emergency medical services personnel of cities; and making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Farry, for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendments added by the Senate remove the term "Department of Public Welfare" and insert the term "Department of Human Services." I recommend an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Adolph	Everett	Krueger	Rapp
Artis	Fabrizio	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Baker	Farry	Lewis	Readshaw
Barbin	Fee	Longietti	Reed
Barrar	Flynn	Mackenzie	Reese
Benninghoff	Frankel	Maher	Regan
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Delozier	Kaufer	Pashinski	Vereb
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Dunbar	Kim	Pyle	Wheatley
Dush	Kinsey	Quigley	Wheeland
Ellis	Klunk	Quinn, C.	White
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Evanovich	Kotik		

NAYS—3

McGinnis	Metcalf	Truitt
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Acosta	DeLuca	Kirkland	
Brown, V.	Evans	McNeill	Turzai,
Davidson	Farina	Ross	Speaker

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is my understanding, Mr. Farry, that you have some guests up in the gallery representing firefighters, if you would like to make a comment.

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yeah; there are representatives of the Philadelphia Fire Fighters' Union here as well as representatives of firefighters from across the Commonwealth, and that is the reason we did this bill. So, men and women, thank you for what you do.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Congratulations.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 1618, PN 4068**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Moved by the gentlelady, Mrs. Fee, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair recognizes Representative Fee for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Mrs. FEE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Senate did amend HB 1618 with the following amendments: They made editorial changes throughout the bill to make the terms like "State agency" and "executive agency" internally consistent within the bill. It corrected minor typographical and grammatical errors. It removed the requirement that the Inspector General keep the Senate and the House fully informed about problems on an ongoing basis and instead added a requirement that the Inspector General submit an annual report to the General Assembly. The new report shall include numbers and types of investigations, accounting of taxpayer money that was recovered as a result of the Inspector General's Office, monetary value that resulted from fraud prevention activities, summaries of performance within each bureau of the Inspector General's Office, and specific recommendations concerning the improvement of any State program to further reduce waste, fraud, and abuse. It also further clarified requirements for the use of subpoenas by the Inspector General. And lastly, it added new sections increasing the complement of the Inspector General's Office. Subject to sufficient funds being approved, it would require the Inspector General to hire additional employees for a period of not less than 2 years to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse. It also requires the report to be issued to the General Assembly concerning the results of the new Inspector's investigations.

I am asking for an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

The gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, is recognized on concurrence.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On our computers the bill analysis is there, and each one of us can look up the fiscal note. That is still working on our computers. The fiscal note says that this bill is going to cost \$7.8 million and also will add 113 positions to State government. I do not believe this bill says where that money would come from. The budget that we passed just 3 months ago does not appropriate funds for this \$7.8 million expenditure.

I find it interesting that the State Senate has added language that they would like to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse but only in the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services. This bill does not provide for any waste, fraud, and abuse in the Department of Corrections or in PENNDOT or in

the legislature or in the Governor's Office or in any other branch – or in the judiciary. This only anticipates waste, fraud, and abuse in two departments, and to investigate that, it says we have to add 113 positions at a cost of \$7.8 million.

Mr. Speaker, I believe in our State Constitution we have a position called Auditor General of Pennsylvania. In fact, it is on the ballot in a couple of weeks. The Auditor General is empowered to investigate all of these departments with the existing staff that has been approved in the budget for the Office of Auditor General. I say we should vote "no" on the Senate amendments. It is an unanticipated cost and the Auditor General already has the authority to investigate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Grove, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the prime sponsor of the bill stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentelady has agreed. You may proceed.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Is it your understanding that this bill will actually save dollars for taxpayers moving forward?

Mrs. FEE. It is my understanding that it is projected to cost about \$821,000 more, but for every inspector that is placed within human services, they uncover about \$1.2 million worth of fraud.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think we have a great opportunity to save taxpayers a significant amount of dollars moving forward. An independent Inspector General will allow them to do their job without being cumbered by or inhibited by the administration moving forward. It would free that agency up to obviously fight welfare fraud and abuse throughout government. The cost savings, I believe, will be substantial as it has been quantified within the summaries of the bills.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote on this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Regan, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. REGAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Prior to running for office for the General Assembly, I was the Deputy Inspector General of Pennsylvania, and I can attest to— This is an outstanding bill because there has been many efforts during my time there for the administration to meddle in the goings-on of the office. So I think it is very important, not to mention the fact that the money that can be saved, Representative Fee is correct, an employee that makes about \$70,000 a year with salary and benefits nets typically about \$1.1 million in waste, fraud, and abuse in State government. That should be unfettered and it should be without any influence from the administration.

