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No. 5

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. We have a special day here too with the swearing-in of our new member.

The prayer today will be offered by our Representative-elect, Austin Davis' guest, and that is Pastor Robert Holmes of Christian Life Ministries of Donora, Pennsylvania. Pastor Holmes. Pastor, you are related, right, to the Representative-elect? You are the father-in-law, right, of the Representative-elect? The father-in-law of Representative-elect Austin Davis, so he will be giving our prayer. And then right after his prayer, we are going to be doing the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor, please come on up.

PASTOR ROBERT HOLMES, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Father, we thank Thee today as we give You high praise. We thank You, O God, for we are so blessed and honored that we could be here today in unity to invoke Your presence to be with us as we celebrate yet another day that You have made. Lord, we also come to give Thee thanks – thanks for what You have already done, thanks for what You are doing right now, and we say thanks for what is still yet to come.

Father, as we celebrate and embrace Thy Holy Word, we see the plans that You have for us. Even as Jeremiah wrote in 29:11, God, You know the plans, the thoughts You have for us, plans to prosper us, to give us a future and a hope. May these plans, O God, cause us to rejoice today and every day, knowing that through Your Word, O God, our best is still yet to come – our best day of love and peace, our best day of mercy and grace, our best day of manifested authority and power. O God, let Your goodness and Your good days flow. Let it flow in our President. Let it flow in this great Governor. Let it flow in these great men and women You have assembled here today in this place.

And, Lord, even though we see the increase and the fullness of troubled times, let it remind us, O God, that we need Thee every hour, every hour we need Thee to restore hope in broken families that are looking for a way out of their brokenness, they are looking for leadership, for many have lost their way and some have given up and left the faith of the family trusting in

You, forgetting that as many as believe in You, O God, to them You give them power to become sons and daughters of the most high God. So our need is great. We need You today, God. We need You right now because our communities are dying while trying to heal, using drug abuse to cover up the pain and the sorrow of joblessness and fearfulness of not receiving the prosperity and security that You have given this great land.

So we pray that a paradigm shift would occur. Let this shift begin in Washington as we pray for the President of the United States. Let a paradigm shift begin with our Governor, O God, as we pray for our Governor, O God, that it would cause all of us to rise and stand with a renewed call to action. Even as they govern here today, let there be a renewed strength of brotherly love regardless of their differences, knowing we have more in common than apart, for we were all made in Your image. Father, let this new shift also prepare us for a new season of Your favor and in this new season let us remind one another how much we need to forgive, how much we need to restore those that need help and a hand up, and let us step out in faith and dare love one another as Thou have loved us. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life.

This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 24, 2018, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. We do have some Journals that are going to be printed: Monday, June 26, 2017; Tuesday, June 27, 2017; and Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Those will all be printed.

Members, we are going to be proceeding with our swearing-in here shortly. We are going to do just a few other business items. But I would ask everybody to please take their seats as soon as possible.

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

HB 1851, PN 2991 (Amended) By Rep. PICKETT

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in examinations, further providing for purpose and providing for scheduling conference, for budget estimate and revisions, for billing invoices and for annual examination and analysis report.

INSURANCE.

HB 2034, PN 2936 By Rep. MAHER

An Act amending the act of March 17, 1978 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Agricultural Liming Materials Act, further providing for labeling.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

SB 877, PN 1458 (Amended) By Rep. PICKETT

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in insurance producers, further providing for rebates prohibited and for inducements prohibited.

INSURANCE.

SB 878, PN 1459 (Amended) By Rep. PICKETT

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in general provisions relating to insurance companies, associations and exchanges, further providing for rebates and inducements prohibited.

INSURANCE.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 661 By Representatives VAZQUEZ, SCHWEYER, SCHLOSSBERG, READSHAW, JAMES, KINSEY, MILLARD, DAVIS, NEILSON, BOBACK, DiGIROLAMO, WARREN, HILL-EVANS, J. McNEILL, MURT, DONATUCCI and ROZZI

A Resolution recognizing The CTC Wellness Foundation for forming Don't Stall, Just Call, an alcohol poisoning education program, which raises student and family awareness of the dangers of binge drinking and informs them of this Commonwealth's medical amnesty law.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, January 25, 2018.

