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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. We have quite an honor today. The prayer will be offered by Sam Bernstine, president of Temple Hadar Israel in New Castle, and he is the father of Representative Bernstine. We are so honored to have Sam here.

MR. SAM BERNSTINE, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is an honor and a privilege to deliver this invocation to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Eternal source of being, we ask Your blessings for all the members of this chamber. May they be filled with the spirit of wisdom and of justice, that they may ensure that freedom, happiness, and prosperity are the lot of all the citizens of this great Commonwealth. May they inspire citizens of all races and creeds to banish all hatred and bigotry from our society. May they always protect the sacred ideals on which this Commonwealth and on which our nation were founded. May they preserve and uphold the inviolable trust placed in them by the citizens of this Commonwealth, in whose service they are bound to discharge their duties.

Let each person be free to rise and lay their own contribution on the altar of freedom that our State and our nation have nurtured at so great a cost these past centuries. It is only through the participation of an engaged citizenry that the high-minded ideals of our Founders may live and grow and be realized beyond the paper on which they are written. Let the members gathered here seek to draw all citizens into the process of government and to place service in the public interest above all other loyalties.

As we look to the future, let compassion, love, and decency be our guiding lights. May we ever be mindful of the aspiration of the prophet Amos, that justice well up like water and righteousness as an unending stream. May we see not the superficial elements that divide us, but rather see that we are all equally fashioned in the image of the Creator and endowed thereby with unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 21, 2017, will be postponed until printed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 16, PN 1056 (Amended) By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, providing for payment of taxes; and further providing for notices of taxes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 45, PN 1051 (Amended) By Rep. DiGIROLAMO

An Act providing for the use of investigational drugs, biological products and devices by terminally ill patients.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 93, PN 603 By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating a portion of State Route 93 from the boundary line between Berwick Borough and Briar Creek Borough, Columbia County, to the boundary line between Orangeville Borough and Orange Township, Columbia County, as the Stuart Tank Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 199, PN 1054 (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating the portion of State Route 3078 and State Route 3090 in York County from the intersection with State Route 116 to the intersection with State Route 3042 as the Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 235, PN 1055 (Amended) By Rep. WATSON

An Act establishing a task force on the opioid abuse epidemic's impact on children and providing for powers and duties of the task force.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

HB 266, PN 1057 (Amended)

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 269, PN 228

By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending the act of November 4, 2016 (P.L.1196, No.159), entitled "An act designating a portion of State Route 663 in Montgomery County as the Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas Memorial Highway; designating the portion of State Route 100 from Hereford Township at the Lehigh County line through Washington Township in Berks County as the First Lieutenant William R. Gendebien Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on a portion of Sheep Bridge Road over I-83, Newberry Township, York County, as the Staff Sgt. Jason M. Faley Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 879 over Trout Run in Goshen Township, Clearfield County, as the Private David Kyle McCracken Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 2034 in Montgomery County as the Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 145 in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, as the Cpl. Joshua B. Smith Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County, as the Cpl. Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Byberry Road between Warminster Road and Orangemen's Road in Montgomery County as the Major Jeffrey Toczylowski Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 1010 in Berks County as the DeLight Breidegam, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 51 in Fayette County as the Officer Richard Champion Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 741 over the Conestoga River, between Pequea Township and Lancaster Township, Lancaster County, as the Cpl. Eric M. Torbert, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the interchange of State Route 43, the Mon-Fayette Expressway, with Rubles Mill Road, known as Exit 4, Fayette County, as the Master Sgt. Arthur L. Lilley Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 770 over the Tunungwant Creek, Bradford Township, McKean County, as the Master Sgt. Thomas Maholic Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 6 over Dingman Run, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the PFC George Pesock Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 872 over Bailey Run in Wharton Township, Potter County, as the Sgt. Paul M. Brown Memorial Bridge; designating a certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the E. Jeffrey Wentzel Memorial Interchange; designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming County as the Thomas A. Paternostro Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1027 in Polk Township, Jefferson County, as the Polk Township Veterans Memorial Bridge; and making related repeals," amending the title of the act; and further providing for Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 283, PN 269

By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 17, 2016 (P.L.342, No.46), entitled "An act designating: A portion of State Routes 108 and 551 in Lawrence County as the Battery B Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge. A bridge on State Route 2014 over the Muncy Creek in Muncy Creek

Township, Lycoming County, as the Private Walter L. Smith Spanish-American War Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway. The bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 1026, Section 004 over the Cocalico Creek, Denver Borough, and West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Samuel L. Snyder Memorial Bridge. An overpass on State Route 49 over State Route 15, Lawrence Township, Tioga County, as the Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. A portion of Blair Mill Road in Montgomery County as the PVT William H. Walls, U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. The overpass on State Route 3145 over Interstate 376, BMS 02-3145-0010-0537, in the Market District at Settlers Ridge, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, as the Roy F. Johns, Jr., Overpass. A portion of State Route 51 North in the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, as the Fred A. Trello Memorial Boulevard. A certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange. The bridge carrying State Route 2005 (Business Route 222) over the Schuylkill River, Riverfront Drive and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Reading, Berks County, commonly referred to as the Bingaman Street Bridge, as the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 36 over the Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 1008 in Fayetteville, Franklin County, as the James W. Cutchall Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, as the Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge. The bridge on that portion of Township Route 431/436, Cooney Road, over U.S. Route 22 in Munster Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Thomas A. Cooney Memorial Bridge. The bridge on Tower Road spanning U.S. Route 219 in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of Greenwood Avenue over the SEPTA tracks in Cheltenham Township and Jenkintown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Honorable Lawrence H. Curry Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 144 over the Bald Eagle Creek, Milesburg Borough, Centre County, as the Veterans Bridge. An interchange on Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 66 in Westmoreland County as the David B. Sheridan Memorial Interchange. A bridge on that portion of State Route 217 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and 2nd Street in Derry Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge," further providing for Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 303, PN 303

By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1005, known as Church View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 0000, over Beaver Creek, South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 360, PN 378

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for commission members.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 381, PN 384

By Rep. DiGIROLAMO

An Act amending the act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under certain circumstances," further providing for mental health treatment.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 396, PN 1052 (Amended) By Rep. DiGIROLAMO

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, further providing for requirements for prescribers.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 398, PN 1053 (Amended) By Rep. DiGIROLAMO

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for essential service payments during budget impasse.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 422, PN 1058 (Amended) By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in election of officers and vacancies in office, further providing for electors only eligible and for vacancies in general.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 423, PN 439 By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in election of officers and vacancies in office, further providing for vacancies in general.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 580, PN 616 By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for antique, classic and collectible plates.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 834, PN 916 By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376, Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 180 By Representatives BARBIN, GROVE, BARRAR, SAINATO, READSHAW, BURNS, MURT, RYAN, BIZZARRO, MILLARD, GODSHALL, KINSEY, V. BROWN, DiGIROLAMO, KAVULICH, SONNEY, DUSH, MALONEY, HENNESSEY, CALTAGIRONE, WARD, A. HARRIS, MARSICO, COX, SANKEY, O'NEILL, LONGIETTI and GOODMAN

A Resolution encouraging the United States Department of Defense to include the names of the fallen sailors of the Destroyer USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 22, 2017.

No. 181 By Representatives DeLUCA, DERMODY, HANNA, MARKOSEK, FRANKEL, YOUNGBLOOD, GOODMAN, BOYLE, BARBIN, BRADFORD, BULLOCK, CARROLL, CEPHAS, COMITTA, P. COSTA, CRUZ, DALEY, DAVIDSON, DAVIS, DEAN, DeLISSIO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, FABRIZIO, FITZGERALD, FREEMAN, GAINEY, GERGELY, J. HARRIS, HILL-EVANS, KAVULICH, KIM, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KRUEGER-BRANEKY, KULIK, MADDEN, MATZIE, McCLINTON, McNEILL, D. MILLER, NEILSON, O'BRIEN, RABB, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SIMS, SOLOMON, STURLA, THOMAS, VITALI, WARREN, BRIGGS, V. BROWN, D. COSTA, DAWKINS, DEASY, FLYNN, HARKINS, W. KELLER, MULLERY, PASHINSKI, RAVENSTAHL, ROEBUCK and WHEATLEY

A Resolution urging the President and the Congress of the United States to not repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 22, 2017.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 912 By Representatives STAATS, BAKER, RYAN, COX, READSHAW, WARD, SACCONI, D. COSTA, BENNINGHOFF, B. MILLER, ZIMMERMAN, RAPP, TOEPEL, JAMES, DUSH, RADER, DAY and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for film approval by parent or guardian.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 22, 2017.

No. 913 By Representatives EVERETT, IRVIN, WARD, PICKETT, WHEELAND, HARPER and MUSTIO

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in water system relating to incorporated towns, providing for storm water management plans and facilities.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 914 By Representatives EVERETT, MILLARD, PICKETT, FREEMAN, WHEELAND, HARPER, READSHAW and MUSTIO

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in storm sewers and watercourses, further providing for authority of boroughs and for manner of financing work.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 915 By Representative EVERETT

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, providing for storm water management plans and facilities.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 916 By Representative EVERETT

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in watercourses, flood protection projects and storm water systems, further providing for establishing and changing watercourses, flood protection projects and storm water systems and for assessment of benefits and liens.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 917 By Representatives EVERETT, QUIGLEY, READSHAW, CAUSER, CUTLER, M. K. KELLER, V. BROWN, RAPP, WARD, PASHINSKI, SAINATO, KEEFER, PICKETT, LONGIETTI, KAUFFMAN, BARRAR, A. HARRIS, LAWRENCE, CORBIN, GROVE, WATSON, WHEELAND, SAYLOR, MARSHALL, GILLEN and IRVIN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal police education and training, prohibiting motorcycle profiling and establishing a private right of action.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 22, 2017.

No. 918 By Representatives DIAMOND, BARRAR, BERNSTINE, BURNS, DUNBAR, DUSH, EVERETT, GABLER, GODSHALL, GREINER, HICKERNELL, IRVIN, KAUFFMAN, MALONEY, MASSER, PYLE, RAPP, SIMMONS, STAATS, WARD and WHEELAND

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for licenses.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 22, 2017.

No. 919 By Representatives KAMPF, PICKETT, MILLARD, DOWLING, SONNEY, V. BROWN and READSHAW

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for disclosure of student discipline information.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 22, 2017.

No. 920 By Representatives TALLMAN, SACCONI, BARRAR, HICKERNELL, RYAN, MILLARD and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, deleting and replacing provisions relating to collective bargaining between public school employees and their public employers; setting forth public policy relating to public school employee strikes; providing for assessments and for duties of the Bureau of Mediation and the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 22, 2017.

