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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 9 a.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. MATTHEW E. BAKER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In Psalm 33:12 the Scripture says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Let us humble ourselves as we bow and approach the throne of grace.

Almighty God, thank You for our country. Thank You for our Constitution. Thank You for our heritage of freedom. Thank You for those who have served our country in uniform so that we could enjoy freedom.

Lord, we ask that You would abundantly bless each service man and woman, each veteran and military family, past and present. Their sacrifices inspire us. They are our country's beloved heroes. Thank You for the chills we have when we hear our national anthem and see our American flag that is a beacon of freedom to the world.

Lord, be now with each member and staff to seek Your righteousness, Your justice, Your will on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 86 By Representative LAWRENCE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 2017.

No. 1845 By Representatives REED, HENNESSEY, DONATUCCI, PETRARCA, SACONE, MILLARD, DiGIROLAMO, RYAN, CALTAGIRONE, DUSH, SONNEY, LONGIETTI, BIZZARRO, O'NEILL, ROZZI, QUIGLEY, MURT, KINSEY, DAVIS, BARBIN, BAKER, CAUSER, HAHN, SAYLOR, READSHAW, CONKLIN, A. HARRIS, STAATS, BENNINGHOFF, COX, MUSTIO, MARSHALL, MARSICO, SANKEY, WARD and BRADFORD

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2026 over the North Branch Blacklick Creek, Buffington Township, Indiana County, as Second Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 2017.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 564, PN 610

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 2017.

The SPEAKER. Members, I would ask that you take your seats.

It is my understanding that some of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are in a caucus meeting at this time, but I would ask all members to please take their seats because we are going to do some presentations.

I am going to call upon our colleague and friend, Chairman Ron Marsico, who is going to speak on a resolution that we will be voting on later this morning, and he has some invited guests with him who have taken the time to be with us, and we are very grateful for that.

So if members could please take their seats. Staff members, if you could take your conversations to the anterooms, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sergeants at Arms, do you mind asking the individuals if they could just go on to the anterooms.

STATEMENT BY MR. MARSICO

The SPEAKER. Representative Marsico, please proceed.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we have the honor of including all of you in celebrating the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County. An area known as Paxton Township was established in 1729 and was slowly divided into several townships after that. Lower Paxton Township was the result of that division and was established in 1765.

The township faced a significant population increase after World War II, with the population rising from almost 4200 in 1940 to 48,000 by 2015 and approaching 50,000 currently. That puts the township at being the third largest second-class township in Pennsylvania and the 17th largest of all townships in the Commonwealth.

I would like to thank all of the folks that are here today as part of the Lower Paxton Township anniversary. With us – please rise – longtime township supervisor and former chair and now secretary of the township, Bill Hawk; Terry Bauknight, the township's Parks and Recreation manager – Terry – Polly Murphy, chairperson of the event's planning committee – Polly – her husband, Joe Murphy; Barb Guarente, part of the Parks and Recs Department; Don Goss; Ed Hine. And is Jay Purdy with you? Jay Purdy is a former township supervisor and also a former member of the House Democrat Caucus.

So with that, we thank you and congratulate you on the anniversary of Lower Paxton Township, and I want to thank the members and the leaders for bringing up the resolution and for your adoption later on today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. That will be HR 517, which we will be voting on later today, and to all those officials from Lower Paxton Township, thank you for your outstanding service.

Many of us, as you know, here that serve in the House of Representatives started our public service in service to either our townships or cities or boroughs. I myself was on a borough council, and we are so appreciative of the great work that you do and know how important it is what you do. You have a particularly amazing place and a great Representative in Chairman Ron Marsico. Thank you for being with us today.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Sankey – I saw the Representative – he has a guest here today. Representative Sankey, why do you not come over and stand near Caleb. Caleb Woodring is a senior at Moshannon Valley High School in Houtzdale. Caleb, it is great to have you here. You are with a good mentor. I believe you are secretary of your class and a member of student council. Keep up the great work, and thanks for being with us today. Please give him a round of applause.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Chairman Godshall is going to provide us a reminder on a committee announcement.

Chairman Godshall. He will be followed by other committee chairs as well, but I am going to begin with Chairman Godshall.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate voting meeting of the House Consumer Affairs Committee in room B-31, Main Capitol, to consider SB 242 and any other business coming before the committee. I ask all committee members to please go to room B-31 immediately at the break. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

There will be an immediate voting meeting of the House Consumer Affairs Committee in room B-31, Main Capitol.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Madam chair has a committee announcement. Representative Harper.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you very much.

The Local Government Committee will convene in room 60, East Wing, as soon as we break, and we will conduct the business that we had scheduled for this week's committee meeting. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The Local Government Committee will convene in room 60, East Wing, as soon as we break.

Subcommittee chair for Judiciary I think will be doing an announcement shortly. The subcommittee chair on Judiciary, Sheryl Delozier, will be providing a committee announcement as well.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Kate Klunk, I believe on the subcommittee meeting announcement, please.

Ms. KLUNK. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Subcommittee on Family Law, a subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, will be meeting at the break in Ryan Office Building 205.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Representative Klunk.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Marcy Toepel, the majority caucus chair, for a caucus announcement, please.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 9:45. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 10:15.

The SPEAKER. I understand that the minority caucus is presently in a meeting up in their caucus room, although some good friends stuck around. So the Republicans will be caucusing at 9:45.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 10:15 a.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 10:45 a.m.; further extended until 11 a.m.; further extended until 11:30 a.m.; further extended until the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

WORLD WAR II VETERANS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. I would ask everybody to please take their seats. We have a very special occasion today to honor two bona fide heroes. So I would ask everybody to please take their seats.

Members, you are going to want to come out of the antechambers to be on the floor to hear these heroic individuals' life stories. So please come on to the House floor. Please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Kurt Masser will be recognized under unanimous consent.

Mr. MASSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the members.

I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Yonkovig, a guardian of liberty and veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, who served our nation during World War II. He is a member of our nation's Greatest Generation and a constituent of mine, of the 107th District, from Kulpmont.

I would like to introduce right now Mr. Michael "Mickey" Yonkovig and his family and friends seated to the left of the Speaker. With Mickey today are his son, Dr. Michael Yonkovig; his daughter, Claudia Chesney; one of his grandsons, Nick Chesney; Francis "Whitey" Korkuch, another World War II vet and forever friend of Mickey's; and Frank Gillis, a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and a former warden at SCI (State Correctional Institution) Coal Township. If we could recognize Mr. Yonkovig and his family.

As the Speaker said, we are with two heroes – well, actually a number more than that. As I said, Mr. Gillis was a Marine Corps veteran, served in Vietnam. Also, in the back we have more of Mickey's friends and family. Among them are Van Shipe, Army, Vietnam; Matthew Koziak, Army, Vietnam; Donald Snyder, West Virginia Air National Guard; and Sharon Snyder, member of the Peace Corps. So welcome to you also, folks. Thank you for coming.

Mr. Yonkovig enlisted in the United States Air Army Corps while attending Shamokin High School where he graduated seventh in his class. Following his graduation, he was sent to Boca Raton, Florida, to complete radar school. He was one of only 13 members of his class chosen to attend radar school, where he received further training in Washington and Hawaii before being deployed to the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. As a radar operator, he flew 23 missions, 13 of which were over Japan with the 867th Bombardment Squadron of the 494th Bombardment Group. His job was to hit all the small Japanese airfields to prevent their fighter planes

from attacking U.S. B-29s. Mr. Yonkovig kept a log of each mission he flew, recording the outcome, the plane's altitude, the weather conditions and other details. For his first mission over Iwo Jima on February 7, 1945, he had written, "Bad weather, snow and sleet, lost engine over target and had to throw out all ammunitions." On another mission, he wrote, "The plane flying 30 feet behind us was hit directly by enemy fire, its wing flew off and everyone on board was killed."

On August 7 he flew over Hiroshima and saw the destruction caused the previous day by the first atomic bomb. Two days later he flew over Nagasaki when the second bomb was dropped. The images still haunt him to this day.

Mr. Yonkovig received his honorable discharge in November of 1945 and returned home. In the spring he started as a 20-year-old freshman at Lehigh University. He took up residence in Richards House and set his sights on an engineering degree since he had been a radar and radio operator in the war. He began to attend classes but struggled horribly. For the first time in his life he could not focus or remember details. After 2 1/2 years, Mr. Yonkovig dropped out of Lehigh. Looking back and talking about it with his son who is a psychologist, he feels he had post-traumatic stress disorder. PTSD did not really enter the medical lexicon until the early 1970s, and in 1948 there were not any counselors or teachers to help him with what he was dealing with.

Mr. Yonkovig then started a job at a meatpacking plant. Working with his hands helped him to start to relax and his memory gradually returned. As he advanced in the industry, he was able to rely on some of the skills he had learned and forgotten at Lehigh. He drew up plans for a large addition, helping the Shamokin Packing Company obtain Federal certification for interstate sales. As a result, Shamokin Packing grew into a major company, and I remember it well. Great hot dogs, Mr. Yonkovig. It grew into a major company with 140 workers and a fleet of tractor-trailers delivering meat products to every city in the northeastern United States.

No words can adequately describe the sacrifices made by Mr. Yonkovig and his comrades who served in World War II. It is our civic responsibility to appreciate and never take for granted the valiant sacrifices that our veterans have made on our behalf.

Today we are honored to welcome Mr. Yonkovig to the House and present him with a citation lauding his well-deserved honor, recognizing him as a role model worthy of emulation, and wishing him every future success and happiness.

Please join me in, again, congratulating and welcoming here today Mr. Yonkovig and his family.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Masser, thank you so much.

As Kurt said, Mickey flew in the B-29s. Can you even imagine making that many sorties over Japan? His good friend, Francis "Whitey" Korkuch, actually served in the Philippines and in Japan for the United States Air Force, and served as the right-hand person for an Air Force General Whitehead and did interpreting of – he was in the ground crew and did communications. An amazing generation.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 1609, PN 2132

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contracts, further providing for regulation of contracts; and, in contracts, further providing for contracts or purchases not requiring advertising or bidding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1610, PN 2133

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 contracts, further providing for general regulations concerning contracts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1611, PN 2134

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 contracts, further providing for letting contracts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1612, PN 2135

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," further providing for regulation of contracts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 242, PN 1227 (Amended)

By Rep. GODSHALL

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, further providing for title and for definitions; providing for lawful start date; further providing for duties of facility owners, for duties of the One Call System, for duties of other parties, for duties of excavators, for duties of designers, for duties of project owners, for audits and for penalties; providing for enforcement, for damage prevention committee and for compliance; and further providing for One Call System authority and for expiration.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

SB 403, PN 1228 (Amended)

By Rep. HARPER

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 690, PN 848

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in home rule and optional plan government, further providing for procedure for amendment of charter or optional plan.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 691, PN 849

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for residency during military service.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 409, PN 2155**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 103, PN 81**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 103, PN 81

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 980 over the Chartiers Creek in Canonsburg Borough, Washington County, as the Officer Scott L. Bashioum Memorial Bridge.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for Representative Jeff WHEELAND of Lycoming County for the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for Margo DAVIDSON of Delaware County for the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We are going to proceed to vote on the master roll. Members, please proceed to vote.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MASTER ROLL CALL CONTINUED

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Davidson Haggerty Metzgar Wheeland

LEAVES ADDED—4

Bradford Christiana Evankovich Harper

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

CALENDAR

DISCHARGE RESOLUTION

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna, how are you? Yes, sir.