So I think this is an outstanding bill and it will definitely make the Office of the Inspector General more effective in Pennsylvania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the minority leader, Mr. Dermody, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we already have an Inspector General, the Governor appoints an Inspector General that is already doing their job. All this bill does is attempts to take that discretion away from the Governor. It will not save us money, it will cost us money, and I urge all the members to vote "no" on concurrence.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the majority whip, Mr. Cutler, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill.

Today should be a great day for the House of Representatives here in Pennsylvania. After a session that has been marked by disagreements over many issues – taxes, spending, how to properly manage State government – we have an opportunity to support a great piece of legislation that does the following: It is nonpartisan, it is pro-taxpayer, it makes sure that the programs and services that our State agencies are operating actually serve eligible people so that they can get the help they deserve, and it is being built on national best practices. This is truly a win-win-win, which in the lawmaking business we understand is sometimes a rare occurrence.

HB 1618 is nonpartisan. It builds on a great idea from former Democratic Gov. Bob Casey first implemented through an Executive order. He saw the value in having a full-time watchdog working to find areas in the executive agencies where waste, fraud, and abuse might be occurring. He signed that Executive order creating the Office of Inspector General, which has existed under every Governor since that time. HB 1618 would take Governor Casey's original Executive order and make it law and enhance the duties and the powers of this important post.

There is not a good reason why Pennsylvania is one of a very few States, a minority of States, that does not have this important office already established in statute. To further promote bipartisanship, HB 1618 requires that two-thirds of the Senate approve the Governor's nominee to be the Inspector General. What could be fairer than including both Republicans and Democrats in the General Assembly with the decision about who should serve in this post?

HB 1618 also includes an amendment that I offered when the bill first passed the House. This amendment was unlike any other amendment that I have ever offered here on the House floor because it would allow our current Governor to continue having his existing Inspector General serve and continue to serve and would not be subject to Senate confirmation. This was done because this legislation is not about Governor Wolf and it is not about the current Inspector General.

Let me be clear, we are here to take a good idea and make it law. When you consider these facts – Democrat Governor idea, bipartisan vote required for confirmation, exempts Governor Wolf's current administration – I find it hard to believe that anyone could argue that this is a partisan or expensive effort. Instead, HB 1618 is intended to promote good government – finding fraud, waste, and abuse, misconduct and malfeasance in State government.

I am sure that no one here would argue that that is okay and that our tax dollars being used in that way is a good thing. That is why HB 1618 is pro-taxpayer. Pennsylvania State government spends billions each year on many worthwhile

services and programs. However, we also know that there is not a limitless supply of those resources to spend. That is something that was debated rather robustly here in this chamber as we considered budgets.

HB 1618 sends an important and strong message. It is a signal to the people of Pennsylvania that we value their existing tax contributions and that we are doing all that we can to make sure that none of this money is wasted on fraud, waste, and abuse.

This bill prioritizes the taxpayers and codifies an important policy that State government will not ask anyone to contribute more in taxes until we have demonstrated a true commitment to not waste any money here in Harrisburg. How much different would our constituents feel if they could be assured that we take the waste, fraud, and abuse seriously?

It ensures that people who need the help get the help. That was an idea that I worked on with my former colleague from Philadelphia on the LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) reform bill. When people cheat, they just do not take resources away from a faceless government agency; they deny us the opportunity to help those people who need the help. And for example, when people commit fraud by taking benefits that they are not eligible for, or when State government contractors fail to deliver on the agreement we made with them, or when State employees engage in misconduct – all things that the Inspector General would be empowered with – they are diverting our scarce resources away from our priorities in favor of benefiting themselves, and that cannot be tolerated.

I want to acknowledge the good work that the good lady from Lancaster County has done on this important legislation. I think passing this bill would send a strong and important message that the General Assembly can take a great idea – in this case, a Democratic one – and improve on it, promote it to the best interests of all Pennsylvanians so that we can use their resources that they have given us through their taxes in the most efficient manner possible. I think that is hopefully something that we all can agree on. I urge a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman, Speaker Turzai, and he will be added to the master roll.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. Members, I know we have additional members who wish to speak on this bill. I appreciate the indulgence. I had been asked by Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd to speak at an event in the Supreme Court chambers, and I am back here in the House, and thank you very much for the indulgence.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1618 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. At this time Steve Samuelson, for the second time. Representative Steve Samuelson, for the second time.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just to follow up on what some of the earlier speakers have said, I know the gentleman from Lancaster pointed out that the Office of Inspector General was created during the Casey administration. Now, listening to some of the speakers just now, you would think that there is no one in Pennsylvania investigating waste, fraud, and abuse.