No. 672 By Representatives J. HARRIS, RABB, THOMAS, MURT, KINSEY, SOLOMON, DONATUCCI, DAVIS, PASHINSKI, McCLINTON, YOUNGBLOOD, KIRKLAND, V. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, FRANKEL, SCHWEYER and ROEBUCK

A Resolution condemning the President of the United States for his recent unbecoming and disparaging remarks about the country of Haiti and the countries encompassing the continent of Africa.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2018.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1957 By Representatives THOMAS, MURT, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, SCHLOSSBERG, ENGLISH, DRISCOLL, D. MILLER, SCHWEYER, CALTAGIRONE, MADDEN, DONATUCCI and GAINEY

An Act providing for the requirement of sexual harassment training for members, officers, employees, interns and fellows of the General Assembly and for a periodic survey.

Referred to Committee on RULES, February 2, 2018.

No. 1965 By Representatives KRUEGER-BRANEKY, SIMS, KINSEY, MURT, FRANKEL, RABB, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON, DAVIS, DRISCOLL, MULLERY, D. MILLER, GAINEY, ROTHMAN, DEAN, COMITTA, GOODMAN, DONATUCCI, DAVIDSON, BOYLE, J. HARRIS, KAVULICH, STURLA, MADDEN, READSHAW, McCARTER, HILL-EVANS, SCHWEYER, CHARLTON, DERMODY, PASHINSKI, BRIGGS, FITZGERALD, THOMAS, SNYDER, KIM, DALEY, DeLISSIO, ROEBUCK, SAMUELSON, CALTAGIRONE, HELM, KAUFFMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, TOOHIL, CARROLL, FREEMAN, HANNA, ROZZI, SANTORA, MARKOSEK, ROE, DEASY, GILLEN, STEPHENS, P. COSTA, RAVENSTAHL, M. QUINN and CONKLIN

An Act amending Title 46 (Legislature) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for professional conduct.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 24, 2018.

No. 1971 By Representatives MADDEN, STURLA, FRANKEL, THOMAS, KIRKLAND, SCHLOSSBERG, HELM, BOYLE, SIMS, BIZZARRO, D. MILLER, YOUNGBLOOD, HILL-EVANS, SCHWEYER, KINSEY, RABB, V. BROWN, MURT, WATSON, FLYNN, SAMUELSON, SOLOMON, VAZQUEZ, DEAN, FITZGERALD, KRUEGER-BRANEKY, DALEY, VITALI, KULIK, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, BRIGGS, PASHINSKI, DERMODY, READSHAW, McCARTER, DONATUCCI, BULLOCK, RADER, ROEBUCK, HANNA, ROZZI, SNYDER, WARREN, GOODMAN, MARKOSEK and GAINEY

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 2, 2018.

No. 2025 By Representatives BOBACK, HARKINS, DRISCOLL, BRIGGS, MURT, RYAN, D. COSTA, KINSEY, MILLARD, V. BROWN, KAUFER, SCHWEYER, O'BRIEN, DEASY, DeLUCA, NEILSON, GILLEN, SIMS,

DONATUCCI, ROZZI, SNYDER, BARBIN, STEPHENS, TOOHL, RAVENSTAHL, THOMAS, WATSON, SCHLOSSBERG, WHEATLEY, READSHAW, BIZZARRO, CALTAGIRONE, CORBIN, MARKOSEK, DAVIS, ROEBUCK, LEWIS and WARREN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in grounds and buildings, providing for lead testing.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 5, 2018.