Mr. HANNA. I am well, Mr. Speaker. How are you?

The SPEAKER. Good, good. Thank you.

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 53, I rise to call up House Discharge Resolution 2, a resolution discharging the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy from further consideration of HB 113.

The SPEAKER. Folks have been waiting for some time for this. I think we are on the third week. I just need to get the procedures down. I need to pull up the procedures. Just give me a few minutes to get those from the Parliamentarian.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. HANNA called up **Discharge Resolution No. 2**, entitled:

In the House, July 11, 2017

Discharging the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy from further consideration of House Bill No. 113, Printer's No. 89.

On the question,

Will the House adopt Discharge Resolution No. 2?

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The SPEAKER. First, Representative Eli Evankovich and then followed by John Maher, but I presume it is a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Evankovich.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion.

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. I would like to make a motion to adjourn the House until Thursday, October 5, at 11 a.m.

The SPEAKER. If you could talk to the leader for a moment.

Members, just a point of clarification. No other motions would be in order other than a motion to adjourn, but I am going to wait until the good gentleman talks to the leader. But this would be the only motion that would be in order.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

The SPEAKER. Representative Evankovich, The Chair recognizes you.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

If the motion to adjourn is withdrawn, will that motion then again be in order at any time?

The SPEAKER. If you withdrew it at this time, you would be able to do it after intervening business occurred.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Further inquiry, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Would any member be prohibited from making a motion to adjourn at any time if this one is withdrawn?

The SPEAKER. After intervening business, any member could make the motion to adjourn.

Representative John Maher, sir.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have now been serving in this House of Representatives for 20 years, 2 weeks, and 2 days, and—

The SPEAKER. Representative Maher, please just suspend for a moment.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

Mr. McCARTER. Parliamentary inquiry. Was the motion withdrawn?

The SPEAKER. Yes. My understanding is, the motion is withdrawn.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Maher, you may proceed.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In those decades, discharge resolutions did not come up very often, so I am just going to speak about what a discharge resolution is. A discharge resolution is a direction by the House, as a whole, that the committee who has been presented responsibility for a piece of legislation is discharged from that responsibility, that it would come back to the House without the committee acting and reporting the bill.

As I mentioned, discharge resolutions are scarce. I can really only remember one occasion when one even came up to a vote, and why is that? That is because a discharge resolution is the option that you embrace when you have exhausted all other possibilities about getting a bill reported. When you have gone to the members of that committee, when you have gone to the chairman of that committee and made the case that this bill should have action, and as I shared with the members of my caucus just last week, on the bill that this is the subject of this discharge resolution, I have had exactly one member of this body ask me to take action on that bill, one.

So if you are not among those who believe that you have done everything you can, that you have appealed to me as chairman, that you have appealed to the other members of that committee to take action on this bill, if you have not sent an e-mail, if you have not had a conversation, if you have not

bumped into me in the hallway and said, "Oh, by the way," then you have got no business voting for a discharge resolution, and I would urge you to oppose this motion.

MOTION FOR PREVIOUS QUESTION

Mr. MAHER. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question and would ask those that agree with me to please rise.

The SPEAKER. Members, I have to cover two items. In the first instance, typically when a discharge resolution, or by precedent, when a discharge resolution is called up, the protocol has been that the person calling it up informs the Chair and the Parliamentarian, because under the rules and under precedent, only the leader can call up what the order of business for a particular day is. Now, I just want to state that we are not going to ask for a motion from the good gentleman, Representative Hanna, for a special order of business, and the reason being that the majority leader did come up and explicitly said to just proceed forward with it on the calendar.

So in the first instance, just so that the precedent is noted in the record, the majority leader controls the call-up of bills with respect to the calendar, and not that it could not have been heard today, but to be heard right now in terms of the scheduling, typically that gets scheduled in conjunction with the leader and the Chair. Now, the leader did come up and said, "Let us do it now." So that takes care of that issue. But I just need to get that on the record.

Secondarily, the issue in front of us with the good gentleman from Allegheny and Washington Counties moving the previous question, this is what rule 53 reads. It is second paragraph. It states, "Any member who has signed a discharge resolution which has been on the calendar at least one legislative day prior thereto and seeks recognition, shall be recognized for the purpose of calling up the discharge resolution and the House shall proceed to its consideration without intervening motion except one motion to adjourn...."

MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Now, the question is then – and I know it has not been raised, but we have to address it – is moving the previous question a motion such that it is excluded by rule 53? In consultation with the Parliamentarian, it would be, and we could not entertain a motion on the previous question at this time by virtue of rule 53, and that is the ruling of the Chair.

Now, in moving forward, I know Chairman Maher was recognized. I need to proceed with respect to the discharge.

Now, the question that is going to be in front of us will be – and I will explain the rules with respect to debate in a moment – the question is, will the House adopt the discharge resolution? So when we vote, those who will be voting in favor of the discharge resolution will be voting "aye"; those opposed will be voting "nay," just so that everybody knows.

The discharge resolution is debatable. However, the debate is limited to the issue of whether or not the bill should be discharged from committee.

I understand that some members may want to get into a lengthy discussion about the underlying bill. That is not permitted in the discussion of the discharge resolution. I know

you have to talk about or identify the bill, but in the debate it is limited to whether the House is discharging the bill from a particular committee.

With that, I will entertain debate, unless anybody else has any parliamentary inquiries at this time.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Day.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, a majority vote of all members elected to the House. So we will need 102. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. Correct.

Mr. DAY. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you for that inquiry, sir.

On the discharge resolution, Representative Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Marcellus Shale tax has been before the committee, Environmental Committee, for this entire session, and it has been before that committee for sessions before that. It is time for a vote.

Mr. Speaker, we have consistently, at the negotiating table, for at least dozens of times asked over and over again that we consider this Marcellus Shale tax, and we gave the chairman, contrary to his assertion, we gave the chairman written notice of our intention to move forward with this. It has been months since we gave that written notice. There were 25 of us that signed that notice. The chairman certainly knew that we wanted this bill run.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is our belief that it is time for a vote on this issue, and we believe that the way to get that vote is to move forward at this time with the discharge resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Harper.

Ms. HARPER. First, a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Ms. HARPER. If the discharge resolution is approved, which I assume is the majority of the votes on the floor?

The SPEAKER. No. It is 102.

Ms. HARPER. It is 102?

The SPEAKER. It is 102.

Ms. HARPER. Okay. If it is approved, does the bill then proceed through regular channels with amendments and such?

The SPEAKER. It would follow the normal course of activity as a bill reported out of committee.

Ms. HARPER. So would the amendments be discussed today or at some future date? Is this first consideration or second? I am trying to figure out.

The SPEAKER. No, it would not be today. It would be listed on the calendar, and it would get first consideration. That would be today.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the motion?

The SPEAKER. Yes; you may proceed.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you.

The bill that is the subject of this discharge petition was my severance tax bill. I did not sign the discharge resolution. I did not make a motion to bring it up. But it is October, Mr. Speaker. It is well past time that we bring to the floor for a debate the issue of a severance tax. It is time. It is time. So I will be voting in favor of the discharge resolution so that we have the chance to discuss a severance tax. I am well aware that people feel "yes" and "no" and very strongly on that subject. But what are we afraid of? Can we not discuss it? Please vote "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Madeleine Dean, on the matter of the discharge resolution.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the discharge resolution. I urge all the members to vote "yes" on this.

In terms of timing, and why now? Maybe we do not have to look any further than the fact that we have introduced in bipartisan ways 67 different measures for an adequate reasonable tax on shale. I introduced five of my own. I have cosponsored colleagues on the other side of the aisle in their effort to find reasonable revenue from an industry that takes as much as \$10 billion in value out of the ground. We do not have to look any further than 2010. If we reread the Fiscal Code as passed in 2010, it instructed the General Assembly to pass an adequate, reasonable, fair severance tax.

So in terms of we have been waiting weeks, Pennsylvania has been waiting years, years for us to right our books, to do the right thing, to ask the industry to do its part. I believe it would be willing to do its part. It is time, it is past time for this to be discharged to this body so that we can get a vote. Let us find out where our members stand. Do we want to solve our budgetary crisis that is chronic and year after year? We need a vote. I urge all members to vote in favor of this. Otherwise, we might be following the much-quoted information from a leader in another chamber who fears that if we somehow pass a severance tax, Governor Wolf might be reelected. Let us not heed that warning. Let us do the right thing—

The SPEAKER. Please. That is far afield. We can get to a vote here very quickly, but you have to maintain what you are addressing to the resolution itself. I do not mean to admonish the good lady, but, please, that is not appropriate.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the motion?

I urge all members, this is our chance to actually stand up and do the right thing and say we can be fiscally wise and fiscally conservative, and mostly let us take a vote and see where folks stand.

Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. We have two other members that wish to speak before the vote – Representative Vitali and Representative DeLuca.

Representative Vitali, on the resolution itself.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I was the first legislator in either chamber to raise the concept of a severance tax, and ironically, that was in an Appropriations meeting interrogating then Revenue Secretary Wolf. I also was the first legislator who introduced legislation in this General Assembly on the severance tax. And

that is why – and I say that as background, because I have great concerns about moving forward with a severance tax. One thing that is clear to me, having observed this budget process over the last several months, and that is we will not get a severance tax. The Senate will not give us a severance tax unless we enact extremely damaging provisions to the environment. Things like—

The SPEAKER. Representative, I apologize, but that is far afield. That is far afield. With all due respect, we have a very good rapport, but that is far afield. You are getting into even something that would be afield from a discussion of the bill itself.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the reason why I am concerned with this bill coming out of committee, because I believe the result would be a negotiation involving bad environmental provisions. This has become a political football. The value of this bill has become more towards political value than its fiscal value. I think there are other ways to raise adequate revenue for this budget, and I think we are going down the wrong path with a severance tax. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think the lady from Montgomery County said it best, "What are we afraid of?" I think you have 121 on that side and we have 82 on our side.