But if you look at that fiscal note and if you dig out your State budget and look at your State budget, the Office of Inspector General currently has a budget of \$16 million and currently has 225 employees. There is a breakdown – \$3.8 million for the Office of Inspector General, \$12.2 million specifically, currently to investigate welfare fraud. That is in our State budget right now. And if you look at the breakdown of the employees, there are 33 in the general Office of Inspector General and 192 inspectors, 192 employees in the Office of Inspector General specifically investigating welfare fraud. So in the current budget there is already a very significant complement. We passed that budget in a bipartisan way just 3 months ago. This bill seeks to add \$7.8 million.

One key element of the bill was alluded to by the speaker that the Governor's appointee, Governors from Casey to Ridge to Schweiker to Rendell to Corbett to Wolf, the Governor had the ability to appoint the Inspector General. Under this bill, that appointment would now be subject to a vote in the State Senate. So that introduces a new element where the State Senate would be seeking to have oversight over this Office of Inspector General.

I urge you to take a close look at the fiscal note, recognizing what we are already doing in this office and recognizing that the current budget already makes a significant investment in the Office of Inspector General.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Neuman is recognized on the bill.

Mr. NEUMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And we like to talk a good game on waste, fraud, and abuse, but if this chamber and both chambers were serious about waste, fraud, and abuse, we could collect tens of millions if not hundreds of millions of dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse if we would actually pass a false claims act in Pennsylvania. Until we do that, we will continue to allow bad actors to perform in Pennsylvania, take taxpayers' money and we can—

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Representative Evankovich, you rise with a point of order.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that the subject the gentleman is speaking on is the bill before us. I believe the bill before us is language offered by the gentledady from Lancaster and not some other far-flung subject.

The SPEAKER. Representative Neuman, we are not on the other legislation that you have proposed in the past. If you could confine your remarks to this piece of legislation. You may proceed.

Mr. NEUMAN. Thank you. I appreciate the gentledady from Lancaster County's comments, and I hope that she and I can continue to work together to find actual waste, fraud, and abuse in the Commonwealth. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

All those in favor will be voting "aye"— Representative Fee. I apologize.

Mrs. FEE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to add that just to be clear the Office of Inspector General costs \$16.9 million for their operating budget. They have saved taxpayers an estimated \$115 million. I like those odds. So please vote in favor of HB 1618. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—120

Adolph	Gingrich	Masser	Regan
Baker	Godshall	McGinnis	Roae
Barrar	Greiner	Mentzer	Rothman
Benninghoff	Grove	Metcalfe	Saccone
Bloom	Hahn	Metzgar	Sankey
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DiGirolamo	Kaufer	Parker, D.	Topper
Dunbar	Kauffman	Payne	Truitt
Dush	Keller, F.	Peifer	Vereb
Ellis	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Ward
Emrick	Klunk	Pickett	Warner
English	Knowles	Pyle	Watson
Evankovich	Lawrence	Quigley	Wentling
Everett	Lewis	Quinn, C.	Wheeland
Farry	Mackenzie	Quinn, M.	White
Fee	Maher	Rader	Zimmerman
Gabler	Major	Rapp	
Gibbons	Maloney	Reed	Turzai,
Gillen	Marshall	Reese	Speaker
Gillespie	Marsico		

NAYS—74

Artis	Deasy	Kim	Ravenstahl
Barbin	DeLissio	Kinsey	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Dermody	Kortz	Roebuck
Boyle	Donatucci	Kotik	Rozzi
Bradford	Driscoll	Krueger	Sainato
Briggs	Fabrizio	Longietti	Samuelson
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Carroll	Freeman	Matzie	Schlossberg
Cohen	Gainey	McCarter	Schreiber
Conklin	Galloway	McClinton	Schweyer
Costa, D.	Gergely	Miller, D.	Sims
Costa, P.	Goodman	Mullery	Snyder
Cruz	Hanna	Neilson	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harhai	Neuman	Thomas

Daley, P.	Harkins	O'Brien	Vitali
Davis	Harris, J.	Pashinski	Wheatley
Dawkins	Kavulich	Petrarca	Youngblood
Dean	Keller, W.		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—9

Acosta	DeLuca	Farina	McNeill
Brown, V.	Evans	Kirkland	Ross
Davidson			

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker appoints the following conferees with respect to SB 1071:

They include Representative Mike TOBASH, Representative Warren KAMPF, and Representative Dan FRANKEL.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 1311, PN 2061**.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILLS RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 245, PN 4110; HB 516, PN 4043; HB 850, PN 3932; HB 1600, PN 4107; HB 1864, PN 3305; HB 1968, PN 4113; and HB 2107, PN 4118**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1087, PN 1493; HB 1959, PN 3107; and HB 1998, PN 3515**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE**AMENDED SENATE BILL RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives by amending said amendments to **SB 1219, PN 2187**.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The SPEAKER. Representative Neuman, for what point do you rise?