No. 922 By Representatives TALLMAN, BLOOM, MILLARD, IRVIN, PICKETT, RYAN, KAUFFMAN, WARD, SANKEY, SAYLOR, HEFFLEY, DUSH, ZIMMERMAN, B. MILLER, GROVE, KEEFER, D. COSTA, MOUL, COX, PHILLIPS-HILL and CUTLER

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 923 By Representatives BARBIN, BARRAR, SAINATO, READSHAW, SOLOMON, MURT, MULLERY, McCLINTON, SCHLOSSBERG, D. COSTA, WARD, DEASY and CALTAGIRONE

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Veterans Alternative Punishment Program; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 22, 2017.

No. 924 By Representatives DALEY, FREEMAN, DRISCOLL, SCHLOSSBERG, O'BRIEN, KINSEY, DAVIS, McNEILL, SOLOMON, MURT, DEAN, RAVENSTAHL, W. KELLER, ROZZI, TOOHIL, GILLEN, DEASY and DeLUCA

An Act providing for legislative reapportionment and for the powers and duties of the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 925 By Representatives BOBACK, NEILSON, READSHAW, PICKETT, BULLOCK, MURT, DAVIS, DRISCOLL, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, D. COSTA, WARD, GROVE, ORTITAY, RYAN, FREEMAN and SOLOMON

An Act providing for the establishment of a searchable job openings public Internet website.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 22, 2017.

No. 926 By Representatives WARREN, SAINATO, SOLOMON, DAVIS, D. COSTA, SNYDER and KAVULICH

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a commuter and commerce toll tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 22, 2017.

No. 927 By Representatives RADER, IRVIN, HAHN, ZIMMERMAN, D. COSTA, KAUFER, GILLEN and B. MILLER

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

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

No. 928 By Representatives JOZWIAK, COX, JAMES, SCHLOSSBERG, McNEILL, SCHWEYER, IRVIN, REESE, O'BRIEN, J. HARRIS, MULLERY, A. HARRIS, DeLUCA, D. COSTA, NEILSON, RYAN, RADER and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties. Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 22, 2017.

No. 930 By Representatives KAMPF, TOBASH, CUTLER, FEE, CHARLTON, DUNBAR, GROVE, MILLARD, TOPPER, PHILLIPS-HILL, COX, GODSHALL, A. HARRIS, GREINER, STAATS, SAYLOR, MENTZER, WHEELAND, QUIGLEY, MUSTIO, HICKERNELL, WARD, TOEPEL, SACCONI, BLOOM, ORTITAY, METCALFE, LAWRENCE, EVERETT, JAMES, ROTHMAN, F. KELLER, OBERLANDER, CHRISTIANA, SONNEY, TURZAI, MASSER and REED

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of school employees' defined contribution plan and of administration and miscellaneous provisions; and for health insurance for retired school employees, in the area of preliminary provisions. In Title 51: for employment preferences and pensions, in the area of military leave of absence. In Title 71: for boards and offices, in the area of Independent Fiscal Office; and for retirement for State employees and officers, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of contributions, of benefits, of State employees' defined contribution plan and of administration, funds, accounts, general provisions. Providing, as to the revisions: for construction and administration, for applicability and for liability.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2017.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 123, PN 106

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 22, 2017.

SB 137, PN 91

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 22, 2017.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests a leave of absence for Representative Rosemary BROWN of Monroe County for the day.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for the following: Representative Frank BURNS of Cambria County for the day, Representative Flo FABRIZIO of Erie County for the day, Representative Sid KAVULICH of Lackawanna County for the day, Representative Dan MILLER of Allegheny County for the day, Representative Curtis THOMAS of Philadelphia County for the day, and Representative Rosita YOUNGBLOOD from Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, all of those leaves will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—195

Baker	English	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	Evankovich	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evans	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Everett	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bizzarro	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roae
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Frankel	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Fritz	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marshall	Ryan
Bullock	Gainey	Marsico	Saccone
Caltagirone	Galloway	Masser	Sainato
Carroll	Gergely	Matzie	Samuelson
Causar	Gillen	McCarter	Sankey
Cephas	Gillespie	McClinton	Santora
Charlton	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
Christiana	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Comitta	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Grove	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harper	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, A.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Harris, J.	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Heffley	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Helm	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hennessey	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hickernell	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Hill	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Toohil
Day	James	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kaufner	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, F.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
Donatucci	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland

Dowling	Kinsey	Pyle	White
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quigley	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Dush	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Ellis	Kortz	Rabb	Speaker
Emrick			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Brown, R.	Fabrizio	Miller, D.	Youngblood
Burns	Kavulich	Thomas	

LEAVES ADDED—6

Comitta	Gainey	Rabb	Wheatley
Driscoll	Maher		

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Brown, R.

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

Members, we have some outstanding visitors here, some citations that need presented. So I am going to ask all members to please take their seats. We do have a fairly busy floor schedule and we do want to get into the votes.

Members, please take your seats. I am going to ask the Sergeants at Arms to briefly close the doors of the House so that we can get everybody seated.

Representative Harry Lewis has some special guests here today, and I would ask everybody to please be seated. If everybody could please be seated, we are going to be introducing some of our guests. They have traveled quite some distance. If any members have conversations or staff need to have conversations, please take them off the House floor. All members, please take your seats.

Sergeants at Arms, you may open the doors.

Members, please take your seats.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Harry Lewis has brought with us today the Lovely Bells of Days, the Coatesville chapter of the Red Hat Society. They are Sylvia Washington-Baxter, Queen; Pamela Depte, Vice Queen; Cynthia Turner-Joseph, Patricia Thompson, Rita Brown-Washington, Lesly Brown, Olivia Newsuan, Bongai Mhloyi, Montana Leaks, Reginald Hard, and Nicholas Deminski. They are seated in the back and we would love them to please stand up. It is so gracious to have you with us today. Thank you. Yes, ladies, we are that rambunctious here, but we are so glad that you could come and be with us today. Thank you for gracing us.

We have some other visitors. Representative Mindy Fee welcomes Angelo Quiles. Angelo is an 11th grade student at Manheim Central School District. He is joined by Traci Stauffer, a special education supervisor, and Jen Clemons, a special education consultant. It is so great to have you here today. Thank you so much for being with us.

Representative Jesse Topper and Representative Carl Metzgar have some guests, and they are in the rear of the House. They traveled some distance to be here. It is the 2016-17 class of Leadership Bedford County. Could you please stand. It is so wonderful to have you here today. Thank you.

To the left of the rostrum, we welcome a guest of Representative Madeleine Dean, Samuel Steiner. Samuel, if you could please stand. This young man is the government affairs chair for Penn State Abington's Student Government Association. Welcome, Samuel. Good to have you here.

A guest of Representative Kurt Masser is here with us, Chris Wetzel. Chris, please stand. Great to have you here. Thank you for traveling that distance.

Representative Carol Hill-Evans and Representative Zach Mako, in the rear of the House, have a group of Penn State students, I believe. And where are they sitting? If you could please stand, that would be great. It is great to have you here. Thank you for traveling to come see us.

President Barron is in the Capitol today, so track him down.

TRI-STATE SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR AND PULMONARY REHABILITATION MEMBERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Judy Ward is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mrs. WARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to welcome members of the Tri-State Society of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehab members to the House floor today. We have President Denise Sheffield from J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon and Nadine Greco from Wayne Memorial Hospital. They are up here on the side.

The group is a multidisciplinary group of health professionals who serve in the field of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. Members include cardiovascular and pulmonary physicians, nurses, exercise physiologists, physical therapists, behavioral scientists, respiratory therapists, dieticians, and nutritionists. Their membership includes health-care professionals that serve Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

February 12 through 18 we celebrated National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week. March 12 through 18 we celebrated National Pulmonary Rehab Week. As a former cardiac rehabilitation nurse, I know the role that these programs play to assist in the quality of lives in so many of our people.

Please welcome these hardworking professionals. You may never know when you might need their help.

So thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

BEAVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Now we have an outstanding presentation to be made. Guests— Who was that? Oh, I know. That is a neighbor over in Beaver County.

Representative Marshall and Representative Bernstine are invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to one of our championship teams.

Representative Matzie, you may join them, if you would like. Representative Marshall, you may proceed, sir.

Members, please take your seats.

Mr. MARSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you from my alma mater the young men of the Beaver Falls High School Football Team, who captured the 2016 PIAA Class AAA Football Championship.

This is the first State title for the Tigers, which they earned by defeating Middletown High School by a score of 30 to 13. Their overall record for the season was 13 wins and 1 loss, and I should also mention that they captured the WPIAL as well.

Joining us today on the rostrum are seniors Ryder Blair, Mason Carothers, Austin French, Cody Long, and head coach Ryan Matsook. In the back of the House, along with the team, are superintendent Dr. Donna Nugent, high school principal Mary Beth Leeman, assistant coach Nick Nardone, and school board member Terri Ellinwood.

An accomplishment like this takes a great deal of dedication from these players and support from their coaches and families.

Congratulations, Beaver Falls Tigers.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Jim.

Stay here, gentlemen.

Aaron, Representative Bernstine, please proceed.

And just make sure that the rest of the young men stand as well.

Mr. BERNSTINE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I join Representative Marshall in saying just how proud we are of your efforts in winning the championship. Your season was full of hard-fought victories, and I have no doubt that you have all learned some great lessons along the way.

I wanted to highlight some championship-oriented life lessons, some quotes from other Pennsylvania athletes.

"Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you." This quote is by Arnold Palmer, a Latrobe native and one of golf's finest players. By playing hard game after game and by showing great sportsmanship in winning, even when the odds are against you, you have proven that halfhearted efforts do not get you very far and your total efforts will get you across the finish line.

"The best thing that you can say about any coach is his players play hard for him." That is by Steelers great Terry Bradshaw. Coach Matsook and the rest of the assistant coaches instill energy, effort, and wisdom into these young men that they will carry throughout the remainder of their lives.

Any finally, by Beaver Falls' own Joe Namath, "If you aren't going" to go "all the way," then "why go at all?" From the very beginning of the season, you were simply unwilling to let others stop you and you are now the State champions.

We are proud to have you in these halls today and wish you much success throughout the remainder of your lives.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you. Thanks, gentlemen.

Outstanding. I am giving one to my good friend from Beaver County out there.

We are going to go to the uncontested calendar, and we do have a lot of members who wish to speak, which is perfectly appropriate.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. D. COSTA called up **HR 63, PN 297**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 2, 2017, as "World Autism Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. McCLINTON called up **HR 89, PN 527**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 22, 2017, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the 2017 "World Water Day" international observance designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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Mr. MURT called up **HR 95, PN 601**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2017 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. TOOHIL called up **HR 132, PN 825**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2017 as "Intellectual Disability Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 138, PN 833**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. DEAN called up **HR 155, PN 948**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 29, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day."