I disagree with my good friend from Allegheny County, which I have been there longer than him. The fact is, both sides have been negligent, and I say both sides when they were in the majority and the chairman keeps the bills bottled up. My good friend from Allegheny County knows that. The only way with the majority that you have, this side would have any chance of getting a bill out is with a discharge resolution. So you can give me all that stuff where, you know, go see the chairman and all that. We have got a lot of bills in those committees that are not going to come out until next— If we get another chance, maybe to be a little bit more – have a little bit more on our side, but the fact is, we should be supporting this discharge resolution and vote it. Vote which side you want to be on and explain why you are against it and why you are for it.

But, Mr. Speaker, we cannot leave this week without anything happening, because the public out there is sick and tired of both of us, the Democrats and the Republicans, of not getting the job done for this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And the fact is, the future of this Commonwealth depends on what we do. We have to quit playing politics on both sides. Get this done for the people of Pennsylvania and let us move this thing.

The SPEAKER. Representative Marguerite Quinn, on the discharge.

Ms. QUINN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am in my sixth term. Under then Governor Rendell, I voted in favor of a severance tax. Like many of you, I worked my tail off trying to get the impact fee in place and we have it, and now I am standing here troubled because we are at the verge right here. We could vote to discharge something, and I do not know if you all know what the bill as amended does. For every one of you that wants to change the structure of the impact fee right now, my understanding of what this bill does as amended by the chairman from Allegheny County, is it memorializes what we

have in place right now. It is semantics. It takes impact fee, voila, it comes out as a severance tax. It does not change much. It does not do what those of you who want to have a real severance tax want it to do. And you know what we have? We have the risk of walking right into what has already been negotiated by the Governor and the Senate, a 1-percent effective tax rate as identified by the IFO (Independent Fiscal Office) and environmental regulations that roll it back. I would rather stay right now with the status quo and protect the environment as it is and continue to pull in the over a billion dollars that we have had from our present impact fee than take the risk of gambling our waterways.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I oppose this motion.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Sturla, then Representative Dawkins.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what this discharge resolution does is allow us to discuss a Marcellus Shale severance tax. It does not do anything to environmental regulations; not a single thing changes about environmental regulations with this discharge resolution. That would require other legislation.

Mr. Speaker, what this does do, this discharge resolution, is allow us to further discuss a Marcellus Shale severance tax and rates of Marcellus Shale severance tax.

Mr. Speaker, I have been an advocate for the industry, and while some people may take issue with that, I believe that as a State, Pennsylvania sitting on the Btu (British thermal unit) equivalent of Saudi Arabia should drill and use the Marcellus Shale resources underneath our State. I also believe that we should have a tax on that that is commensurate with other States' natural gas.

Mr. Speaker, once that gas gets put on a pipeline, the consumers in Pennsylvania are paying the same price for it whether we put a tax on it or not.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, we are getting afield here.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the discharge resolution allows us to have further discussions on a Marcellus Shale severance tax so that when the pipelines in this State are completed and 80 percent of the Marcellus Shale gas, which would be taxed under this discharge resolution, goes to Philadelphia and Baltimore to be liquefied and shipped overseas, that the citizens of Pennsylvania have an opportunity to benefit from the use of our resources in our State.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, please. Please, sir.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this discharge resolution allows that discussion to occur. Saying "no" to the discharge resolution means that we do not get a bill brought up. We actually had an opportunity to talk about Marcellus Shale with the bill that came over from the Senate that had a 2-percent severance tax.

The SPEAKER. Sir, Representative Sturla, please. I think you made your point on the discharge.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the discharge resolution allows us to get to the point of having a discussion on a severance tax in the State of Pennsylvania that will benefit every Pennsylvanian, every Pennsylvanian – not a few, not some, not many; every Pennsylvanian.

The SPEAKER. I may have to revisit that motion.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Dawkins.

Mr. DAWKINS. Mr. Speaker, quick parliamentary inquiry, if you will.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. DAWKINS. We are discussing only the discharge, not the merits of the bill, correct?

The SPEAKER. Correct.

Mr. DAWKINS. So could we keep folks in line talking about the discharge versus the—

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. I am trying to do my best.

If we could ask the next two speakers – who is left? Representative Bradford, I think you are the last speaker. No; Representative O'Brien.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise also in support of Discharge Resolution 2, and let me tell you why. Because like the majority of my colleagues, we voted for a general appropriations bill 3 months ago, and at that time we set out what we believe we need to spend as a Commonwealth, and in massive numbers in a bipartisan way we said what this Commonwealth needs to spend. Discharge Resolution 2 gives us one avenue, at least one avenue, to look about how we are going to fund the general appropriations bill. If we do not work on Discharge Resolution 2—

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Representative Metcalfe, for what purpose do you stand?

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, the debate is supposed to be on the discharge. The gentleman is talking about the budget. He is fully off track from what he should be talking about (words stricken from the record), but I would appreciate if he would get back to the topic at hand.

The SPEAKER. Please, strike the remark from the record. Strike that part of the remark (words stricken from the record) from the record.

The House will stand at ease.

Representative Dermody, Representative Reed, if you could come up, please.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. The House is back in order.

I think everybody would like to get to a vote, and without interruption, I would like to set forth where we are.

Representative Metcalfe, the good gentleman from Butler County, used words (words stricken from the record). Those should be stricken from the record. The part of (words stricken from the record) should be stricken from the record.

The gentleman's point that was once made about he wants to see a discharge to allow for funding of the budget in and of itself succinctly is fine, but please, let us just constrain. There is only one other speaker and we can get to a vote.

Representative Bradford, do you have anything else?

You may proceed.

I will call Representative Metcalfe next and then Representative O'Brien, but right now, Representative Bradford, the floor is yours.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

And I apologize. I may have to backtrack a little bit because I lost where I was in my comments here.

The SPEAKER. The record has not forgotten what you said.

Mr. BRADFORD. But, Mr. Speaker, I think it did forget to include what Representative Metcalfe said, so I do not want that to—

The SPEAKER. No references, please, between each other. No dialogue between the two members. Just please speak on the discharge itself.

Mr. BRADFORD. Right. No, no, let us be clear, for those of us who voted for the general appropriations bill almost 3 months ago, our desire to see Discharge Resolution 2 pass favorably today is very simple. We want to live up to our obligation to balance our budget. Discharge Resolution 2, frankly, offers the only way to avoid a warehouse tax, an Amazon tax, a fireworks tax, a hotel tax, a borrowing of \$1.2 billion, which seems already baked into the cake. This is another way to do it—

The SPEAKER. Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. BRADFORD. Discharge Resolution 2 allows us—

The SPEAKER. Please constrain. You are afield.

Mr. BRADFORD. No, Mr. Speaker. Discharge Resolution 2 offers us an opportunity—

The SPEAKER. Representative Bradford, you are afield. You are far afield.

Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I did not know that we could strike truth from the record, and the prior speaker just proved my (words stricken from the record) point.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike O'Brien.

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

Mr. Speaker, I had some very powerful words. I had some words that would have members rushing to their microphones and their buttons, but after that show, there is nothing left to be said. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna, you wish to speak again?

Mr. HANNA. I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to take an opportunity to clear up—

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna, if I may, just for the record. Everybody is limited to one time on the discharge resolution. Representative Hanna is the maker of the discharge resolution. He is afforded a second time. Every other speaker, if they want one time, has the opportunity to speak on the discharge. As the maker of the discharge resolution motion, Representative Hanna may go a second time. The leaders would also be afforded the opportunity to speak not once, but twice.

Representative Hanna, you may proceed.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, I just want to clear up a few issues.

First off, as the lady from Bucks said, the bill has been amended in committee and it is a name-changer now as opposed to a severance tax bill, but that does not mean that it cannot be amended, and in fact, that would be our intention, once we get it on the House floor, to move forward with an amendment so that we can impose a severance tax as we have discussed all along. This simply is the best vehicle for that to happen.

Mr. Speaker, as you yourself have said as this whole motion started, we have been waiting for this. We have been waiting for this, and it is time. It is time for this to happen. To all of my friends from the southeast who are concerned that there is another promise out there, for too, too long promises have been made. Many of them have not been fulfilled, and yes, a few of them have been broken. We cannot continue to postpone this on the basis of promises. It is time to move forward. It is time to get this done. This is the vehicle to do it. I urge a "yes" vote on the motion to discharge.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt Discharge Resolution No. 2?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—83

Barbin	Deasy	Kavulich	Quinn, C.
Barrar	DeLissio	Keller, W.	Rabb
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Kim	Ravenstahl
Boyle	Dermodoy	Kinsey	Readshaw
Bradford	DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Roe
Briggs	Donatucci	Kortz	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Krueger	Rozzi
Bullock	Evans	Kulik	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Fabrizio	Longietti	Santora
Carroll	Fitzgerald	Madden	Schlossberg
Cephas	Flynn	Markosek	Schweyer
Charlton	Frankel	Matzie	Sims
Comitta	Freeman	McCarter	Solomon
Conklin	Gainey	McClinton	Sturla
Costa, D.	Galloway	Miccarelli	Thomas
Costa, P.	Gergely	Miller, D.	Vazquez
Cruz	Goodman	Mullery	Warren
Daley	Hanna	Murt	Wheatley
Davis	Harkins	Neilson	White
Dawkins	Harper	O'Brien	Youngblood
Dean	Harris, J.	Pashinski	

NAYS—115

Baker	Gillen	Marshall	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Marsico	Rothman
Bernstine	Godshall	Masser	Ryan
Bloom	Greiner	McGinnis	Saccone
Boback	Grove	Mehaffie	Sainato
Brown, R.	Hahn	Mentzer	Sankey
Burns	Harris, A.	Metcalfe	Saylor
Causar	Heffley	Millard	Schemel
Christiana	Helm	Miller, B.	Simmons
Cook	Hennessey	Milne	Snyder
Corbin	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Corr	Hill	Mustio	Staats
Cox	Irvin	Nelson	Stephens
Culver	James	Nesbit	Tallman
Cutler	Jozwiak	Neuman	Taylor
Day	Kampf	O'Neill	Tobash
Delozier	Kaufer	Oberlander	Toepel
Diamond	Kauffman	Ortitay	Toohil
Dowling	Keefer	Peifer	Topper
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Vitali
Dush	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Walsh
Ellis	Klunk	Pickett	Ward
Emrick	Knowles	Pyle	Warner

English	Lawrence	Quigley	Watson
Evankovich	Lewis	Quinn, M.	Wentling
Everett	Mackenzie	Rader	Zimmerman
Farry	Maher	Rapp	
Fee	Mako	Reed	Turzai,
Fritz	Maloney	Reese	Speaker
Gabler			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
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Less than the majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and Discharge Resolution No. 2 was not adopted.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Bob Freeman, in the gallery today, has a guest – I would have paid for this one – Olivia Sowa. Olivia, would you please rise in the gallery. She is at Lehigh University, a junior, and is interning with Representative Freeman in the district office. Olivia, if you have time later, please stop down onto the House floor to make sure you see the chamber from this view. Thank you very much. I am sorry you are in the gallery at this time.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. R. BROWN called up **HR 441, PN 2269**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 450, PN 2307**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to help Pennsylvanians recognize bullying, stop bullying and gain the tools needed to appropriately deal with situations involving bullies.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 492, PN 2396**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 11, 2017, as the "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MARSICO called up **HR 517, PN 2473**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Township of Lower Paxton, Dauphin County.