Mr. NEUMAN. Parliamentary inquiry, please.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir; you may.

Mr. NEUMAN. Thank you.

Since this is one of the first, one of the only times I have been dealt a conference committee, I have a question regarding the conference committee. Does the conference committee have to convene before a report can be drafted or talked about in conference and to be voted on?

The SPEAKER. Representative, the conference committee will have to be convened in public and what will be presented will be presented in public and a vote will take place in public as well.

Mr. NEUMAN. So further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. You may. You may proceed.

Mr. NEUMAN. So my question specifically is, before the conference is convened, can drafting of a report on a bill that was not ever in conference start without the committee members being named and without the bill actually being in the conference?

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. NEUMAN. So a comprehensive report can be drafted weeks ahead of time before the public can see it, the conference can be convened, and voted on immediately?

The SPEAKER. No. I mean, typically what happens with a conference committee is that members of this chamber and the Senate chamber can be in discussions – certainly they are not the conferees themselves – and can prepare drafts, and a draft can be presented. In fact, it certainly can be drafted ahead of time. And one of the conferees can choose amongst a variety of drafts I am sure that have been or may have been prepared or not prepared, depending on the bill, and voted upon, that can be presented and voted upon, but that has to be done in public and is sunshined.

Mr. NEUMAN. Just one further parliamentary inquiry.

The report that is going to be voted on, does that have to be given to the public or the members for any certain amount of time before the conference members can vote on it?

The SPEAKER. No.

Mr. NEUMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Now, there is a 24-hour rule for the House of Representatives, but not for the conferees. So once the conference takes its vote, then we cannot vote on it for 24 hours.

And the Senate has to, just to give you further information, because it is a Senate bill, they have to sunshine that bill once it is voted on out of conference.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The majority leader has an announcement with respect to the Rules Committee. You may proceed, sir.

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

There will be a meeting of the House Rules Committee this evening at 7:30 in the Appropriations conference room. There will be a meeting of the House Rules Committee at 7:30 in the Appropriations conference room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Rules Committee will meet at 7:30 in the Appropriations conference room.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 501, PN 1516**, entitled:

An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers and for the collection of political contributions.

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 501 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 501 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up **HR 183, PN 977**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of data maintained by the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services on the number of transition-age youth and young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 183 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 183 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, there will be no further votes at this time, but the desk is going to be kept open. There will be no further votes at this time, but the desk will be kept open.

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 162, PN 3955

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for definitions and for original birth record.

HB 1087, PN 1493

An Act amending the act of June 12, 1931 (P.L.575, No.200), entitled "An act providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river;

authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," providing for gubernatorial veto.

HB 1118, PN 4066

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for conflicts of interest; and repealing and adding provisions relating to independent counsel.

HB 1618, PN 4068

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

HB 1959, PN 3107

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Upper Merion Township certain lands situate in Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County.

HB 1998, PN 3515

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in parking authorities, further providing for special provisions for authorities in cities of the first class.

HB 2148, PN 4064

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, amending the title of the act; providing for eligibility of firemen of airport authorities, firemen employed by the Commonwealth and emergency medical services personnel of cities; and making editorial changes.

SB 1311, PN 2061

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination; in child protective services, further providing for definitions and for release of information in confidential reports; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for definitions.

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

**BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE****HB 1196, PN 4132** (Amended)

By Rep. REED

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for general powers of board; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for wine auction permits, for interlocking business prohibited, for public venue license, for wine expanded permits, for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for brand registration and for breweries, providing for shipment of malt or brewed beverages and further providing for licenses not assignable and transfers, for local option and for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees; in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited wineries and for distilleries; and, in disposition of moneys collected under provisions of act, further providing for moneys paid into the State Stores Fund for use of the Commonwealth.

RULES.

HB 2025, PN 4069

By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for temporary registration cards, for display of registration plate and for surrender of registration plates and cards upon suspension or revocation and providing for suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls; in commercial drivers, further providing for commercial driver's license; in fees, further providing for trucks and truck tractors and for reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle registration; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle; in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles, for limited liability of inspection station or mechanic, for suspension of certificates of appointment and for certification of mechanics; in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in abandoned vehicles and cargo, further providing for reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles.

RULES.

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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. At this time the House will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

Members will be reporting to the House floor tomorrow at 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

(Pursuant to rule 15, the House adjourned at 10:59 p.m., e.d.t.)