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Ms. CULVER called up **HR 157, PN 988**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Sjogren's Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 163, PN 1007**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2017, as "Disabilities Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 171, PN 1035**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 31, 2017, as "C.A.S.U.A.L. Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Baker	English	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	Evankovich	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evans	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Everett	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bizzarro	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roae
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Frankel	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Fritz	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marshall	Ryan
Bullock	Gainey	Marsico	Saccone
Caltagirone	Galloway	Masser	Sainato
Carroll	Gergely	Matzie	Samuelson
Causar	Gillen	McCarter	Sankey
Cephas	Gillespie	McClinton	Santora
Charlton	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
Christiana	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Comitta	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Grove	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harper	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, A.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Harris, J.	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Heffley	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Helm	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hennessey	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hickernell	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Hill	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Toohil
Day	James	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kaufer	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, F.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
Donatucci	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Dowling	Kinsey	Pyle	White
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quigley	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Dush	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Ellis	Kortz	Rabb	Speaker
Emrick			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Brown, R.	Fabrizio	Miller, D.	Youngblood
Burns	Kavulich	Thomas	

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

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to be going in this order for our speakers just so that they will be prepared at the rostrum, to come right up after the previous speaker: Representative McClinton will speak on HR 89 first, Representative Matzie will speak on HR 138, Representative Murt will speak on HR 95, Representatives Toohil and Kinsey will speak on HRs 132 and 163 together, and then Representative Dean will speak on HR 155.

We do have some other resolutions on another calendar. We will get to those after these speakers.

STATEMENT BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER. Representative McClinton, you are recognized.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, fellow House members, for joining me during the celebration of World Water Day 2017.

This year I am celebrating it with a different approach. At a time when we are discussing how the new administration in DC's budget cuts will affect agencies and States throughout the country, this issue becomes even more relevant.

In 2016 Federal funding for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection accounted for \$193 million, a third of its \$651 million budget. Last December staffing shortages led to a warning about the State's failure to inspect public drinking water systems, a situation that has become increasingly concerning over the last decade.

It is a fact that clean, safe drinking water is not guaranteed. Pennsylvania is around the top of the list of States found to have a high number of public water systems with excessive levels of lead. Environmental NGOs (non-governmental organizations) affirm that the Delaware River is the fifth most polluted river in the United States.

According to the United Nations, by 2030 the demand for water is expected to grow by 50 percent. How will we fulfill that need if we are not able to provide clean water for all of our citizens?

Globally, over 80 percent of the so-called wastewater generated by society flows back into the ecosystem without being treated or reused. Wastewater management has been seriously neglected. It has also been an undervalued resource during the last 20 years. Rather than planning based on water pollution and budget limitations, we can transform an environmental and healthy liability into an economic resource. If we take advantage of the enormous opportunities of exploiting the potential of wastewater, we can achieve an affordable and sustainable source of water and energy for our cities and our counties and our boroughs across the Commonwealth. We can get nutrients for agriculture and many more recoverable materials. This innovative initiative will also provide new business opportunities and consequently create more jobs.

Embracing new technologies along with improvements in efficiency and water consumption are the most adequate alternatives to solve the problem of water pollution and the shortages not only here in this Commonwealth but across the country.

Let us gather all together – State and local authorities, industries, the agricultural sector, community leaders – and let us work to ensure equal access to clean and safe water for all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. MATZIE

The SPEAKER. Representative Matzie is recognized.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am joined by Representative Farry as well here today as I thank you for your support of HR 138, the resolution designating April as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

You know, 500 amputations occur each day in our country, yet the general public is largely unaware of the physical, emotional, and financial challenges faced by amputees and their families.

This resolution seeks to raise public awareness of their plight. There are nearly 2 million people living with limb loss in the United States. Among those living with limb loss, the main causes are vascular disease, including diabetes and peripheral arterial disease at 54 percent, trauma at 45 percent, and cancer at less than 2 percent.

I speak to you with this resolution because of the personal nature of limb loss awareness in my family. My 15-year-old daughter is a congenital amputee. She was born without her right hand. She is 15 and a freshman in high school and she is doing quite well. She went through the process of two different prosthetics – three different prosthetics in her lifetime, and then when she was about 7 years old, decided, "Dad, I don't want to wear it any longer. It's in my way." And I kind of figured that would happen sometime. She is pretty headstrong. But she is fine. She is able to do just about anything anybody else does. It might take her a little longer. And as we like to say, she has a limb difference. She is not someone that we like to harp upon to say anything other than that. She has a difference than other people. Just like you have hair and I do not, she has one hand and you might have two.

So I thank you for your support of this resolution.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. MATZIE. I will submit the remainder of my remarks for the record on this important month, Limb Loss Awareness Month, April 2017. Thank you.

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

I would like to share with you some limb loss statistics from the Amputee Coalition of America: Approximately 185,000 amputations occur in the United States each year. African-Americans are up to four times more likely to have an amputation than white Americans. Nearly half of the individuals who have an amputation due to vascular disease will die within 5 years. This is higher than the 5-year mortality rates for breast cancer, colon cancer, and prostate cancer.

I am seeking your support for this resolution because more and more Americans will be living with amputation in the years to come. It is projected that the amputee population will more than double by the year 2050 to 3.6 million.

The estimated cost to American private and public insurance agencies is at least \$12 billion annually.

Please join me in casting a "yes" vote for HR 138. I thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt is recognized to speak on HR 95.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to my colleagues for their support of HR 95, which declares March as the "American Red Cross Month."

Mr. Speaker, every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Today alone 36,000 units of red blood cells, 7,000 units of platelets, and 10,000 units of plasma will be needed to save lives, and the Red Cross is right there providing more than 40 percent of America's blood supply.

Since its founding in 1881 by Clara Barton, the American Red Cross and its volunteers have provided relief to the victims of disasters across the Commonwealth and across our nation. In Pennsylvania alone, more than 7,000 volunteers donate time and energy to their communities through this invaluable institution.

Nationally, the American Red Cross responds to about 70,000 disasters, ranging from home fires that affect a single family to hurricanes that affect tens of thousands to earthquakes that impact millions. In these events the Red Cross provides shelter, food, medical and mental health services to help families and entire communities get back on their feet. Although the Red Cross is not a government agency, it is an essential part of the emergency response when disaster strikes as they work in partnership with agencies and organizations that provide services to disaster victims.

Mr. Speaker, one of most unappreciated roles of the American Red Cross is how they help military members, veterans, and families cope with the challenges of military service. As a combat veteran of the war in Iraq, I can recall with great appreciation the work of the Red Cross in getting soldiers notification of the birth of a child or getting a soldier home to their families when there was a death of a loved one. The Red Cross's emergency communications, training, and support to wounded warriors and veterans help an average of 150,000 military families and veterans every single year.

The Red Cross is also the nation's leading provider of health and safety courses in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), first aid, and water rescue. Among those who participate are more than 9 million emergency responders, police officers, educators, and babysitters.

Mr. Speaker, the Red Cross affects all of our lives in its dedication and devotion to saving lives and alleviating human suffering, and for that we honor them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Tarah Toohil and Representative Kinsey are recognized to speak on HRs 132 and 163.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

STATEMENT BY MS. TOOHL

The SPEAKER. You may proceed, Representative Toohil.

Ms. TOOHL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to stand here today with a gentleman from Philadelphia County whom I have been honored to forge a friendship with on this very topic of disabled folks in our communities and in the ways that we serve them.

The SPEAKER. Representative, just for a moment, if you could please suspend.

Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats.

Representative Toohil, you may proceed.

Ms. TOOHL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We would like to thank our colleagues for their support of HR 132. This designates the month of March as "Intellectual Disability Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Intellectual disabilities are characterized by limitations in intelligence or adaptive skills that could be genetic, neurological, or the result of a traumatic life event. These individuals shine light and love and inspiration into our lives.

An intellectual disability is not a mental illness. During the last fiscal year, more than 56,000 Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities received services and support. In addition, more than 89,000 children, including a significant number who have intellectual disabilities, received early intervention services. Public awareness and education improve the understanding of intellectual disabilities and the programs that are needed to meet the specific needs of our Pennsylvanians and their support networks.

Individuals with intellectual disabilities deserve and require lifelong support and services. The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the right of those with disabilities to receive community-based services as an alternative to institutional care. Unfortunately, today in Pennsylvania thousands upon thousands of individuals with intellectual disabilities continue to wait for these services.

During this budget members of our community with intellectual disabilities and autism will be at the forefront of our minds as they fight to be moved from the waiver wait list and be entered into these programs that will ensure they have the opportunity to participate in the range-of-life experiences that all of us enjoy, such as attending school, interacting with neighbors, going shopping, and going to worship at church.

We also would like to express our appreciation to all those Pennsylvanians who conduct special outreach, education, services, and urge the citizens of the Commonwealth to give year-round support efforts which enable those with intellectual disabilities to live full and productive lives. These families, agencies, and advocates help to educate and inform the legislature on the need for choice and the limitless possibilities that individuals deserve the chance to have.

Again, we thank you for support on these resolutions with regard to disabilities.

STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to begin by thanking the gentlelady from Luzerne County for her resolution in recognizing people with intellectual disabilities.

I also want to thank my colleagues for supporting HR 163, which designates March 2017 as "Disability Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

In this great Commonwealth alone, Mr. Speaker, there are more than 1.2 million people under the age of 65 living with a disability, with nearly 27 million people across the country 65 and younger with a disability. The disability can include visual impairment as well as a physical impairment. These statistics leave no doubt that all of us know someone who is living with a disability, whether it is a constituent, a coworker, a neighbor, or even a family member, Mr. Speaker. Within these relationships, we know the hardships that people with disabilities can face, hardships that can include injustice or discrimination while seeking housing, employment, or even public accommodations. This is an unfortunate harsh reality, despite the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955. Even with these acts, Pennsylvanians and Americans living with disabilities continue to face inequalities that exist in our society today.

As leaders, we need to take a hard look as to why these injustices are ongoing and acknowledge the fact that they are not acceptable. We can do that by assuring people with disabilities are provided the dignity, respect, and accommodations that they deserve.

So, Mr. Speaker, again I want to thank the gentlelady for taking the lead with recognizing people with intellectual disabilities but also want to make sure that this body understands that disabilities are disabilities, and whether it is intellectual, physical, or even visual, we all need to come together to support these individuals.

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Kinsey.

STATEMENT BY MRS. DEAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Madeleine Dean is recognized to speak on HR 155.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for their unanimous passage in support of HR 155, designating March 29, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day," and I think it comes at a particularly good time. Just yesterday we passed HB 215, which was spearheaded by Representative Boback from Luzerne, Lackawanna, and Wyoming Counties on the female veterans license plate.

Women have a long, courageous, and often unrecognized history in providing military service to our country. Women traditionally, in the days past, served as nurses, typists, clerks, and other support roles. Prior to the Civil War, women who wanted to serve on the frontlines were forced to disguise themselves as men in order to serve. It was not until the end of World War I that women were permitted in the military and only during wartime.

With the passage of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, women were finally allowed to serve as permanent members of the military and entitled to veterans benefits. In the last two decades, the value of women in the military has continued to be recognized with landmark achievements such as the first women to graduate from the Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel, the first female

fighter pilots flying combat missions in Iraq, and the first woman to command a United States naval ship.