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Mr. MACKENZIE called up **HR 524, PN 2489**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 8 through 14, 2017, as "International Central Service Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MAHER called up **HR 529, PN 2494**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 1 through 7, 2017, as "National Newspaper Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. NELSON called up **HR 536, PN 2503**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 6, 2017, as "Domestic Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SAYLOR called up **HR 540, PN 2506**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 10, 2017, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SCHWEYER called up **HR 541, PN 2507**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 1 through 7, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Dutch (Deutsch) Heritage Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. QUIGLEY called up **HR 543, PN 2522**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 90th anniversary of the "Long Count" controversy.

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Mr. GOODMAN called up **HR 546, PN 2525**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Fire Prevention Month" and recognizing the week of October 8 through 14, 2017, as "National Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

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

STATEMENT BY MR. NELSON

The SPEAKER. Representative Eric Nelson is recognized to speak on HR 536.

Mr. NELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank my colleagues for their unanimous vote making today "Domestic Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. One of the areas of domestic violence that many times gets overlooked is the area of teen dating. And unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, 1 in 3 adolescents is the victim of physical, emotional, electronic, or sexual abuse, and 1 out of 10 of those individuals are physically struck if they are dating in high school. Teenage girls in particular face relationship violence three times more than adult women, and only one-third of those teenage women report it to a family or a friend. This needs to change.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, today marks the 10th anniversary of a family tragedy in my area. Demi Brae Cuccia had just turned 16 when her ex-boyfriend called to confirm she was alone at home. He came over to her house and stabbed her to death. After she lost her life, her parents realized that her boyfriend had been texting her relentlessly following their breakup. Since this horrific crime occurred, her parents, Gary and Jodi Cuccia, created the Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization, and they have been tirelessly for the last 10 years visiting middle schools, high schools, colleges, family organizations, and have trained over 300,000 young people about the dangers of teen violence.

As a father of six children, ranging 17, 16, 14, 13, 11, and 9, teen dating is a significant part of our world, and my wife, Susan, and I realize that any one of us can fall prey to this same victimization. It is important that parents realize we have to educate to avoid the situation like what happened to Demi Brae. Eighty-two percent of parents were unaware that their teen was receiving greater than 30 texts an hour by an obsessive partner. We need to make sure we are checking our children so that we know they are not receiving texts on where are they going, who are they with, other extremely jealous behavior like taking their cell phone to look at their call history or other social media conversations.

Mr. Speaker, controlling behaviors like this – determining who wears what clothes, what friends they talk to, or how they spend their money – need to be a one-and-done type situation. We have to make sure that our young people know that unacceptable compulsive behaviors are nipped in the bud. They need to let a parent, a teacher, a counselor, a preacher know so that they can receive support and the situation could be addressed.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to highlight the Demi Brae Cuccia Organization, the Blackburn Center in Westmoreland County, and all the good work throughout Pennsylvania raising awareness for this issue.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. EVANKOVICH called up **HR 553, PN 2538**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 6, 2017, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Baker	Emrick	Kortz	Rapp
Barbin	English	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kulik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans	Lawrence	Reed
Bernstine	Everett	Lewis	Reese
Bizzarro	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roae
Bloom	Farry	Mackenzie	Roe
Boback	Fee	Madden	Roebuck

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

The SPEAKER. Representative Evankovich. Waives off.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 499, PN 2425**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and achievements of Dan Rooney and expressing condolences on his passing.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Members, if you would, I am going to ask everybody to take their seats. We are going to be honoring back to back two outstanding citizens of the Pittsburgh area, from Pittsburgh itself actually for the one gentleman and the other gentleman in the Pittsburgh area.

We are right now going to be on the resolution honoring Dan Rooney, Representative Matzie's resolution.

Representative Matzie, do you wish to speak, sir, on that?

This is the resolution on the life of Ambassador Dan Rooney, and you may proceed, Representative Matzie.

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

Mr. Speaker, I will submit the majority of my remarks for the record, but I will share a quick story about Ambassador Rooney.

I was in his company on several occasions over the years in my past life as a sports reporter but then also as a candidate and an elected official, and I had the opportunity to sit next to him on the dais back in 2008 as a candidate for the first time for this position of State Representative. He at that time was campaigning for the future President, Barack Obama, and even though he was a Republican, he felt that President Obama was the right person for the job at that particular time. And when I had the opportunity to sit next to him, I just asked him and I said, "Mr. Rooney," I said, "any words of advice you can give me as I embark on this challenge to run for State Representative?" And he was a very quiet guy. He got things done quietly. And he said, very simply, he said, "Be yourself." He said, "If you be yourself, people will recognize that, that you are simply a man of the people, and if you do that, you will have success." So I have always taken that to heart, and I think his philanthropy and his move for equality, specifically known for the "Rooney Rule" that allows for diversity in coaching in the National Football League, speaks for itself as well as for putting forth the effort to bring about the six-time world champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

So I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity just to say a few words, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to honor the late Dan Rooney through this condolence resolution.

Mr. Rooney died in April at age 84 and is best known and remembered as a guiding force for the Pittsburgh Steelers professional football team that he headed starting in the 1960s. Under his supervision, the franchise won four Super Bowls in a 6-year span in the 1970s. He set in motion an operational model of success that yielded two more championship trophies in the 2000s and has made the team a perennial contender.

But in addition to being the Steelers' patriarch and an architect of the modern National Football League, Daniel Milton Rooney was a philanthropist, businessman, pioneer of equality, and U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. I am from western Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker, and believe me when I say that few Pennsylvania natives have been as admired or beloved as Dan Rooney.

HR 499 honors the life and achievements of Mr. Rooney, who, while serving decades as a guiding force of the Pittsburgh Steelers, became a western Pennsylvania sports icon. It also recognizes that while Mr. Rooney was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in

2000, his contributions went far beyond the sports world. Mr. Rooney is also remembered as a humble, kind, and caring person, who was a living example of the Golden Rule – treating people from all walks of life as he would want to be treated.

Dan Rooney was, quite simply, a legend whose influence extended far beyond Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania, and it is my privilege to honor him in this way. Thank you for your support of HR 499, which honors a man whose contributions to our region, State, and nation form a legacy worthy of recognition and remembrance.

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

I would myself just like to say a few words about this outstanding individual and icon in the Pittsburgh region and across the State and the country. Dan Rooney as you know, chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers, succeeding his father and then succeeded by his son, just great gentlemen in their own right. As you know, the Steelers have won six Super Bowls and have just been an outstanding organization, but he was a great gentleman off the field as much as his teams were on the field.

Amongst the other important developments he made with respect to the NFL, he was the person instrumental in making sure that minority candidates were interviewed always for head coaching positions and he always believed that diversity had to be an important part of the National Football League and that everybody had to have opportunity. The good gentleman also contributed to so many charities in Pittsburgh and across the country and the globe, but one of the most important was his efforts to bring peace to Ireland, for which he won numerous awards and was ultimately named, by President Barack Obama, Ambassador to Ireland, which he served as the ambassador – let me just make sure I have the dates correct – from 2009 until 2012.

With that, we will take a vote in favor of the resolution honoring this great individual.

And to his family, may he rest in peace, and to all of you, our deepest and abiding thanks.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Baker	Emrick	Kortz	Rapp
Barbin	English	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kulik	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Evans	Lawrence	Reed
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Bizzarro	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roae
Bloom	Farry	Mackenzie	Roe
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Bradford	Flynn	Mako	Rozzi
Briggs	Frankel	Maloney	Ryan
Brown, R.	Freeman	Markosek	Saccone
Brown, V.	Fritz	Marshall	Sainato
Bullock	Gabler	Marsico	Samuelson
Burns	Gainey	Masser	Sankey
Caltagirone	Galloway	Matzie	Santora
Carroll	Gergely	McCarter	Saylor
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Cruz	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Culver	Helm	Mustio	Thomas
Cutler	Hennessey	Neilson	Tobash
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Dawkins	Irvin	Neuman	Topper
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Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Walsh
DeLissio	Kaufert	Ortitay	Ward
Delozier	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
DeLuca	Kavulich	Peifer	Warren
Dermody	Keefer	Petrarca	Watson
Diamond	Keller, F.	Petri	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle	White
Dowling	Kim	Quigley	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	
Dush	Klunk	Rabb	Turzai,
Ellis	Knowles	Rader	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 411, PN 2073**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Henry L. Hillman and recognizing his exemplary contributions to Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that resolution, Representative Dan Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to ask for my colleagues to support HR 411, honoring the life and legacy of Henry L. Hillman, who passed away on April 14, 2017, at the age of 98.

Henry Hillman was an accomplished businessman, a philanthropist who contributed greatly to western Pennsylvania and the entire country, and he was a very good friend of mine and many of us from western Pennsylvania.

Henry's business prowess led him to surpass the Carnegie and Mellon families to become the wealthiest man in Pittsburgh and to be featured regularly on the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans. He has served on the boards of major companies, including PNC and General Electric, but it is through his

dedication to his community and commitment to philanthropic efforts that he contributed the most to Pittsburgh and to Pennsylvania.

With his beloved wife, Elsie, Henry donated millions of dollars to science, technology, medicine, and the arts. He donated \$10 million to establish the Hillman Cancer Center in Shadyside, which is now UPMC's (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) flagship cancer treatment and research facility. His foundation also gave the largest single grant in the history of the University of Pittsburgh to launch the Hillman Fellows Program for Innovative Cancer Research.

Henry was known to have a great sense of humor, to be fair and gracious toward his coworkers, and to tackle the toughest challenges head-on. He enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life and engaging them in conversations about change.

On a personal note, I would say he came from an era, he and his wife, Elsie, while lifelong Republicans, worked often in a bipartisan manner both in our community, in the State, and on the national stage – something that I think is missing today.

Thanks to his charitable efforts, Henry Hillman's legacy will be felt throughout the Pittsburgh region for generations to come. He has said he wanted to be remembered for having done right by his family and his community. Well, he has certainly done right by the city of Pittsburgh and all of southwestern Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I would again ask that the members honor Henry Hillman for his enduring dedication to the community and for his contributions to our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Frankel.