No. 2026 By Representatives GROVE, MACKENZIE, RYAN, KAUFFMAN, ROTHMAN, METZGAR, WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, KAUFER, BERNSTINE, KEEFER, LAWRENCE, B. MILLER, DOWLING, WHEELAND, COX and MOUL

An Act amending Title 46 (Legislature) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Committee on Government Oversight of the Senate and the Committee on Government Oversight of the House of Representatives and providing for the powers and duties of investigating committee, for review of Commonwealth agencies by standing committees, for program evaluation reports and for audits by Department of Auditor General.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 25, 2018.

No. 2033 By Representative WHEATLEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for occupational limited license.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 2, 2018.

No. 2034 By Representative MARSHALL

An Act amending the act of March 17, 1978 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Agricultural Liming Materials Act, further providing for labeling.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 24, 2018.

No. 2035 By Representatives COMITTA, FRANKEL, SCHLOSSBERG, DEAN, PASHINSKI, SOLOMON, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, CHARLTON, KIRKLAND, BARRAR, SCHWEYER, LONGIETTI, D. MILLER, MADDEN, DERMODY, C. QUINN, SNYDER, McCARTER, KRUEGER-BRANEKY, BERNSTINE, D. COSTA, BRADFORD and KORTZ

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for a deduction for child care costs.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, January 25, 2018.

No. 2036 By Representatives STURLA, DEAN, THOMAS, DERMODY, SCHLOSSBERG, D. MILLER, BRADFORD, FRANKEL and D. COSTA

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for subjects of local taxation and for valuation of property.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 25, 2018.

No. 2037 By Representatives DIAMOND, RYAN, BENNINGHOFF, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER, FEE, GROVE, IRVIN, KEEFER, M. K. KELLER, MARSICO, METCALFE, MURT, ORTITAY, RAPP, ROTHMAN, TALLMAN, TOEPEL, ZIMMERMAN and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for immunization required and penalty.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, January 25, 2018.

No. 2038 By Representatives TOPPER, BERNSTINE, V. BROWN, CHARLTON, D. COSTA, FARRY, GABLER, A. HARRIS, PHILLIPS-HILL, JOZWIAK, KAUFER, KINSEY, MILLARD, MURT, ROZZI, SACCONI, SAYLOR, STAATS, TALLMAN, WARD, WATSON and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in professional and occupational licenses, further providing for definitions, providing for a policy for the award of academic credit for military training and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 5, 2018.

No. 2039 By Representatives CHARLTON, SCHLOSSBERG, CALTAGIRONE, DRISCOLL, O'NEILL, SOLOMON, BARRAR, MILLARD, ROEBUCK, DiGIROLAMO, GILLEN, WARREN and WATSON

An Act amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, further providing for newborn child screening and follow-up programs.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, January 25, 2018.

No. 2040 By Representatives HENNESSEY, DRISCOLL, RYAN, STEPHENS, BOBACK, READSHAW, MARSICO, SAYLOR, JOZWIAK, PEIFER, SCHLOSSBERG, MENTZER, WARD, SOLOMON, GOODMAN, WHEELAND, DeLUCA, WATSON and GILLEN

An Act authorizing public school districts to implement a senior tax reduction incentive volunteer exchange program.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, February 2, 2018.

No. 2041 By Representatives WHEELAND, EVERETT, READSHAW, SAINATO, NEILSON, KEEFER, MILLARD, A. HARRIS, PICKETT, ROTHMAN, SAYLOR, FRITZ, J. McNEILL, HILL-EVANS and MOUL

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, further providing for regulations of department; in club licensees, further providing for records; and, in enforcement, further providing for revocation of licenses.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, January 29, 2018.

No. 2042 By Representatives THOMAS, MURT and RYAN

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for protections for licensees with mental health history.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, January 30, 2018.

No. 2043 By Representatives THOMAS, DEAN, DRISCOLL, SIMS, YOUNGBLOOD, KINSEY, V. BROWN, MURT, STURLA, W. KELLER, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, ROEBUCK and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for tipped employees; further providing for minimum wage advisory board and for enforcement and rules and regulations; providing for rules and regulations; and further providing for civil actions and for preemption.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 30, 2018.