In 2015 we saw yet another extraordinary achievement for women in the military with the first female graduates of the Army's elite Ranger School as well as the Department of Defense announcing that women will be fully integrated into all positions. In the United States, the number of female veterans totals more than 2 million women, a number which represents 10 percent of the total of all United States veterans, and the Commonwealth's female veterans number more than 71,000. The selflessness and bravery that these women exhibit in keeping our country safe and protecting our freedoms does not go unnoticed, and it is truly humbling to me. Today we rightly salute their accomplishments.

Thus, I thank the brave members of our military forces, men and women, and especially recognize the female veterans today for their integral role in keeping our nation and our citizens free.

I thank you, my colleagues of the House, for designating March 29, 2017, "Female Veterans Day."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Dean.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Sims has brought us some guests from the Albert M. Greenfield Elementary School in Philadelphia, some parents. I do not know if they already had to— Oh, there they are. Please stand up. Great to have you. Thank you so much for being with us today.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BOYLE called up **HR 175, PN 1048**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 22, 2017, as "March for Meals Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 177, PN 1049**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 22, 2017, as "Small Business Development Center Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. RAPP called up **HR 178, HR 1050**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Baker	Emrick	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	English	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evans	Lewis	Readshaw

Bernstine	Everett	Longiatti	Reed
Bizzarro	Farry	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fee	Madden	Roe
Boback	Fitzgerald	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Gainey	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Galloway	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gergely	McCarter	Sankey
Causer	Gillen	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Gillespie	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Godshall	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Goodman	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Comitta	Greiner	Mentzer	Schweyer
Conklin	Grove	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cook	Haggerty	Metzgar	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Snyder
Corr	Hanna	Millard	Solomon
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Staats
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Stephens
Cruz	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sturla
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Daley	Hennessey	Neilson	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Nelson	Toepel
Davis	Hill	Nesbit	Toohil
Dawkins	Irvin	Neuman	Topper
Day	James	O'Brien	Vitali
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Walsh
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Ward
DeLissio	Kaufer	Ortitay	Warner
DeLozier	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
DeLuca	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
Dermody	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Pyle	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Dush	Knowles	Rabb	Speaker
Ellis	Kortz		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Burns	Kavulich	Thomas	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Miller, D.		

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle will be recognized to speak on HR 175, followed by Representative Rapp on HR 178. Representative Boyle and Representative Rapp.

STATEMENT BY MR. BOYLE

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle, you may proceed, sir. Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank members for supporting HR 175, designating March 22, 2017, as "March for Meals Day" in our State.

Hunger among senior citizens in America and across our Commonwealth is a serious issue. In fact, research indicates that 10.2 million seniors across the country and nearly 300,000 seniors here in Pennsylvania face the threat of hunger. To help address this issue, Meals on Wheels of America annually sponsors the March for Meals campaign, which is designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage collaboration among businesses, communities, and local, State, and Federal governments. Since 2002 Meals on Wheels programs have come together to celebrate this proven and results-driven collaboration to ensure that our seniors are not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I believe now more than ever we must remind ourselves of the importance of Meals on Wheels. As you may have heard, Meals on Wheels is headed for the budget chopping block in Washington, DC. The Trump administration is defending cuts to the program with claims that the Meals on Wheels program is "not showing any results" and the program, quote, unquote, "sounds great" but doesn't "work."

But the truth is, Mr. Speaker, Meals on Wheels has shown great results here in Pennsylvania and across our country. In fact, according to a 2014 study conducted by the University of Illinois, programs like Meals on Wheels improve the quality of life for seniors. According to the study, Meals on Wheels is showing results by offering an effective and vital nutritional and health program for seniors. And Meals on Wheels has shown results by helping to offset health-care costs by allowing seniors to stay in their homes longer rather than going into nursing homes. This is vital to allowing seniors to maintain their independence and remain in their communities, which is a proven benefit to seniors' mental and physical well-being. Mr. Speaker, the fact remains that Meals on Wheels is showing results in Pennsylvania, and cutting Federal support for this program will have devastating results and consequences here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank everyone for their support of this resolution and for their support of the Meals on Wheels program in Pennsylvania. And I encourage all members to let Congress and the President know of this proven-results program, which is showing great results throughout our State. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MS. RAPP

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Rapp is recognized to speak on HR 178.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am honored to stand here today to be the sponsor of this resolution, which was sponsored last year by Representative Grove. I had a constituent who contacted me, a Vietnam veteran, and asked me to sponsor this resolution, and I myself am honored to stand here and talk about this resolution and the Vietnam era as a former Air Force wife during the Vietnam war. This resolution recognizes March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

The Vietnam Conflict was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and it involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in a conflict with the United States and South Vietnam. The United States became involved in the Vietnam Conflict because policymakers in the United States believed that if South

Vietnam fell to a Communist government, then Communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia.

Members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to South Vietnam in 1961. As a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2 and 4, 1964, the Congress of the United States overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Public Law 88-408, on August 7, 1964, which effectively handed over warmaking powers to President Lyndon Johnson until such time as peace and security had returned to Vietnam.

In 1965 the United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam. By the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached.

On January 27, 1973, the Paris Peace Accords were signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam. And on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam.

More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam, and more than 300,000 members were wounded. In 1982 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or who were declared missing in action.

The Vietnam Conflict was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States, and members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam Conflict were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, this was a time when the members of our military were drafted. It was not a volunteer military. And I remember, quite frankly, as a member of a military family, some of those disparaging remarks coming home as a family who was stationed in Germany. It did not matter if you had served in Vietnam, just the fact that you were a military family at the time – the disparaging remarks from family, friends, people in the community. It was very difficult, because even if you were from a family where your loved one was drafted, members of the military serve their country honorably. We are a free nation because of the brave who serve, whether they were drafted or whether they were members who joined the military on a volunteer basis.

And I would like to see members, veterans who served in Vietnam stand if you had. I know it was several years ago, but I am sure there may be members here who served during Vietnam, if you would please stand, or if you have a family member. I think it is important that we recognize members of the Vietnam era.

I can say that with all of these remarks and actions, a positive thing happened because of our Vietnam veterans. They were determined that no other military group of soldiers would return home to this country without the honor that they deserved. Many of our military organizations filled with our Vietnam veterans have made a concerted effort to make sure that our active military and our veterans are treated with the respect that they deserve for serving our country.

Thank you for supporting this resolution and recognizing March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. We have a number of resolutions on the regular House calendar.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 113, PN 726**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon for raising more than \$10 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital to help fight pediatric cancer.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Baker	Emrick	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	English	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evans	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Everett	Longietti	Reed
Bizzarro	Farry	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fee	Madden	Roae
Boback	Fitzgerald	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Gainey	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Galloway	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gergely	McCarter	Sankey
Causar	Gillen	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Gillespie	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Godshall	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Goodman	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Comitta	Greiner	Mentzer	Schweyer
Conklin	Grove	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cook	Haggerty	Metzgar	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Snyder
Corr	Hanna	Millard	Solomon
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harper	Milne	Staats
Cox	Harris, A.	Moul	Stephens
Cruz	Harris, J.	Mullery	Sturla
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Tallman
Cutler	Helm	Mustio	Taylor
Daley	Hennessey	Neilson	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Nelson	Toepel
Davis	Hill	Nesbit	Toohil
Dawkins	Irvin	Neuman	Topper
Day	James	O'Brien	Vitali
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Walsh
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Ward
DeLissio	Kaufner	Ortitay	Warner
Delozier	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
DeLuca	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
Dermody	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Pyle	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Dush	Knowles	Rabb	Speaker
Ellis	Kortz		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Burns	Kavulich	Thomas	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Miller, D.		

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

STATEMENT BY MR. BENNINGHOFF

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, Representative Kerry Benninghoff is recognized.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And to the members, I appreciate your attention.

Representatives Hanna and Conklin and myself stand here very proud, with great pride and admiration, and most of all, thanks to our student population for the great success they had in this year's dance marathon commonly known as THON. As you know, this is the largest student-run philanthropic organization in the world, as they fight to find dollars to help us fight pediatric cancer, sustained by over 16,000 volunteers, as you know, for an event that is about 46 hours alone. And they do a great job, standing on their feet, do not sleep, and just keeping moving, along with the support staff.

Just for the background, as you know, THON is partnered with Four Diamonds Fund at Hershey Medical Center – one of our jewels here in the State. And Four Diamonds helps to offset the costs of treatment for many parents and families that insurance does not necessarily cover. It also helps with some ancillary costs that go along with the better welfare of the children, supports the medical team as they care for children, and helps fund pediatric cancer research.

Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Research Institute, as you know, started back many years ago and THON back in 1977. We just want to take a moment to thank the students, the organizers, specifically Austin Sommerer, who is here to the left of the rostrum. He is the executive director of THON, a marketing major from New Jersey. Austin, to you and your team, thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, before I close I just want to acknowledge Austin and the efforts of all those students who raised over \$10,045,478. Sometimes we do not always hear about all the great things our young people do. This is a great testament to the good students, the good hard work at Penn State, and the great work they do.

To my colleagues, thank you very much. Give them a good round of applause.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representatives.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SOLOMON called up **HR 161, PN 1005**, entitled:

A Resolution condemning acts of hate and vandalism against the Jewish community.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Baker	Emrick	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	English	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evans	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Everett	Longietti	Reed
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Daley	Hennessey	Neilson	Tobash
Davidson	Hickernell	Nelson	Toepel
Davis	Hill	Nesbit	Toohil
Dawkins	Irvin	Neuman	Topper
Day	James	O'Brien	Vitali
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Walsh
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Ward
DeLissio	Kaufer	Ortitay	Warner
DeLozier	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
DeLuca	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
Dermody	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Pyle	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Quigley	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Dush	Knowles	Rabb	Speaker
Ellis	Kortz		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Burns	Kavulich	Thomas	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Miller, D.		

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

The SPEAKER. I would invite Representatives Solomon, Frankel, Phillips-Hill, Kaufer, Freeman, Schlossberg, Bernstine, and Helm to come forward to the rostrum.

At this time I would ask all the members to please take your seats. This will be our last set of remarks, last set of remarks before we take a break.

Representative Solomon, sir, the floor is yours.

I really would ask all members, this is a very serious resolution that we have taken a vote upon. I would ask everybody to please take your seats.

STATEMENT BY MR. SOLOMON

The SPEAKER. Representative Solomon, you may proceed.

Mr. SOLOMON. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

On February 25 I held a legislative summit in my district, and the focus of that legislative summit was how we could best harness the cultural diversity in my district to bring about positive change, to revitalize and rebuild my community. And I was truly uplifted. I was lifted by the response of my friends and neighbors about how we could harness that cultural diversity to bring about these necessary changes in my neighborhood. I left feeling really good about what happened that day. And the very next day, on February 26, we woke up to over 100 headstones desecrated at the Jewish cemetery called Mount Carmel Cemetery in my neighborhood.