Does anybody else wish to speak on the resolution?

I must tell you that many friends and acquaintances of mine had actually worked for Mr. Hillman, and just as a colleague and somebody to work for, they just said he was so gracious, so kind, and that it was an honor to work with him. And the charitable work that he and his wife have done, including the Hillman Cancer Center, associated with the University of Pittsburgh, amongst others, amongst so many other items that they supported, and with respect to providing health-care services or supporting the arts in the Pittsburgh region, across the United States, they will greatly be remembered, that loving couple.

We will proceed to vote on the resolution honoring the life of Henry Hillman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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Benninghoff	Evans	Lawrence	Reed
Bernstine	Everett	Lewis	Reese
Bizzarro	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roae
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Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Ward
DeLissio	Kaufert	Ortitay	Warner
DeLozier	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
DeLuca	Kavulich	Peifer	Watson
Dermody	Keefer	Petrarca	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, F.	Petri	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	White
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Pyle	Youngblood
Dowling	Kim	Quigley	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Dush	Klunk	Rabb	Speaker
Ellis	Knowles	Rader	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—4

Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Sonney, do you wish to state on the record, otherwise the vote passed unanimously 197 to 0, but I saw that you were pressing your button to be recorded and you were not. If you want to please state for the record your vote.

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to be recorded in the positive.
The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Thank you.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 45, PN 2108**, entitled:

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

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Godshall, do you wish to be recognized?

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Briefly, the Senate made a few minor amendments to the bill, but I want to say, you know, I really appreciate the House standing with me on this issue and the Senate also at this point. With the medical community today and with all the improvements that we have with drugs and new products, new devices, everything coming along, the medical community goes along usually with the FDA, the Federal Drug Administration, which they have to, really, for liability reasons, and unfortunately, when you or one of your members of your family is declared to be terminal, you do not have 15 years, which it usually takes the FDA to make an approval of a new device or a new drug.

So I would ask for an affirmative vote on the bill and say thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

So the question is, will the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate?

Moved by the gentleman that we so do the concurrence.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Dunbar	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	
Dush	Klunk	Rabb	Turzai,
Ellis	Knowles	Rader	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 45, PN 2108

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

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

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Chairman Reed, Majority Leader Reed, for a Rules Committee announcement.

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

There will be an immediate meeting upon the break of the House Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room; an immediate meeting of the House Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

There will be an immediate meeting upon the break of the Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Toepel, the majority caucus chair, for a caucus announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 2:30. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 3 o'clock.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 2:30. Democrats will caucus at 2:30.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, the House will return to the floor at 3 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. I am hoping that we have a few uncontested resolutions to manage.

BILL ON CONCURRENCE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 409, PN 2155

By Rep. REED

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 for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; further providing for changes in Uniform Construction Code; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

RULES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read the following supplemental report from the Committee on Committees, and that is filed by Representative Dan Deasy, chairman of the Committee on Committees.

The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
October 4, 2017

Resolved that,

Representative Driscoll, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Dan Deasy
Chairman
Committee on Committees

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 409, PN 2155**, entitled:

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 for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; further providing for changes in Uniform Construction Code; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

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

The SPEAKER. Moved by Representative Evankovich that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate, and Representative Evankovich is recognized on the bill and the amendments.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members to concur on HB 409. The Senate made a number of changes to the bill. All parties who were involved in the negotiation of the bill are either in agreement or neutral. The Senate passed it 50 to nothing earlier today, and the Governor has indicated his intent to sign the

legislation. It is a necessary change that we have to make to update and modernize our review process for the Construction Code.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Vitali, on the concurrence vote.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I undoubtedly agree that the Senate amendments have in fact improved the bill, and many groups who were opposing it have now moved to neutral. That is not to say that it is either a good bill or it really deals with the key problem here, which is our State construction codes remain stuck in time. They remain stuck in the year 2009 because of the way what is known as the RAC (Review and Advisory Council) is comprised and the two-thirds majority vote required to pass. They did deal with Philadelphia, allowing it to adopt the 2018 revisions, but I just do not want members to think that this is a good bill, and I will not be supporting it. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

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Barbin	English	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Evankovich	Kulik	Readshaw
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Ellis	Knowles	Rader	

NAYS-1

Vitali

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 409, PN 2155

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 for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; further providing for changes in Uniform Construction Code; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
AS AMENDED**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to the following **HB 785, PN 2537**, as further amended by the House Rules Committee:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for bonds, issue of bonds and notes, maturity, interest and for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects; and providing for capital budgets.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments as amended by the Rules Committee?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, the majority Appropriations chair, Representative Saylor, that the House concur in the amendments.

The Chair recognizes him. There are amendments by the House on top of amendments by the Senate and the original bill. Chairman Saylor, please proceed.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 785, of course, is the capital budget debt authorization bill for '17-'18 and amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act. The bill was originally passed here in the House on April 4 and then was amended and passed to the Senate in July and subsequently amended in the House Rules here as of yesterday.

The bill currently provides a total capital budget debt issuance authorization of \$1.225 billion for the year '17-'18 fiscal year. It also includes various debt reduction provisions, specifically a requirement that the amortization of future bond issuances except refinancing issues must be done using a level principal, equal annual maturities method, which will retire principal faster and reduce interest costs over the term of the issuance. A reduction also in the current outstanding debt ceiling of \$3.45 billion for redevelopment assistance capital projects, by \$50 million per year beginning this year for the next 5 years, down to \$3.2 billion. It also implements caps on the annual amount of capital budget projects released by the Governor to be financed by debt no more than \$350 million in the public improvement category and no more than \$125 million in the redevelopment assistance category, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek, sir.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when this bill originated in the House several months ago, I stood up here on the floor and indicated to all of you why I thought we should not support the bill as it was at that time. It was very, very restrictive of many of the things that we use the capital budget and the capital budget activities to do. It would greatly restrict our ability to respond to emergencies, for example. It would greatly restrict our abilities to respond to the needs of our State-owned universities and their building programs and their infrastructure. It was greatly restrictive of our abilities to use this process for economic development in many of our districts, many of the projects in our districts that require capital budget assistance.

And I asked you to please vote "no," but the bill did pass, it went over to the Senate. However, the Senate, in my opinion, had the wisdom to make changes, to make it less restrictive, to make it a far better bill, and both caucuses in the Senate chamber agreed with that and they sent it over here and we in the Democratic Caucus agree with what they did over there. So we have three caucuses that have agreed on the language of this bill as it came back from the Senate. We have the Governor who has agreed to the language of the bill as it has come back from the Senate. And do not be confused, the Governor has indicated that he could support something that all four caucuses, that all four caucuses could agree to. This particular version of this bill as it is amended is not that bill. He cannot support this as it is. The House Republican Caucus has decided to basically ignore the other three caucuses and the Governor, and instead of working together, instead of working together on these kinds of things that benefit all of us, we see now that another move to go out on their own and do the things that they want to do simply because they can, in many ways, but it is not necessarily the best thing to do for Pennsylvania.

So I am asking all of us, because this affects all of us, this will hamper all of us when each one of us needs projects in our district or have emergencies in our district, this will restrict our ability and your ability to take care of those projects. So for that reason I would ask you to vote "no" on concurrence on this bill as it is since we have amended it yesterday in the Rules Committee. I ask for a "no" vote on concurrence. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.
Representative Mike Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise to ask for a "no" vote on concurrence. I find it interesting that in a time where the President of the United States has called for an investment in infrastructure in order to spur the economy and unleash the potential of American workers in rebuilding America, that here on the floor of the House with this bill there is an attempt to limit a reinvestment in Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania's infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when interest rates are at historic lows, anybody who can do simple math knows that if you are going to take out a mortgage or you are going to do long-term borrowing so that you can build something that is going to last you a lifetime, the time to do it is when interest rates are the lowest and that is now. And this bill says, no, actually wait until interest rates get higher. Do not spend any money now.

And you know that in an economy that has been sluggish in this State, the time for the State to do reinvestment in our future and to create good-paying, family-sustaining construction jobs is to invest in infrastructure, and this bill says, no, do not do that now; let us hold back.

Mr. Speaker, I also find it extremely interesting that the general revenue budget proposed by members on the other side of the aisle called for \$1.5 billion in borrowing just to do day-to-day operations. Now, to put that in the terms of the average family in Pennsylvania, that is like saying, let us borrow money so that we can go to the grocery store or buy gas or do the day-to-day operations of your family. But you know what? We have an opportunity to get a great deal on a house, and instead of renting and paying high rental rates, we could actually buy some things here in terms of infrastructure because interest rates are really low and we can do that, and this bill says, no, no, no; do not do that now; borrow money to pay for milk and gas instead.

This is the wrong approach to fiscal prudence in the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this does nothing to help our communities. It dampens people's hopes and aspirations for building their communities for the future. I urge a "no" vote.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 785 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Representative Reed.

The last speakers will be Representative Cutler and Representative Reed, but I have Representative Lawrence.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, would the maker of the bill stand for a brief one-question interrogation?

The SPEAKER. Yes; the good gentleman will stand for interrogation.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the issuance of debt in this Commonwealth for various projects, capital improvements. How much debt does this bill authorize? What is the authorization amount?

Mr. SAYLOR. For fiscal year '17-'18 that we are currently in, it allows an additional \$1.225 billion more in debt.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That concludes my interrogation. May I speak on the bill, please?

The SPEAKER. Representative Lawrence, on the bill.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation, which may surprise some members. I feel like in the time I have been here, the short time I have been here, I have been a consistent voice on the issue of debt issuance.

We just heard, Mr. Speaker, that this bill says do not spend any money now. That is incredible, given the fact that it leads — this bill will authorize a \$1.2 billion debt issuance, but, Mr. Speaker, what it will also do, it also includes needed reforms. The debt issuance authorization contains needed reforms that restrict the fire hose of incessant and ongoing governmental indebtedness.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard over the last few days on the debate on this bill some say that Pennsylvania has a reasonable and manageable debt load, and I could perhaps agree with this statement if it were not for the fact that Pennsylvania's public-sector pension systems face an unfunded liability of over \$70 billion. This chamber will have to come to grips with this reality sooner or later, preferably sooner, but regrettably, it is more likely to be later.

With this in mind, Mr. Speaker, we should be doing everything we possibly can to put reasonable debt limits and restrictions in place to curb the insatiable desire for more government borrowing and spending. This bill contains reasonable proposals that, frankly, I believe should go further, but it is what can be accomplished today. And the reforms instituted today will put future legislators in a better position, however minimally, to address the very real fiscal challenges that we are leaving them.