Now, my community acted decisively. We quickly stated that this type of hate and intolerance is not welcome at all. And then I think we went further. We used this as a teaching moment to figure out ways that we could rebuild and begin to create a new type of sense of community in the 202d District.

I am so happy to be with my friends and colleagues to condemn what happened at Mount Carmel, but I hope we do not just condemn, I hope we act. We condemn and then we act. We act to ensure that this type of behavior will never happen again in our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Solomon.

Do any of the other members wish to speak?

STATEMENT BY MRS. HILL

The SPEAKER. Representative Phillips-Hill.

Mrs. HILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to all of our colleagues who unanimously passed HR 161.

Today the legislature is following the lead of President Abraham Lincoln, who said, "The most reliable way to predict the future is to create it."

You know, the recent acts that were committed against the people of the Jewish faith in Representative Solomon's district, in my district, in Representative Helm's district, they were uncalled for, they were disrespectful, and they were criminal. It has been nearly 2 weeks since the Jewish community centers in York County, other portions of Pennsylvania, and surrounding States were violated and the Philadelphia cemetery was desecrated. HR 161 denounces these acts of vandalism, these threats as unacceptable and not to be tolerated, and it asks that we not forget them by educating future generations.

We have been placed on this earth for many, many reasons. One of them, I believe, is to show each other what is possible. I am reminded of the phrase "tikkun olam," which in Hebrew means acts of kindness that are performed to perfect or repair the world.

Today this legislative body has shown what is possible. Let us all keep that in mind as we move forward and we interact with our fellow man.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. FRANKEL

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to stand here and thank my colleagues, Representative Solomon and Representative Phillips-Hill, for their bipartisan work to condemn acts of anti-Semitism across this Commonwealth, something that we have seen not just in our State but suddenly being replicated all over our country, and I take heart that all of us have embraced that here today on a bipartisan basis, which is how we need to address this.

I will tell you I represent the largest Jewish community in western Pennsylvania. Now, our Jewish Community Center is one of the most diverse places you can imagine – 14,000 members of every faith, of every race, of every religion, of every sexual orientation and gender identity. They are all welcome, and they all participate, from meals for seniors to early childhood education to day care to swim lessons. I mean, it is an extraordinary place and I walk into that JCC every week several times and the number of languages that are being spoken is just breathtaking.

But it is with great anxiety that my community and the greater community in western Pennsylvania and throughout this country and our Commonwealth – and it is not just the Jewish community, because acts of hate have been expressed against other minorities throughout the Commonwealth and throughout the country, particularly in the last several months – that now we come together to work on this issue. And the fact that we came together on a bipartisan basis to address this I think gives me and so many others great faith in the future.

I talked about at our press conference a quote that John F. Kennedy was fond of making. He was actually quoting a line from "Dante's Inferno" and basically that said, "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of...moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

I am pleased to see today that this chamber has not maintained its neutrality, has stepped up to condemn anti-Semitism, to condemn discrimination, and thank you for your vote. Thanks to the work of my colleagues who drafted this resolution, and I look forward to moving forward in brotherhood with all of our citizens as we condemn this act, these acts of hatred. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. KAUFER

The SPEAKER. Representative Aaron Kaufer and then followed by Sue Helm and then Bob Freeman, I think, all wish to speak.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for their vote on this resolution condemning anti-Semitism in the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania. Let it be known that today we voted unanimously that anti-Semitism, hate, and bigotry have no place in our Commonwealth. That is the strongest thing that we can say throughout Pennsylvania that the members of this chamber have unanimously said with their voice this has no place in Pennsylvania.

It is with truly heartfelt thanks that I offer to my colleagues in this chamber that we could say something so powerful in response to something so hateful. I commend my colleagues who are up here who worked on this resolution because there is nothing more to fight hate than to address it with love. And thank you for that unanimous vote today to combat anti-Semitism, hate, and bigotry throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MS. HELM

The SPEAKER. Representative Helm.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

These cowardly acts of hatred against our friends and neighbors in the Jewish community are very concerning. Such crimes that target any religious groups should not and will not be tolerated. I stand firmly opposed to such violence, whether directed at people, buildings, or institutions. All people, whatever their religious, cultural, or national origin, deserve the right to meet and pray peacefully, free of fear.

HR 161 condemns these recent acts of hate in this area and across the State and calls for all of us to work together to make Pennsylvania more inclusive and welcoming for all faiths. These criminals can be caught and the law enforced when hatred is denounced at the highest levels as we are doing with this resolution. We cannot sit idly by and do nothing. We must come together as a group and defend our shared values of acceptance, tolerance, and peace.

As members of the House of Representatives, we have an obligation to speak out against hatred and bigotry, no matter when and where we find them. We stand with the Jewish community and all those who believe in religious freedom, in condemning the bigotry represented by these recent incidents.

I do have a Jewish Community Center in my area. I have been there many times participating in events there, and when I heard about what was happening, it really hit home to me. And I just stand firmly and thank everyone for participating in this and your help. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. FREEMAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I wish to join with my colleagues up here in thanking the prime sponsors of this resolution, Representatives Solomon and Phillips-Hill, for their leadership on this issue, and to thank all of you, my fellow colleagues, for your unanimous vote of support for this resolution as well.

As has been stated, we have seen a very disturbing trend here in Pennsylvania and throughout our country – a rise in anti-Semitism, of bigotry, of intolerance. That goes against the very values that we cherish as Americans. We are a land that believes in religious freedom, that is abhorred by acts of discrimination and of hatred, whether it be against a religious group for their faith, an ethnic group for their identity, or a

racial group for their identity. All of that kind of hatred goes against the very grain of what America is about.

And so I am very proud of you, my colleagues, for unanimously voting for this resolution to make a clear statement that we as the elected Representatives of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do not accept or tolerate such acts of hatred here in our State.

In many ways your vote today has been a reaffirmation of the very reason why Pennsylvania was founded by William Penn so many centuries ago. It was founded as a haven for religious freedom so that good individuals, good citizens, could worship God in their own way without fear of any kind of oppression, any kind of discrimination. Pennsylvania is the beacon of religious tolerance and the beacon of religious acceptance of people of other faiths, and we as a body have reaffirmed that here today with our votes.

So I thank you and let us continue the ongoing effort to stamp out such acts of bigotry and hatred and to remind our fellow countrymen that we as Americans stand for some ideals that are very precious to us, one amongst them is religious freedom and tolerance, and that we stand by that throughout our service here in this House. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, members.

STATEMENT BY MR. MUSTIO

The SPEAKER. Representative Mark Mustio is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. MUSTIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Next week we are not in session and there is a situation that is going to take place that is going to have a tremendous impact on my district and my district office, and I wanted to bring it to everybody's attention. For the individual involved, I am sure it is a happy occasion, but for the constituents of the 44th Legislative District and many of you that have interacted with my office in Harrisburg, Joy McKee will be retiring. And I said she is retiring after 35 years, and being as accurate as she always is, she said, "No; it's 34.4 years."

So we all have individuals in our offices that have our backs, that make sure that what comes out of our office is quality and first-rate service to those that we represent. And so I encourage all of you when you go back to your office today, in recognition of Joy's retirement, to say thank you to your staff.

And one thing that happened today in my office – we had a visitor and the visitor said to Joy, "You know what, you read my mind." And her response was, "That's my job." "That's my job."

So they are out there every day for us and I just wanted to take this time, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for unanimous consent to recognize Joy, and of course she is back in her office working, not down here on the House floor to be recognized. But I think I had them turn the speakers up today, so if we could give her a round of applause, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Joy, from all of us here, congratulations and thanks for the service to the citizens of Pennsylvania and on behalf of the House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. EVERETT

The SPEAKER. Representative Garth Everett, with respect to an important report.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to point out to those members that on your desk this morning, if you reside in the Chesapeake Bay watershed or you are on the Ag Committee, the Environmental and Energy Committee, and the leaders, is the 2016 report of the Chesapeake Bay Commission and I guess it is fitting that it is on Water Day. And if you will take the time to just page through it real quickly, I think you will have to agree that the Pennsylvania delegation is by far the sportiest group among the bay States, and I encourage you to take a look at it and appreciate your time.

And thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Timothy Cantrell, who has been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring Timothy Cantrell.

Whereas, Timothy Cantrell earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Timothy is a member of Troop 316.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Timothy Cantrell.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Craig Klevan, who has been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring Craig Klevan.

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Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Craig Klevan.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of J.J. MacClay, who has been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring J.J. MacClay.

Whereas, J.J. MacClay earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. J.J. is a member of Troop 400.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of J.J. MacClay.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Steve Barrar, for a committee announcement.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet immediately at the break in room B-31, Main Capitol. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet immediately at the break in B-31, Main Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairman Stan Saylor, of the Appropriations Committee, for a committee announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Chair Marcy Toepel, the majority caucus chair, for an announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12:45. We would be prepared to return to floor at 2:15.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 1 o'clock. Democrats will caucus at 1 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess. The House will stand in recess until 2:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m. Thank you.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative DRISCOLL requests to be placed on leave of absence. That will be granted. Representative WHEATLEY has requested to be placed on leave of absence. That will be granted.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 84, PN 462

By Rep. BARRAR

A Resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania National Guard's environmental office on winning first place in the Sustainability Team in the 2016 Army National Guard Environmental Awards contest and expressing appreciation to the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for their environmental stewardship efforts.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

SR 6, PN 569 (Amended)

By Rep. BARRAR

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative commission to recommend improvements to the delivery of emergency services in this Commonwealth and develop and promote legislation in furtherance of its recommendations.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 104, PN 1047

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority and for transfer of existing facilities to authority and providing for sale or transfer of authority water or sewer infrastructure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 114, PN 90

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for verification of eligibility.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 126, PN 92

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 424, PN 440

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in death and fetal death registration, further providing for information for certificates and for coroner referrals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 478, PN 502

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act providing for outpatient psychiatric oversight.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 644, PN 681

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of May 21, 2013 (P.L.32, No.10), known as the Community-Based Health Care Act, in health care assistance, further providing for Community-Based Health Care Program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 203, PN 171**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, further providing for payments to family and funeral directors.

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 594, PN 626**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of offenders, prohibiting Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition for child sexual offenses.

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 631, PN 668**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for a mandatory period of probation for certain sexual offenders.

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 291, PN 285**, entitled:

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

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

Ms. **DALEY** offered the following amendment No. **A00499**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after "property"
valued at five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less
Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "cent."
If an inheritance is valued at more than five thousand dollars
(\$5,000), the applicable inheritance tax under this subsection shall
apply to the amount in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The **SPEAKER**. On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Daley.

Ms. **DALEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to withdraw that amendment.

The **SPEAKER**. Yes; amendment 499 has been withdrawn.

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

Ms. **DALEY** offered the following amendment No. **A00509**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 18 through 20, by striking out "to or"
in line 18 and all of lines 19 and 20 and inserting
valued at five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less
Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "cent."
If an inheritance is valued at more than five thousand dollars
(\$5,000), the applicable inheritance tax under this subsection shall
apply to the amount in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

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

The **SPEAKER**. On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Daley.

Ms. **DALEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I had three reasons for proposing amendment 509 on HB 291. So I am a member of both the Appropriations and the Finance Committees.

The **SPEAKER**. Representative Daley, please suspend.

Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Daley has the floor. She is speaking on her amendment, 509. You may proceed.

Ms. **DALEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So I am a member of both the Appropriations and Finance Committees, and I am very concerned about our structural deficit. At its hearing, at its Appropriations hearing the IFO (Independent Fiscal Office) stated that the structural deficit is real and approaching \$3 billion.

My second reason is, as a member of the Finance Committee, we have not had any significant discussions about recurring revenues but have had a string of sales tax exemptions, inheritance tax eliminations, and tax credit bills.

But last, and I think the most important reason, is that the competing needs for funding in Pennsylvania are a real concern for me. We still have a waiting list for the kids of families – well, the kids with intellectual disabilities, so the parents still do

not know exactly what is going to happen with their kids when they age out of these schools. We still have that waiting list, and we are still looking for full and fair funding education for our public schools.

These are, I think, important reasons and things that we should be talking about in this House, so I proposed the amendment because the inheritance tax begins at dollar 1. And there was concern expressed at our committee meeting yesterday that the poor children, those whose grandparents gave them a gift potentially for \$250 for their birthdays, would not be able to keep that; they would have to pay tax on it. My thought was that the poor children probably do not have grandparents that are giving them \$250 birthday presents and they probably do not have a bank account to put it in. So I really doubt that they would also have to pay an inheritance tax on that \$250. But members of the committee seemed concerned about that and how it would negatively impact these poor children. So to put a ceiling on it so that the tax actually started after \$5,000 and to apply that to all classes of inheritance tax seem like a reasonable way to respond to that.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Ms. DALEY. I am going to withdraw this amendment, but I wanted to express the concerns that I had and telegraph the reasons why I will be voting against this bill. So thank you.

The SPEAKER. Amendment 509 has been withdrawn.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Dean has filed amendments 504 and 517. Both of those are out of order.

I also understand that amendments 507 and 516 have been withdrawn. There being no— Okay. I apologize. To 291, HB 291, amendments 504 and 517 have been ruled out of order.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 718, PN 774**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax for education, further providing for exclusion for sale at retail of a gun safe or gun lock from sales and use tax.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Dean has filed amendments 505 and 516, both of which have been ruled out of order.

On the question recurring,
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 271, PN 1028**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for general and specific powers, for regulatory authority of board and for reports to board; in licensees, further providing for supplier licenses and for manufacturer licenses; providing for airport gaming; and, in administration and enforcement relating to gaming, further providing for compulsive and problem gambling program and for prohibited acts and penalties.

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

Mr. KAUFER offered the following amendment
No. **A00488**:

Amend Bill, page 19, line 19, by striking out the bracket before "a"
Amend Bill, page 19, line 19, by striking out "] one"
Amend Bill, page 19, line 20, by inserting a bracket before "number,"
Amend Bill, page 19, line 20, by inserting a bracket after "number"
Amend Bill, page 19, lines 20 and 21, by striking out "which shall be the number 1-800-GAMBLER," and inserting
service in cooperation with regional 2-1-1 system services
Amend Bill, page 19, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "adopt the number 1-800-GAMBLER" and inserting
implement a cooperative service with regional 2-1-1 system services on a Statewide basis
Amend Bill, page 24, line 6, by inserting a bracket before "Definition.—As"
Amend Bill, page 24, line 6, by inserting after ""single"
] Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
"Regional 2-1-1 system service." A call center service that uses the phone number 2-1-1 and is currently provided by a private third party that services a distinct geographical region of this Commonwealth.
"Single

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Kaufer.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Although I believe this is the direction that we should be going in, I do believe we should have a larger conversation about this hotline and where our helpline should be. I am a supporter of our 2-1-1 system, and I hope after we work with Representative Bloom, who is working on legislation, that we could get this fixed and be done that way.

But for now I am going to withdraw this amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. KAUFER offered the following amendment
No. A00490:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "LICENSES;" in table games, repealing provisions relating to cash equivalents and to other financial transactions;

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "for" where it occurs the first time
wagering on credit, for

Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 22 and 23
Section 5.1. Sections 13A26 and 13A27 of Title 4 are repealed:
[§ 13A26. Cash equivalents.

(a) Checks.—

(1) A certificate holder may accept a check from a patron in exchange for cash or chips. The certificate holder shall present each check for payment to the financial institution upon which the check is drawn within ten days of receipt by the certificate holder. No third party checks shall be permitted.

(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, checks cashed in conformity with the requirements of this section or 13 Pa.C.S. Div. 3 (relating to negotiable instruments) shall be valid instruments, enforceable at law in the courts of this Commonwealth. Any check cashed, transferred, conveyed, given or accepted in violation of this section shall be invalid and unenforceable for the purposes of collection by a certificate holder but shall be included in the calculation of gross table game revenue.

(b) Notice of fees.—All fees charged for the conversion of cash equivalents shall be disclosed.

(c) Payment of cash equivalents.—Other than credit extended by a certificate holder, an instrument that constitutes a cash equivalent shall be made payable to the slot machine licensee, to the bearer or to cash. An instrument made payable to a third party shall not be considered a cash equivalent and shall be prohibited.

§ 13A27. Other financial transactions.

(a) Credit.—Notwithstanding section 1504 (relating to wagering on credit), a certificate holder may extend interest-free, unsecured credit to patrons for the purpose of playing slot machines or table games in accordance with this section; however, a certificate holder shall not accept credit cards, charge cards or debit cards from a patron or player for the exchange or purchase or chips, slot machine or table game credits or for an advance of coins or currency to be utilized by a player to play slot machine or table games. No credit card advance machine may be placed on the gaming floor.

(b) Credit applications.—Each application for credit submitted by a patron to a certificate holder shall be maintained in a confidential credit file. The application shall include the patron's name, address, telephone number and comprehensive bank account information, the requested credit limit, the patron's approximate amount of current indebtedness, the amount and source of income in support of the application, the patron's signature on the application, a certification of truthfulness and any other information deemed relevant by the certificate holder. The certificate holder shall notify each applicant that, as a condition of receiving credit, the certificate holder will verify identity and indebtedness information through a credit bureau or casino credit bureau and, if appropriate, through direct contact with other slot machine licensees.

(c) Credit application verification.—Prior to approving an application for credit, a certificate holder shall verify:

(1) The identity, creditworthiness and indebtedness information of the applicant by conducting a comprehensive review of the information submitted with the application and any information regarding the applicant's credit activity at other

licensed facilities which the certificate holder may obtain through a casino credit bureau and, if appropriate, through direct contact with other slot machine licensees.

(2) That the applicant's name is not included on an exclusion list under section 1514 (relating to regulation requiring exclusion or ejection of certain persons) or 1516 (relating to list of persons self excluded from gaming activities) or the voluntary credit suspension list under subsection (h).

(d) Establishment of credit.—Upon completion of the verification required under subsection (c), a certificate holder may grant a patron credit. The certificate holder shall establish a credit limit for each patron to whom the certificate holder grants credit. Each applicant's credit limit shall be approved by two or more employees of the certificate holder holding the job positions of credit manager, assistant credit manager, credit shift manager, credit executive or a key employee in a direct reporting line above the manager or credit manager. The approval shall be recorded in the applicant's credit file and shall include the reasons and information relied on for the approval of credit and verification by the employees approving the applicant's credit limit. Increases to an individual's credit limit may be approved following a written request from the individual and reverification of an individual's credit information.

(e) Recordkeeping.—Detailed information pertaining to all transactions affecting an individual's outstanding indebtedness to a certificate holder shall be recorded in chronological order in the individual's credit file.

(f) Reduction or suspension of credit.—A certificate holder may reduce an individual's credit limit or suspend credit to an individual for any reason.

(g) Voluntary credit suspension.—An individual may request a certificate holder to suspend the individual's credit. Each certificate holder shall inform the board when an individual requests a suspension of credit and shall provide the board with all information necessary to maintain the voluntary credit suspension list under subsection (h).

(h) Voluntary credit suspension list.—The board shall maintain a voluntary credit suspension list of all individuals who have requested suspension of credit privileges and shall provide the list on a continuous basis to the credit department of each certificate holder. An individual may request placement on the voluntary credit suspension list by submitting to the board the individual's name, address and date of birth. The individual does not need to provide a reason for the request. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the board's list of individuals who have had credit privileges voluntarily suspended shall be confidential, and neither the board nor the credit department of a certificate holder shall divulge the name of any individual on this list to any person or entity other than those provided for in this subsection. To be removed from the list, the individual shall submit a request to the board. The board shall remove the individual from the list and inform the credit department of each certificate holder not later than three business days after the board's receipt of the request.

(i) Liability.—A certificate holder or employee thereof shall not be liable to any individual on the voluntary credit suspension list or to any other party in any judicial proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, which may arise as a result of:

(1) the failure of a certificate holder to restore credit privileges to an individual on the voluntary credit suspension list; or

(2) otherwise permitting an individual on the voluntary credit suspension list to engage in gaming activity in the licensed facility while on the voluntary credit suspension list.

(j) Tax liability.—Draws against unsecured credit extended to patrons pursuant to this section which become uncollectible may not be claimed by a certificate holder as a deduction, credit or any other type of reduction or offset against any tax imposed by this part or the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971.]

Amend Bill, page 19, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 7. Sections 1504 and 1509 of Title 4 are amended to read:

§ 1504. Wagering on credit.

[Except as otherwise provided in this section, slot] Slot machine licensees shall not extend credit. Slot machine licensees shall not accept credit cards[,] or charge cards [or debit cards] from a patron or a player for the exchange or purchase of slot machine credits or for an advance of coins, chips or currency to be utilized by a player to [play slot machine games] engage in any gaming authorized by this part or extend credit in any manner to a player so as to enable the player to [play slot machines. Slot machine licensees who hold a table game operation certificate may extend credit for slot machine gaming in accordance with section 13A26 (relating to cash equivalents).] engage in any gaming authorized by this part.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Representative Kaufer, on the amendment.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Only in Harrisburg can the idea of legalizing credit card gambling be considered a good idea, only in Harrisburg. I have talked to plenty of people out on the streets who cannot believe that this is even something that we are discussing in Harrisburg today.

March is problem gaming month, and actually we just passed a resolution, I believe, that there are 7 million problem gamblers in the United States. According to debt.org, there are 23 million Americans into debt because of gambling and the average loss is estimated around \$55,000.

You can go online and look up problem gambling and there are a few things that are consistent across the board. All compulsive gamblers before they can win try to win back their money. It is called chasing losses. Their view stems from the idea that the problems they face come from a lack of money. As a result, these individuals are relentless in trying to attain more money to gamble, and I quote, "A credit card in the hands of a gambling addict is a recipe for disaster."