With this in mind, Mr. Speaker, I encourage a "yes" vote on HB 785. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Gabler.

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

I rise in support of HB 785. I think it is very important for us to look at the opportunity we have in front of us and the responsibility we have in front of us as elected leaders of Pennsylvania government. The opportunity we have in front of us is to responsibly manage a program that, if managed improperly, could create big problems not just for ourselves but for generations to come. And so what we are doing in this bill is we are authorizing the continued management of a program that exists of our debt programs, with our capital facilities debt, but we are doing so in a way that insists on better governance and better control with the ultimate goal of handing a stronger Commonwealth on to our kids and grandkids, and that is really what it is all about.

I think it is important to point out that what we have here is we have a combination of some reforms to our Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act – that is the rulebook that we go by when we enact debt in this State to pay for projects that are deemed to be for the public good – and then we also have the annual authorization that is needed in order to allow the administration to continue to administer the bonds that it is required to undertake these programs.

So what we have here is we have a proposal in front of us that enables responsible government to continue. Projects that have been authorized by the State government will be able to move forward. There will be an authorization of an additional \$1.225 billion of bond issuances in the coming year, and that is based on the continued operation of this program. But it is important to point out that what is contained in this bill are important cost control measures that bend that cost curve in the right direction.

I have a 1-year-old daughter, and every time I have the opportunity to vote on a bill, I think not just am I raising taxes on my constituents, am I raising future taxes on my constituents, but I ask this question: Based on how I vote on this bill today, will I be handing my daughter more liabilities and higher taxes or less liabilities and lower taxes? And to me, that is an easy decision. We have responsible governance, we have continued operation of programs, and we have a stronger State with less debt moving forward in the long term for our kids and grandkids.

This is a great combination; this is a great package put together in one bill to allow our State to move forward. Let us do the right thing, let us pass this bill, and let us continue down the path that we started a few terms back when we took the opportunity to, for the first time in our State's history, reduce our debt limit. Let us take the opportunity to appropriately tailor the debt limit on our credit card to what is necessary for the programs we have in place but to make sure that we do not make that temptation too great. Do not make the temptation too great to go and run up the debt on our kids and grandkids.

These are appropriate, responsible measures. This is a good opportunity. I urge the members to please vote "yes." Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, and I would like to hit some of the facts that are contained in it: the debt ceiling reduction of \$50 million that would occur immediately and that there would be an additional \$200 million over the course of the next fiscal year, for a total reduction of \$250 million. The spending controls on new releases of certain projects that are financed by debt, this does not impact the Governor's ability to authorize public improvement projects up to \$350 million or the RCAP limit at \$125 million.

As the prior speaker indicated, this is simply good responsible debt management. It requires the Commonwealth to use an equal annual maturities plan for the retirement of both the principal on the new debt as well as interest payments. This is something that we passed before. We are not breaking new ground, and the combined effect of spending controls, responsible debt management, and the cost controls contained in this bill will reduce our general obligation debt from \$12.54 billion to \$7.27 billion over the next 20 years. That is a reduction of \$5.27 billion. The general obligation annual debt service reduction will go from a high of \$1.6 billion in 2026 to

\$1.1 billion in 2036. The total debt service savings over the next 20 years would be over \$3 billion, \$3.14 billion.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard concerns about what we can do going forward should a catastrophe strike. The truth is, we can pass additional legislation if the need arises, and we will be there. We will be responsible in our financial management. We will do what is right for the Commonwealth. But as the prior speaker indicated, he referenced his children. That is something that I think about quite often, my kids and what portion of this debt will they have to take on.

I taught my oldest daughter at a very early age about borrowing money. One time she came to me and said, "I need to borrow \$5, Dad. There's something I want." And I said, "Well, that's nice, but you only get \$1 a week for your allowance. I'm willing to loan you that money if I get your allowance for the next 6 weeks." She was only 5. She quickly looks at me and goes, "But, Dad, that's more than I'm borrowing," and I said, "Absolutely." She borrowed the money, and I am not sure that the lesson actually set in until we were sitting at the kitchen table and I put her allowance down in front of her – and perhaps some of you will think I was mean – but I said, "There's your allowance for the week. Now I'm taking it because that's what you promised. That's what you owe." And she says, "Well, you took the whole dollar. What about the 10 cents that I'm going to give to church?" And I said, "Well, you're going to have to pull that out of your bank envelope," and she did. Mr. Speaker, she has never asked to borrow money again since that time. She understood the cost of borrowing.

Mr. Speaker, borrowing without limits is like giving your kindergartner or your 5-year-old unfettered access to the credit card. That is simply not wise financial management. If needs arise, we will address them, but right now our need is good fiscal stewardship for the Commonwealth, and I would urge the passage of this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to address the issue that was brought up a little bit ago about this Commonwealth and emergencies. We already have in this bill \$10 million to deal each year with flooding, which is what a lot of our problems in Pennsylvania really are. But I would think that we would do as Republicans and as Democrats, what they did in Washington, and that is come together when Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Harvey and now Puerto Rico is hit. They came together as Republicans and Democrats, as Americans, to take care of those emergencies. I believe all of us in this chamber would do the same thing. So saying that we are not going to take care of emergency or disaster things that may come in Pennsylvania, I have a lot of faith in this General Assembly, in every man and woman here, that we will.

When you look at the debt that we have accumulated since 2004, in 2004 the debt was \$6.89 billion. That number has increased to a little over \$12 billion, a 74-percent increase in this Commonwealth's debt over 13 years. At the same time our inflation rate here in Pennsylvania was \$27.77. Our debt service on capital facilities debt over the same period of time, from 2004 to 2016, increased from \$799 million to \$1.322 billion, an increase of over \$500 million in debt service. Again, a 65.4-percent increase in taxpayers' dollars.

Mr. Speaker, we on this floor debate every day about more money for education, more money to take care of those with physical disabilities, our children with special needs. If we

continue this path of borrowing and borrowing and increasing this State's debt, we are hampering the future generations, not only that they have to pay it back but in what we ourselves can spend to take care of our current needs in education and those who need the dollars today. We need to reduce our debt. We need to reduce those payments so those dollars that we save can be used for a more useful purpose.

Many times on this House floor I have talked about reinventing government. Well, this is one of the steps to reinventing State government here in Pennsylvania. We have a lot of reforms we need to do. This bill saves the taxpayers of Pennsylvania hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars. It is time for us to understand the national cry for not only the national government but for State governments to get their debt under control. This General Assembly came together and passed a pension reform bill to try and get that system in a better situation for our taxpayers. This is no different. It is time for us to come together and meet the needs of the taxpayers of Pennsylvania by controlling the amount of money we borrow and paying more attention to people who have current needs in our budget.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The minority leader, Representative Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, Mr. Speaker, it was not our idea to borrow \$1 1/2 billion to balance our budget. I think I have heard it all. You are relying on the General Assembly to raise revenue to solve a problem. I do not know about that.

Now, we have heard the gentleman talk about all the natural disasters that have taken place around the world, and God forbid one should happen here, but they have happened here before and they are going to happen again. And the Senate and this Governor understands that we can borrow, Wall Street understands that we can borrow, we can run a capital budget program and we are doing it that is responsible, that is fiscally responsible, that the books are balanced and working just fine, and if we do not and if we pass this bill as amended, we will put our children in jeopardy. We will not be able to take care of those folks if there is a natural disaster in this Commonwealth. We need to plan for the future. We need to build infrastructure for the future. We need to be prepared to take care of those folks if a natural disaster takes place.

Now, what we need to do is nonconcur in this bill, get it back into the Rules Committee, take out this amendment, and pass this bill as the Senate sent it over here. I certainly do not have confidence in the ability of this General Assembly to get together and pass a spending bill to take care of anything right now.

Now, so let us vote "no." Well, all right. Tell me. It is not us who want to borrow \$1 1/2 billion. Now you are telling me we cannot borrow it to help improve our infrastructure, to save money for natural disasters, and make sure that we take care of our families, our children, and our grandchildren. That is what we want to do. That is why we should not concur on HB 785.

The SPEAKER. The majority leader, Dave Reed.

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

I have learned a few things about process this week. I have learned a few things about discussions and agreements. I have learned a few things about commitments this week. Sometimes they are worth something and sometimes they are not. For instance, let us talk about this bill for a second. This bill was

agreed to between the Governor and the Speaker. Not just in person but also in writing. Oh yeah. Not just in person, not just in person but in writing. But like I said, I have learned something about commitments this week. I have learned something about agreements this week. I have learned that sometimes the Governor does not speak on behalf of his party and sometimes his party does not support the Governor. So I am for upholding the commitment the Governor made. I sympathize with the Governor that sometimes people do not actually want to support the commitments that he makes.

And here is the thing I think we need to leave ourselves with, not just on this bill but today as a whole: If you cannot take people at their word, then why are we even here?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Markosek.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stood up here at the podium not too long ago, about 5 or 10 minutes ago, and indicated what the Governor had done. He had said that he would support a bill like this with the approval of all four caucuses, and he has got two caucuses in the Senate that agree, he has got one here, the Democrats, that agree. It is the Republicans who do not agree, and he will not accept this because the Republicans do not agree. That is what the Governor said. So I do not want to hear this stuff about somehow we do not keep our commitments or he does not keep his commitments. That is wrong to say that, and I am here to say that the Governor will not support this if it is only agreed to by just one caucus, which right now that is all it is agreed to by. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments as amended by the Rules Committee?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—117

Baker	Gabler	Marshall	Roae
Barrar	Gillespie	Marsico	Roe
Benninghoff	Godshall	Masser	Rothman
Bernstine	Greiner	McGinnis	Ryan
Bloom	Grove	Mehaffie	Saccone
Boback	Hahn	Mentzer	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harper	Metcalfe	Santora
Causar	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Saylor
Charlton	Heffley	Millard	Schemel
Cook	Helm	Miller, B.	Simmons
Corbin	Hennessey	Milne	Sonney
Corr	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Cox	Hill	Murt	Stephens
Culver	Irvin	Mustio	Tallman
Cutler	James	Nelson	Taylor
Day	Jozwiak	Nesbit	Tobash
Delozier	Kampf	O'Neill	Toepel
Diamond	Kaufer	Oberlander	Toohil
DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Ortitay	Topper
Dowling	Keefer	Peifer	Walsh
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Petri	Ward
Dush	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Warner
Ellis	Klunk	Pyle	Watson
Emrick	Knowles	Quigley	Wentling
English	Lawrence	Quinn, C.	White
Evankovich	Lewis	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Everett	Mackenzie	Rader	

Farry	Maier	Rapp	Turzai,
Fee	Mako	Reed	Speaker
Fritz	Maloney	Reese	

NAYS—80

Barbin	Deasy	Kavulich	Petrarca
Bizzarro	DeLissio	Keller, W.	Rabb
Boyle	DeLuca	Kim	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Dermody	Kinsey	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kirkland	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kortz	Rozzi
Bullock	Evans	Krueger	Sainato
Burns	Fabrizio	Kulik	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Schlossberg
Carroll	Flynn	Madden	Schweyer
Cephas	Frankel	Markosek	Sims
Comitta	Freeman	Matzie	Snyder
Conklin	Gainey	McCarter	Solomon
Costa, D.	Galloway	McClinton	Sturla
Costa, P.	Gergely	Miller, D.	Thomas
Cruz	Gillen	Mullery	Vazquez
Daley	Goodman	Neilson	Vitali
Davis	Hanna	Neuman	Warren
Dawkins	Harkins	O'Brien	Wheatley
Dean	Harris, J.	Pashinski	Youngblood

NOT VOTING—0**EXCUSED—5**

Christiana	Haggerty	Metzgar	Wheeland
Davidson			

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments as amended by the Rules Committee were concurred in.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. Members, the Chair is going to recognize the leader for an announcement about Rules and for caucus, and then I will turn it over to the minority leader.

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

There will be an immediate meeting of the House Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room, an immediate meeting of the House Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room, followed by caucus for the Republican Caucus at 4:15 in the Republican caucus room, and we intend to return to the floor at 4:45. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Frankel or Representative Dermody, either leader.

Mr. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, Democrats will caucus at 4:15. Democrats will caucus at 4:15.

The SPEAKER. Members, there is an immediate Rules Committee meeting, respective caucuses.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Representative O'Neill, for an announcement.

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

I have two announcements for the Finance Committee members. Number one, tomorrow's sunshine meeting for 3 o'clock is canceled, and the second one is that I will be calling a committee meeting from the floor for the purpose of reporting HB 1401, and that will be tomorrow at the call of the Chair. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. There will be a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow at the call of the Chair.

Members, when we get back to the floor, my sense is we will not be in tomorrow, but I still have to talk to the leaders. But right now we are caucusing, both caucuses are caucusing at 4:15, there is a Rules Committee meeting immediately, and we will be back on the floor at 4:45.

Representative O'Neill, I apologize. Please proceed.

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

I just wanted to make a correction. The call of the Chair for the Finance Committee meeting will be tomorrow if we are in session. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 4:45.

AFTER RECESS

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

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE****HB 59, PN 2255**

By Rep. REED

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties, providing for salary, medical and hospital expenses for employees of the Department of Human Services and survivors' benefits and for evaluation of software programs' efficiency; in public assistance, providing for total population coordinated care management, for medical assistance waiver for treatment at institutions for mental disease related to substance use disorder, for additional funding

requests for medical assistance appropriations in fiscal year 2017-2018, for supporting self-sufficiency for medical assistance recipients and for electronic asset verification for medical assistance eligibility based on age, blindness or disability; in children and youth, further providing for provider submissions and for adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement; providing for ambulatory surgical center data collection; and making a related repeal.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. At this time all members are called back to the floor. Members, please come back to the House floor. Members, please come to the House floor. Members, if you will please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. If all members could please report to the floor. All members, please report to the floor. I would ask members to please take their seats. All members, please report to the floor.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS AS FURTHER AMENDED BY THE SENATE TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments as further amended by the Senate to House amendments to **HB 59, PN 2255**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties, providing for salary, medical and hospital expenses for employees of the Department of Human Services and survivors' benefits and for evaluation of software programs' efficiency; in public assistance, providing for total population coordinated care management, for medical assistance waiver for treatment at institutions for mental disease related to substance use disorder, for additional funding requests for medical assistance appropriations in fiscal year 2017-2018, for supporting self-sufficiency for medical assistance recipients and for electronic asset verification for medical assistance eligibility based on age, blindness or disability; in children and youth, further providing for provider submissions and for adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement; providing for ambulatory surgical center data collection; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments as further amended by the Senate to House amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by Representative Dan Moul that the House concur in the Senate amendments and the underlying bill.

The Chair recognizes Representative Moul for a brief description of the Senate amendments and any remarks he wishes to make on the bill as amended.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As you all recall, this bill was highly contentious here on the House floor. I think we debated it for about 2 1/2 hours. The underlying bill itself was for subsidy for people who have adoptive children with special needs and it has been morphed into the Welfare Code. Many changes have been made in the Senate, to which some of those changes were changes that the original bill caused much debate here on the House floor.

The Senate removed language which required Medicaid recipients to remain with the same provider for a calendar year without a qualifying life event. They removed the copayment schedule for families which have children who qualify for Medicaid due to disability. That seemed to be the biggest challenge here on the House floor, the piece that bothered members the most. We changed the standard in the bill going over to the Senate that said basically at 1,000 percent of poverty level, which was about – recollection serves – \$256,000 a year of family income, at that point you would have to start paying part of your premium payment. I think at that point it was about \$50. That caused a lot of contention on the House floor. That piece was removed.

Language with respect to nursing home facility assessment was moved to the Fiscal Code, and it also amends language with respect to job search requirements for those on medical assistance to limit it to nonelderly, nonpregnant, nondisabled adults. It limits when the department shall apply for a waiver prior to requesting supplemental funding and revises language with respect to the software efficiency evaluation.

These were the changes that were made in the Senate, and I would ask for concurrence on HB 59.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel, on HB 59 as amended by the Senate.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask for nonconcurrence in HB 59.

Medicaid, as it is, helps Pennsylvanians live their fullest possible lives by supporting them getting needed health care to get back on their feet. That is why legislation that asks the government to conduct surveillance of recipients' work status in order to get needed health care seems backwards at best. To be clear, the majority of Medicaid recipients are already working. The vast majority, 75 percent, live in a home where one person is working. Those who are not working are most often caring for a child; a sick adult; or are ill, disabled, or in treatment. That is why if your goal is to help Pennsylvanians get back into the workplace so they can feel the full benefits of contributing to our communities, you should vote against HB 59.

Over the years I have heard fears that if we provide health-care access, then young men will simply live in their parents' basements in wealthy suburbs, playing video games and choosing not to work, and since they do not want to work, they do not deserve our support. I simply cannot believe that is true, and the numbers do not back that up. And the proof is, these are people that need access to services, and when they get the opportunity for help, they use it.

Earlier this year the administration reported that of the 700,000 or so Pennsylvanians who have needed to rely on Medicaid, 170,000 of them used it to seek help for drug and alcohol or mental health services. People seeking to limit access to Medicaid are limiting access to mental health care and substance abuse treatment.

In Allegheny County, in a year and a half studied by our local oversight board, 42 percent of the people seeking services for mental health or substance abuse were the Medicaid expansion population. And you guessed it: they were mostly White men, between the ages of 18 and 32. This is an issue that spans counties and ZIP (Zoning Improvement Plan) Codes. The highest number of people seeking mental health and substance

abuse support in 2015 in southwest Pennsylvania did not come from cities alone; they came from many of the rural districts represented by several of my colleagues across the aisle here. Those of us who live in parts of the Commonwealth facing the scourge of opioid addiction know exactly what that means. These are people seeking desperately needed treatment. Without Medicaid, they were not getting it. Now, we cannot afford to put barriers in their way.

Please vote to nonconcur in HB 59.

The SPEAKER. Representative Pam DeLissio.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, is somebody available for an interrogation for HB 59?

The SPEAKER. Yes; Representative Moul has indicated he will stand for interrogation.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you.

In reference to the total population coordinated care management pilot program, this is, if I understand this correctly, an RFP (request for proposal) will be put out, a vendor will be selected, and the vendor will be paid only on a contingency fee basis alone. So the only way for a vendor, whoever that might be, to go down this road, to participate in this endeavor is if they think they can make money from this and recoup their costs plus a profit margin, assuming this is not a not-for-profit vendor, and it sounds to me as if then the only way to do that is by reducing care and services to the population.

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLissio, if you will please hold.

First of all, just on interrogation, with all due respect, it helps if the questions are pointed. If you want to speak on the bill, that is perfectly appropriate.

Now, in addition, there should be a time on this. This is a budget implementation bill. This is a budget bill, so it does have a 5-minute time limit. Representative Frankel did not exceed that. Representative Moul did not exceed that. I am going to just start it at 5, so you do not have to worry about what you have already said. But we are going to start at 5 minutes.

Ms. DeLISSIO. And does that include the interrogation?

The SPEAKER. It does. It includes interrogation.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Ms. DeLISSIO. The questions will get much shorter.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. MOUL. The RFP will bring in a company that will actually coordinate care to give better health care, which in turn will lower the costs.

Ms. DeLISSIO. On the bill, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes; you may proceed.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Mr. Speaker, this is for folks who are already in a managed-care program. The whole point of managed care is that they are already doing what the gentleman just answered. So we are layering another level on top of managed care, and the whole premise upon managed care is the capitated rate to keep costs down, so they are already incentivized. So the idea of yet another vendor coming in to further try to extract dollars from this system in order to profit from this system, I do not see where any outcome is to the benefit of the citizens who are covered by this type of health insurance.

I do not believe that – and it is from my further understanding that there is no definition of "evidence-based medicine" in the language, and I think that currently evidence-based medicine is the driving part for how medicine is delivered now. So the idea of legislating this in particular – and I have issues with many other aspects of this bill – is particularly troublesome. It is not clear whether the MCOs (managed-care organizations) have any say in who comes in as a vendor, how that relationship would work and interface, and I do not even know if such a vendor exists. So I see this as an opportunity for some for-profit company to benefit by public dollars that are out there without any benefit to our citizens in Pennsylvania and every opportunity for those citizens to have diminished care and diminished services.

And for that reason and many others, I will be a "no" on this and suggest other folks think about it similarly.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Members, on the supplemental C House calendar, the substance of the summary was correct, but the designation at the top of that was incorrect and it has been changed to reflect the appropriate process.

This bill is actually on concurrence in Senate amendments to House amendments as further amended by the Senate. So it was a House bill, it was amended by the Senate, it came back to the House, it was amended by the House, it went to the Senate, the Senate amended it a second time, and it is now back in the House.

And right now Representative Pete Schweyer.

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise and ask for a nonconurrence vote. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that was your instructions that you just said, that it is a nonconurrence vote on HB 59.