I have a letter here from Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, from the CEO (chief executive officer). "To Whom This May Concern. Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. is an outpatient addictions facility that treats individuals for gambling addiction. Each year we see many clients whom have had their lives destroyed due to problem gambling. We are aware of possible legislation that may allow patrons of casinos to utilize their credit cards to access gambling. In my professional opinion, this type of legislation would only increase the gambling problem which already exists in the area. Anytime accessibility is increased, problems increase as well. We as an agency have seen individuals lose jobs, become involved with the criminal justice system, commit suicide, and lose relationships due to excessive gambling. From a clinical perspective, allowing patrons to utilize credit cards to gamble will only create more problems. As the CEO of this agency, I truly believe this specific legislation will only add more fuel to the fire for those who partake in gambling. I ask you to please carefully examine this decision as I am confident it will drastically increase the amount of individuals who will suffer from a gambling addiction."

On a matter of information, I think it is important to clarify because I think within our caucuses there was some confusion. There is a clear differentiation between debit and credit. This

legislation would continue the prohibition we currently have on credit card gaming. This is keeping in law the prohibition we already have on credit card gaming. That is what I am proposing, to maintain that prohibition. There will only be problems created if we legalize credit card gambling.

And I implore my colleagues, please support this amendment. It is absolutely critical to people that cannot control their own spending when it comes to gambling addiction. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

The SPEAKER. Representative Dom Costa, on the amendment.

Mr. D. COSTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes; I stand in support of the gentleman's amendment. I firmly believe that using credit cards in casinos is definitely a route south for people. A lot of people out there cannot control it right now. So I stand and I ask my colleagues to support his amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in favor and in support of amendment 490, the Kaufer amendment.

Mr. Speaker, while casino gaming in Pennsylvania is legal and has brought in significant revenue for important services and programs, we also must do everything we can to discourage gamblers from making unnecessary and financially disastrous decisions.

Mr. Speaker, allowing potential gamblers to use credit cards while waiting for flights is just too risky for the families of Pennsylvania. Una Farrell of the Consumer Credit Counselling Service says that using a credit card to gamble is "the extreme end of bad money management" and "a massive red flag" that you need help both for financial problems and a possible gaming addiction. She says that credit cards and gambling are, and I quote, "a toxic combination."

Mr. Speaker, when using your credit card to gamble, most credit card providers consider it a cash advance transaction, one of the most expensive ways you can borrow funds. So even if you are sure to pay back the balance in full, you are still stuck with high interest charges as there will be no grace period for paying it back interest-free. Adding to the expense, a handling fee can also be attached. So from the moment the card is used to fund gambling, interest is being charged at a high rate and it will continue to be charged until the balance is paid off in full.

So, Mr. Speaker, when using a credit card for gambling, you add a significant amount of money to the bet and you eat deep into any winnings. Mr. Speaker, should the Commonwealth be encouraging this activity? Absolutely not, and I urge support for Representative Kaufer's amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Ed Neilson.

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In 2012 when I got elected, I had the privilege to get on the Gaming Committee, and we have had numerous hearings on this issue right here now. I stand here opposed to this amendment. What we have learned over this time and as we go to all these hearings is that this is anticompetitive and it puts Pennsylvania at a disadvantage. What it does is it forces the high rollers who do not carry a bag of cash with them, unlike some people might think, it forces them to go to other States, and what that does is that affects us, who are a 55-percent

stakeholder in these casinos – the State of Pennsylvania – and all the property relief we provide for our seniors and taxpayers.

So I hope you stand with me and oppose this amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Chris RABB wishes to be placed on leave.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 271 CONTINUED

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

Representative Marguerite Quinn, on the amendment.

Ms. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the maker of the amendment, please.

The SPEAKER. Yes; the maker of the amendment has indicated he will so stand, and you may proceed.

Ms. QUINN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate your time. Even if this is a repeat of something in caucus, clearly I need to ask it again because I am not clear on the answer.

Your amendment, sir, addresses tablet gaming in airports. Is it limited to that or is it limited to all casinos? That is my question.

Mr. KAUFER. I just want to double-check before I give you a definitive answer on this.

Ms. QUINN. There is good reason that I am confused?

Mr. KAUFER. Yep.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Petri is willing to entertain the question from Representative Quinn.

Representative Petri, will you proceed. Thank you, sir.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, the way the amendment that was adopted in committee is drafted, these provisions apply to tablets at the airport, and so it does not change existing law with regard to credit cards at other facilities. So if you are at the airport, you would be able to use either a debit card or a credit card in order to operate the tablet.

Ms. QUINN. Thank you. And I am not sure to whom I should address this question, but if I were at the airport and I wanted to play, I wanted to gamble on a tablet and I was not allowed to use a credit card or a debit card, what is the vehicle by which – what monetary exchange goes in? It seems to me you are taking the keys to the car.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kaufer, you will answer the question.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, although there was some confusion on this, is only specifically with credit cards and not debit cards. It would still allow for the use of debit cards in the airports.

Ms. QUINN. And we heard some conversation in caucus regarding the inability for the banking to differentiate between those two cards on a tablet. What I do not want to do is to implement this and have no one be able to play. Obviously, we are concerned for our constituents with gaming addictions. I will put that to even people beyond Pennsylvania's boundaries with gaming addictions. But I would certainly not want to preclude some, for example, foreign travelers that might want to kill a few hours in the airport and in doing so support our economy.

Mr. KAUFER. I am sorry.

Ms. QUINN. Are you waiting for a question?

Mr. KAUFER. In response, the technology does exist. We see it within our own grocery stores when you go and buy something; they ask you credit or debit. There is a differentiation that you put your debit PIN number personal identification number) in there in order to access your debit account, and that would be the differentiation.

Ms. QUINN. Well, I certainly grocery shop, though I do not gamble, nor do I gamble on a tablet, and I just am not sure that that technology is available in tablet gambling. Until I am more sure, I am going to be a "no" on your amendment. I will support the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Watson.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And to the speaker and the gentleman who made the amendment, I do have a question. Early on in your discussion you made the comment that this amendment would not change what we have right now, which is indeed the prohibition of using a credit card. If we were to vote against this amendment, and therefore, at an airport, one would be able to use a credit card for gambling, have we not – and I am not sure if it is for you, sir, or if it is for our leader, or who it is for, even the Speaker, sir – but as a policy question, have we not in effect changed that policy and indeed the next step would simply be I would think, Mr. Speaker, that once we have broached that large change, it is a small step to move into you can use a credit card at a casino? In other words, and I really think of out-of-town guests and all of that, they are not going to understand what is the prohibition. Well, I can do it at Philadelphia International Airport, but I cannot do it at Parx Casino. I am having trouble understanding, and maybe you know the intent or someone else can comment on the policy. But in my mind, this would be a huge shift in policy, maybe small in geography but huge in policy. Can somebody answer, please?

The SPEAKER. Representative Kaufer.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I agree with the gentlelady who has made this comment. This is a massive policy shift. Although it seems like a small thing, as we often deal with in the legislature, big changes happen with one small step and this would legalize credit card gambling at our airports. I would urge us that this is a very slippery slope that we should not be going down and to maintain our current prohibition on credit card gambling.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your answer.

The SPEAKER. Representative Carroll. I apologize, sir. Representative Carroll, the floor is yours.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if the maker would stand for quick interrogation?

The SPEAKER. He has indicated he will so stand. You may proceed, Representative Carroll.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I heard you on multiple occasions over the last few minutes reference airports and the potential usage of tablets at airports and how this amendment would affect airports. Does your amendment speak to the current processes that exist in our existing casinos?

Mr. KAUFER. Yes, it does.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And yes, it does. Currently you can get a cash advance on secured credit, and this would prevent that from happening.

Mr. CARROLL. I am sorry. If you could repeat that.

Mr. KAUFER. Currently you can get a cash advance on a secured credit card, something that I actually used to do at Mohegan Sun, which is why I think I can speak actively on why I believe it is a bad policy, and yes, that would affect the cash advance.

Mr. CARROLL. So beyond just airports, this would change the way that people are able to access their credit at an existing casino?

Mr. KAUFER. Yes.

Mr. CARROLL. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

No further questions.

The SPEAKER. Yes, you may. You may speak on the amendment.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, while well-intentioned, I really do think this amendment has colossal effects with respect to the way that our existing casino gaming in this State works, and I understand the perspective of the maker, but the reality is, we are talking about casino gaming.

You know, the way that people access credit, you know, as was mentioned by the gentleman from Philadelphia, does prevent them from carrying around giant amounts of cash, and so while some in this chamber may object or, you know, not appreciate the opportunity for people to take advantage of a gaming opportunity, I think this amendment really does force a colossal change that would have detrimental effects on the way that we treat gambling in this State and its net effect on the tax revenues that we get as a result of casino gaming.

So, Mr. Speaker, I think that the time is not today for this sort of change in the way we treat casino gaming and maybe there could be some time in the future when we have a more broad discussion about how we go about considering additional expansions or contractions of gaming that this could be considered. But I think today is the day to pass this amendment – to reject this amendment, I should say, Mr. Speaker, and concentrate on this another day. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized?

Representative Greg Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. I just wanted to rise in support of this amendment, and I am glad to see it extends to cash advances throughout the entire gaming industry because I think it puts a great brake on the potential abuses of gaming.

Gaming is a very poor revenue policy. We are relying on this to fund basic Pennsylvania services. Good tax policy, good revenue policy requires some rational relationship between the services received and those who are paying for those services. Gambling and funding government by gambling is a cop-out. It is our refusal to do the right thing and use our basic taxing sources: the income tax, the property tax, the corporate taxes. That is how we should be funding government. We should have the political courage to use those sources to fund what we need.

The Kaufer amendment is a good amendment because gambling generally causes government to be funded by the unsophisticated and those with problems. The Kaufer amendment puts some logical brake to that and I wholeheartedly support it. Good job.

The SPEAKER. Representative Russ Diamond, on the amendment.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also serve on the Gaming Oversight Committee and I appreciate the maker of the amendment's zeal on this issue and I think it is an important issue, and I think that we should be concerned about people going out and doing the wrong thing against their own interests.

However, if you go to, I believe, it is Terminal B at the Philadelphia International Airport now, they will give you a tablet where you can order things. You can order food, but we do not say you can only order healthy food, or that if you are a certain percentage over, you know, body fat index, you cannot order food. You can order alcohol on that tablet, but we do not tell alcoholics that they cannot order alcohol, and I believe we allow them, you know, there is no rule against them using a credit card to do that.

I do appreciate the maker of the amendment's concern on this. However, we are talking about a very limited scope of use and for a very limited amount of time while someone is actually waiting to get on a plane. So I will be voting against this amendment as a longtime member of the Gaming Oversight Committee, and I encourage my colleagues to vote against it as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Rick Saccone, on the amendment.