And, Mr. Speaker, when I rose to oppose this legislation when it first came up a couple of months ago, it was because of a genuine concern I have for nonemergency medical transportation waivers that were buried in the original – well, the amended version of HB 59 that we sent over to the Senate. And whereas, in this particular case, Mr. Speaker, the specific language that talks about nonemergency medical transportation has been stripped from it, the effect is still the same. Mr. Speaker, what we are talking about here is making sure that our community members who are suffering and need dialysis or need chemotherapy or people who need treatment with methadone, which is frankly one of the biggest and most expensive costs that we have in public transportation today, transporting people from rural counties to more urban counties for methadone treatment, have access to those treatments – again, lifesaving, life-sustaining treatments.

In this bill, Mr. Speaker, it mandates that the Governor would apply and ask for a waiver that would take away this medical necessity from the most at-risk people that we have in our Commonwealth. Mr. Speaker, we talk about opioid addiction and heroin addiction all the time. We talk about needing to support our senior citizens. We talk about the need to support those who are disabled. But what this bill does in a very dramatic fashion is it starts the process of taking away access to medical care for those that are most at risk. And I am not talking about necessarily folks in my urban district where I have multiple hospitals and health-care facilities, but we are really talking about those rural Pennsylvanians who have very limited access to these life-sustaining medical treatment programs.

Just in the Lehigh Valley area of the world that I represent, in just May of 2017, 1 month this year, Mr. Speaker, we had 14,152 of these medical necessity trips – nonemergency trips, these are not ambulance trips, but these are simply trips to get a person, a patient, to a health-care clinic so they can receive the life-sustaining, lifesaving treatments that they need – again, dialysis, cancer treatments, methadone treatments, a whole host of ailments.

Mr. Speaker, a vote for this as is currently written, a vote for HB 59 is a vote to start the process of taking away transportation trips, medical transportation from senior citizens, rural Pennsylvanians, and those at risk from addiction, from cancer, and from a whole host of other ailments. Mr. Speaker, because of that and a whole host of other reasons that we have heard from some of my other colleagues, I rise to oppose HB 59 and ask for a nonconcurrence vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gene DiGirolamo.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just to remind the members that this bill did pass back in July with just 102 votes. There were a number of Republicans that voted against this.

The Senate did make it somewhat better, but I still have a number of concerns about what is in HB 59. First, as has already been mentioned, this total population coordinated care, it is going to be modeled after something that is going on in Alaska. Now, what Alaska and Pennsylvania have in common, I am not really clear about, but I do know that our Medicaid managed-care organizations already do the work that this pilot program or this company coming into Pennsylvania is proposing to do. At best it is a duplication of services.

I still also have some concerns about the waiver for the institutionalized mental health disorder. I am not quite sure why we need it in this bill. I do not know if it can do any harm, but it is certainly not needed.

And last and mostly, the work requirement. I am really concerned about the work requirement and what the population of people who are disabled is going to be made up of. And these are our most vulnerable citizens here in Pennsylvania, and we have got to be really, really careful if this waiver is ever made up what that disabled population is going to be made up of.

And for those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I am going to be a "no" on HB 59. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Krueger-Braneky.

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this concurrence vote.

Tonight in my home county, in Delaware County, people are coming together to oppose cuts to Medicaid at the Federal level, and right now Medicaid is under attack in this chamber as well.

Last year more than 124,000 Pennsylvanians relied on Medicaid for help with addiction treatment, and if this bill were to pass, that would be in jeopardy. Medicaid is a program that supports our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians – our children, our seniors, people facing serious health challenges, people struggling with addiction.

Just a few hours ago, instead of actually voting for a commonsense severance tax to balance the budget, it was struck down in this chamber. And now we are attempting to fill that hole by taking care away from our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this concurrence vote. This only passed by two votes back in July. We have got the chance to vote it down now.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will try and be brief. It is my understanding that at least from the tone of this bill, it seems like there is an attempt to try and create more regulations, create more hoops for people to jump through in order to receive medical assistance benefits. Mr. Speaker, that is bad public health policy.

You can take a parent off of medical assistance because you have created more barriers, but their child who gets sick as a result of them being sick and not having medical care still shows up at the public school. When they go to the grocery store and stand in line next to you and have not been able to get adequate health care, you are the one that is at risk. Mr. Speaker, we should be looking to try to find ways to increase access and make it easier to have access to health care in the State of Pennsylvania, not the opposite.

Mr. Speaker, my guess is, this really does not save any money but it is under the guise of saving money. I know there is the, you know, mythical welfare queen that if we could just figure out how to get that person off of welfare, we could balance budgets and everything would be peachy keen. That is not the case.

Mr. Speaker, the average public assistance recipient in the State of Pennsylvania is a single White woman in rural Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, we do not need to be denying health care to anyone in this State. And the total cost for this State in the long run increases by trying to limit people's access to health care. It creates uncompensated care at hospitals, it creates sick people that cannot go to work, it creates sick children that show up in our schools, and it does none of us any good.

I urge a "no" vote on concurrence, and let us get this to a conference committee and get something that actually does work for the State of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the concurrence vote for the following reasons: The gentleman previously speaking questioned the financial savings. I am happy to share a couple. In fact, in keeping with the theme for the evening, the administration had previously asked for Act 534 benefit changes that would save the department \$3.975 million with the 3-year time limit that was in there. I think that is important. The Governor and his administration have asked for this change. The good gentleman from York County has worked with the Governor to find that language and that money, and we should implement it.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, when you look at what we will not lose by enacting this, I think it is very important: the medical assistance waiver for the treatment in an Institute of Mental Disease related to substance abuse disorders. Currently there is a requirement that folks only have 15 days of treatment. We have been put on notice that this Federal limitation will be enforced beginning January 1, 2019. The financial impact of asking for this waiver will preserve a minimum of \$70 million for the Commonwealth and the treatment of the substance abuse disorders.

Regarding the work requirements, Mr. Speaker, they are not that onerous when you look at the fact that they mirror the Clinton-era welfare reform bills that were signed in the nineties.

And for those who continue to have concerns beyond the language that is contained in the bill, it will be the Governor and his administration asking for those waivers. He will tailor it, he will protect, and I am sure he will carry out a fine job doing that. But the truth is, we can save a substantial amount of money.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a concurrence vote so that we can get this on the Governor's desk immediately. Thank you.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt BRADFORD requests to be placed on leave. Representative Kate HARPER wishes to be placed on leave. Without objection, those will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 59 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments as further amended by the Senate to House amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—116

Baker	Gabler	Marshall	Reese
Barbin	Gillen	Marsico	Roae
Barrar	Gillespie	Masser	Roe
Benninghoff	Godshall	McGinnis	Rothman
Bernstine	Greiner	Mehaffie	Ryan
Bloom	Grove	Mentzer	Saccone
Boback	Hahn	Metcalfe	Sankey
Brown, R.	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Santora
Burns	Heffley	Millard	Saylor
Causar	Helm	Miller, B.	Schemel
Charlton	Hennessey	Milne	Simmons
Cook	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Corbin	Hill	Mustio	Staats
Corr	Irvin	Nelson	Stephens
Cox	James	Nesbit	Tallman
Culver	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Taylor
Cutler	Kampf	Oberlander	Tobash
Day	Kaufer	Ortitay	Toepel
Delozier	Kauffman	Peifer	Toohil
Diamond	Keefer	Petrarca	Topper
Dowling	Keller, F.	Petri	Walsh
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Ward
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Warner
Ellis	Knowles	Quigley	Watson
Emrick	Lawrence	Quinn, C.	Wentling
English	Lewis	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Everett	Mackenzie	Rader	
Farry	Maher	Rapp	Turzai,
Fee	Mako	Reed	Speaker
Fritz	Maloney		

NAYS—78

Bizzarro	Dermody	Kinsey	Ravenstahl
Boyle	DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Readshaw
Briggs	Donatucci	Kortz	Roebuck
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Krueger	Rozzi

Bullock	Evans	Kulik	Sainato
Caltagirone	Fabrizio	Longiatti	Samuelson
Carroll	Fitzgerald	Madden	Schlossberg
Cephas	Flynn	Markosek	Schweyer
Comitta	Frankel	Matzie	Sims
Conklin	Freeman	McCarter	Snyder
Costa, D.	Gainey	McClinton	Solomon
Costa, P.	Galloway	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cruz	Gergely	Mullery	Thomas
Daley	Goodman	Murt	Vazquez
Davis	Hanna	Neilson	Vitali
Dawkins	Harkins	Neuman	Warren
Dean	Harris, J.	O'Brien	Wheatley
Deasy	Kavulich	Pashinski	White
DeLissio	Keller, W.	Rabb	Youngblood
DeLuca	Kim		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Bradford	Davidson	Haggerty	Metzgar
Christiana	Evankovich	Harper	Wheeland

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments as further amended by the Senate to House amendments were concurred in.

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

The SPEAKER. There will be no further votes today, and I am going to do housekeeping.

Members, we will be back in session on Monday. I will do that formally in just a moment.

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 444;
- HB 1486;
- SB 222;
- SB 260; and
- SB 741.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, I apologize. I will have the official— It is October 16. Monday, October 16, is when we will be returning. Thanks to the minority leader for making sure that I pointed that out. It will be Monday, October 16, at 1 p.m., but I just have to do one more housekeeping before we make that official.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1142, PN 1365**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, No.205), known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, in standards for municipal pension systems, further providing for definitions and providing for special procedures for certain professional services contracts.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1142 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1142 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 325, PN 1021**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 325 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 325 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 326, PN 1059**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure; and making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 326 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 326 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 327, PN 1060**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 327 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 327 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 328, PN 522**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Temple University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Temple University," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 328 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 328 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 329, PN 523**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Lincoln University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related institution in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Lincoln University," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 329 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 329 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up **HR 284, PN 1556**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to repeal the Environmental Protection Agency's MS4 program.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 284 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 284 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Mackenzie wishes to be recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to submit some remarks for the record and also thank my colleagues for an affirmative vote on HR 524, earlier today, which designates October 8 through 14 of this year as "International Central Service Week," and thanks to all those who do that good work throughout the year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I am calling on my colleagues to vote in favor of HR 524, which designates October 8 through 14, 2017, as "International Central Service Week."

International Central Service Week is celebrated annually in October to recognize the technicians that demonstrate an ongoing diligence to meet the growing needs of the medical community. The central service department at a health-care facility is responsible for cleaning, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care. Central service technicians ensure medical staff in operating rooms, ICUs (intensive care units), endoscopy suites, birth centers, and other patient care areas receive sterile surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment integral in providing the best possible patient care. Cleanliness is critical at all health-care facilities across our State and central service technicians' commitment to maintaining high standards of sanitation is crucial in keeping Pennsylvanians safe.

Please vote "yes" on HR 524 to designate October 8 through 14, 2017, as "International Central Service Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize the important role central service departments play in providing the best care to all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative David Millard moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday, October 16, 2017, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. Members, we will be back on October 16 at 1 p.m.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 5:22 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.