Mr. SACCONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the amendment. I have spoken here on the floor before about the dangerous path we are on funding our government through our vices. We have slowly gone down this path and we continue down this dangerous and destructive path: liquor, tobacco, gambling. I talked about it before. Next it will be marijuana. They love it. See, they love it, because it will bring in revenues. That is right. They are cheering for it already. And now we are seeing how that policy is coming home to roost, because I have heard here today how we said we do not care, even though we have had great testimony, compelling testimony, about the destructive effect that this has on our people, on our taxpayers and our citizens, the destructive effect on them. But I have heard it from others in this Assembly that we do not care because we need those revenues, what a negative effect this will have on our revenues. We do not seem to care about the effect that it has on people's lives.

I think it is time to wake up. It is time to do what we can. This is just a small step to try to mitigate the destructive effect of these things on our society, and I hope you will wake up before it is too late and I hope you will support the amendment by my good friend from Luzerne County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 271 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Representative Kaufer, for the last remarks.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am glad that we can reach across the aisle here and have support. Never before did I think we would have support on an

issue from Representative Vitali to Representative Saccone. It really is a pleasure to see that on the House floor.

But my colleague from Luzerne County mentioned that this would be a colossal change, and I agree with him. This is a colossal change. We currently have a prohibition on credit card gambling. We are about to change the long-standing prohibition that we have in Pennsylvania if we do not adopt this amendment.

In regard to my colleague from Lebanon who talked about different things that you can buy with your credit card, with compulsive and problem gaming the drug is access to more money. We are laying out that path for people to have easier access to more money that they do not have.

I implore my colleagues once again, I urge them for a "yes" vote on this amendment. Continue the prohibition on credit card gambling. It is a path we do not want to go down in this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Charlton	Greiner	McCarte	Rozzi
Cook	Grove	Mehaffie	Saccone
Corr	Hahn	Mentzer	Simmons
Costa, D.	Harper	Metcalfe	Staats
Cox	Harris, A.	Metzgar	Stephens
Culver	Hennessey	Miccarelli	Tallman
Cutler	Hickernell	Millard	Tobash
Daley	Kaufer	Miller, B.	Toohil
Davidson	Keefer	Milne	Vitali
Delozier	Keller, F.	Moul	Ward
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Bloom	Everett	Madden	Sainato
Boyle	Farry	Markosek	Samuelson
Bradford	Fitzgerald	Marsico	Sankey
Briggs	Flynn	Matzie	Santora
Bullock	Frankel	McClinton	Saylor
Caltagirone	Freeman	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Gergely	McNeill	Schlossberg
Cephas	Goodman	Mullery	Schweyer
Christiana	Haggerty	Neilson	Sims
Conklin	Hanna	Nelson	Snyder
Corbin	Harkins	Nesbit	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Neuman	Sonney
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Davis	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor
Dawkins	Hill	Oberlander	Toepel
Day	Irvin	Ortitay	Topper
Dean	James	Pashinski	Walsh
Deasy	Jozwiak	Petri	Warner

DeLissio	Kampf	Pyle	Warren
DeLuca	Kauffman	Quinn, M.	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, W.	Ravenstahl	White
Diamond	Kim	Readshaw	
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Reed	Turzai,
Donatucci	Klunk	Reese	Speaker
Dowling	Kortz		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Burns	Fabrizio	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Comitta	Gainey	Rabb	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kavulich	Thomas	

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?
Bill was agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 104, PN 1047**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority and for transfer of existing facilities to authority and providing for sale or transfer of authority water or sewer infrastructure.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.
The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Chairman Godshall, on the bill.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 104 is exactly the same as HB 66 of last term, which was passed unanimously in this House. It amends the Municipal Authorities Act. It primarily prohibits an authority from making an acquisition of any project or sale or transfer of water or sewer facilities until it discloses the acquisition or sale at a public meeting and notes from the meeting including a discussion of the projected and anticipated public benefit that will be realized by the acquisition. It requires a projected or anticipated public benefit, no penalty to authority if acquisition or sale is approved, but benefits to ratepayers not fully realized. It only applies to projects in water and sewer facilities owned by an authority. It does not apply to municipally owned facilities.

"Public benefit" is defined as a rate reduction, improved service quality, improved service reliability, or other clearly defined benefit to the ratepayers of the authority. The intent is to

increase the transparency of authority acquisitions and divestitures and ensure a discussion of how an acquisition or sale will benefit current ratepayers of the authority. Ratepayers of an acquired system often receive the immediate benefit of improved service, quality, and reliability. However, the benefit to current ratepayers is often unclear. The sale of water or wastewater facilities may also result in a rate increase to ratepayers. However, ratepayers may receive the benefit of more reliable service, or if the system is troubled, benefit from the purchaser investing in infrastructure improvements to bring the system into compliance with DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) regulation. It is this type of discussion that must be included in the minutes of a public meeting.

It is supported by the Municipal Authorities Association and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. As I said, it passed the House unanimously last year, and I would appreciate a positive vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Godshall. Representative Caltagirone.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would add that it passed out of the committee unanimously. It is an added layer of transparency. I would urge the members to support this and vote "yes." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Baker	English	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	Evankovich	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evans	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Everett	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bizzarro	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roae
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Frankel	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Fritz	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gabler	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Galloway	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Gergely	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gillen	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gillespie	McCarter	Sankey
Causer	Godshall	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Goodman	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Greiner	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Haggerty	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Hahn	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hanna	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Harkins	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harper	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, J.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Heffley	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Helm	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Hennessey	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hickernell	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hill	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	James	Nesbit	Toohil

Day	Jozwiak	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Kampf	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kaufner	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kauffman	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kirkland	Pyle	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Quigley	
Dush	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Ellis	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Speaker
Emrick			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

Burns	Fabrizio	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Comitta	Gainey	Rabb	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kavulich	Thomas	

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 114, PN 90**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for verification of eligibility.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

Baker	English	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	Evankovich	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evans	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Everett	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bizzarro	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roae
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Frankel	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Fritz	Markosek	Rozzi

Brown, R.	Gabler	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Galloway	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Gergely	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gillen	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gillespie	McCarter	Sankey
Causar	Godshall	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Goodman	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Greiner	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Haggerty	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Hahn	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hanna	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Harkins	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harper	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, J.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Heffley	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Helm	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Hennessey	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hickernell	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hill	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	James	Nesbit	Toohil
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Deasy	Kaufer	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kauffman	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kirkland	Pyle	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Quigley	
Dush	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Ellis	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Speaker
Emrick			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-11

Burns	Fabrizio	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Comitta	Gainey	Rabb	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kavulich	Thomas	

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 126, PN 92**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-191

Baker	English	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	Evankovich	Kulik	Rapp
Barrar	Evans	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Everett	Lewis	Readshaw
Bernstine	Farry	Longietti	Reed
Bizzarro	Fee	Mackenzie	Reese
Bloom	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roae
Boback	Flynn	Maher	Roe
Boyle	Frankel	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Freeman	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Fritz	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gabler	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Galloway	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Gergely	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gillen	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gillespie	McCarter	Sankey
Causar	Godshall	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Goodman	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Greiner	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Haggerty	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Hahn	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hanna	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Harkins	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harper	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, J.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Heffley	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Helm	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Hennessey	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hickernell	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hill	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	James	Nesbit	Toohil
Day	Jozwiak	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Kampf	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kaufer	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kauffman	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Kim	Petri	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kirkland	Pyle	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Quigley	
Dush	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Ellis	Kortz	Quinn, M.	Speaker
Emrick			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-11

Burns	Fabrizio	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Comitta	Gainey	Rabb	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kavulich	Thomas	

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 424, PN 440**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in death and fetal death registration, further providing for information for certificates and for coroner referrals.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Baker	Emrick	Kortz	Rader
Barbin	English	Krueger	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evans	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bernstine	Everett	Lewis	Reed
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Bloom	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roe
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Galloway	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gergely	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gillen	McCarter	Sankey
Causar	Gillespie	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Grove	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harper	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, A.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Harris, J.	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Heffley	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Helm	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hennessey	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hickernell	Neilson	Tobash

Davis	Hill	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Toohil
Day	James	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kaufman	Oberlander	Ward
DeLozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, F.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Pyle	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quigley	
Dush	Klunk	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Ellis	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Burns	Fabrizio	Maher	Thomas
Comitta	Gainey	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kavulich	Rabb	Youngblood

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 478, PN 502**, entitled:

An Act providing for outpatient psychiatric oversight.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Baker	Emrick	Kortz	Rader
Barbin	English	Krueger	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evans	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bernstine	Everett	Lewis	Reed
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Bloom	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roe
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Ryan

Brown, V.	Gabler	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Galloway	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gergely	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gillen	McCarter	Sankey
Causer	Gillespie	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Grove	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harper	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, A.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Harris, J.	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Heffley	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Helm	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hennessey	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hickernell	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Hill	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Toohil
Day	James	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kaufer	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, F.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Pyle	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quigley	
Dush	Klunk	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Ellis	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-12

Burns	Fabrizio	Maher	Thomas
Comitta	Gainey	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kavulich	Rabb	Youngblood

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 644, PN 681**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 21, 2013 (P.L.32, No.10), known as the Community-Based Health Care Act, in health care assistance, further providing for Community-Based Health Care Program.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?
Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-190

Baker	Emrick	Kortz	Rader
Barbin	English	Krueger	Rapp
Barrar	Evankovich	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evans	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bernstine	Everett	Lewis	Reed
Bizzarro	Farry	Longietti	Reese
Bloom	Fee	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roe
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Roebuck
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Rothman
Briggs	Freeman	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Fritz	Marshall	Ryan
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marsico	Saccone
Bullock	Galloway	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gergely	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Gillen	McCarter	Sankey
Causer	Gillespie	McClinton	Santora
Cephas	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
Charlton	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Christiana	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Grove	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Millard	Solomon
Costa, P.	Harper	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cox	Harris, A.	Milne	Staats
Cruz	Harris, J.	Moul	Stephens
Culver	Heffley	Mullery	Sturla
Cutler	Helm	Murt	Tallman
Daley	Hennessey	Mustio	Taylor
Davidson	Hickernell	Neilson	Tobash
Davis	Hill	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Toohil
Day	James	Neuman	Topper
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Deasy	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
DeLissio	Kaufer	Oberlander	Ward
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
DeLuca	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keller, F.	Peifer	Watson
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Pyle	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quigley	
Dush	Klunk	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Ellis	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-12

Burns	Fabrizio	Maher	Thomas
Comitta	Gainey	Miller, D.	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kavulich	Rabb	Youngblood

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

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

The SPEAKER. There are no further votes.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 203;
HB 271;
HB 291;
HB 594;
HB 631; and
HB 718.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 223;
HB 445;
HB 539;
HB 548;
HB 595;
HB 758; and
HB 785.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Peifer moves that we be adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2017, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 3:12 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.