No. 2044 By Representatives BLOOM, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, COX, BURNS, BARRAR, RYAN, DUSH, SONNEY, DONATUCCI, DiGIROLAMO, MALONEY, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, TALLMAN, ROTHMAN, DAVIS, WARD, LONGIETTI, MUSTIO, TOEPEL, KAUFFMAN, SAYLOR, O'NEILL, CAUSER, MILLARD, ENGLISH, KINSEY, WHEELAND, MURT, KNOWLES, MARSICO, GROVE, WATSON, BRADFORD and MOUL

An Act designating the bridge on State Route 641, also known as East High Street, over the Letort Spring in Carlisle Borough, Cumberland County, as the Lance Corporal Edward Rykoskey Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 30, 2018.

No. 2045 By Representatives ORTITAY, BERNSTINE, DeLUCA, DOWLING, B. MILLER, KAUFER, CORR, ENGLISH, COX, IRVIN, RADER, WARD and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, further providing for members of the General Assembly.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2018.

No. 2046 By Representatives KINSEY, FITZGERALD, SOLOMON, KIRKLAND, FRANKEL, ROTHMAN, CALTAGIRONE, RABB, J. HARRIS, HILL-EVANS, THOMAS, WATSON and SCHWEYER

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for medical parole and early release of elderly inmates.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, January 31, 2018.

No. 2047 By Representatives ROZZI, KINSEY, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, HARKINS, DAVIS and COX

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, January 31, 2018.

No. 2048 By Representatives LONGIETTI, ROEBUCK, THOMAS, SOLOMON, PASHINSKI, KINSEY, READSHAW, D. MILLER, KIRKLAND, SCHLOSSBERG, WARD, SCHWEYER, WARREN, ZIMMERMAN, GILLEN and ROZZI

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, providing for high school graduation requirements.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 1, 2018.

No. 2049 By Representatives MOUL, MILLARD, M. K. KELLER, O'NEILL, WARD, ROTHMAN, ZIMMERMAN and WATSON

An Act providing for requirements for documentation of the need for an assistance animal or service animal in housing and for the offenses of misrepresentation of entitlement to assistance animal or service animal and misrepresentation of animal as assistance animal or service animal.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, February 2, 2018.

No. 2051 By Representatives MOUL, GREINER, BOBACK, MILLARD, D. COSTA, READSHAW, WARD, CHARLTON, V. BROWN, KAVULICH, ZIMMERMAN, KAUFFMAN, SOLOMON, WATSON and ROEBUCK

An Act providing for tourism marketing and promotion; and establishing the Statewide Tourism Marketing Trust Fund.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 2, 2018.

No. 2052 By Representatives REESE, BARBIN, BARRAR, BERNSTINE, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CHARLTON, D. COSTA, DEASY, DOWLING, DRISCOLL, GILLEN, GODSHALL, GROVE, A. HARRIS, PHILLIPS-HILL, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, JOZWIAK, KINSEY, MURT, O'NEILL, ORTITAY, PASHINSKI, RAPP, READSHAW, ROTHMAN, ROZZI, RYAN, SACcone, WARD, WARNER, WATSON, ZIMMERMAN and BRADFORD

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, providing for military parent student support.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 2, 2018.

No. 2053 By Representative WHEATLEY

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in small and disadvantaged businesses, further providing for definitions, providing for authority to waive employee limit, for alternative certification, for contractor performance and general conditions, for mentor-protege program and for small business reserve program; establishing the Surety Bond Guarantee Program and the Surety Bond Guarantee Fund; and, in contracts for public works, further providing for contractors' and subcontractors' payment obligations.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2018.

No. 2055 By Representatives BOBACK, D. COSTA, DEAN, MURT, VITALI, MULLERY, O'BRIEN, HELM, ROZZI, STURLA, V. BROWN and COMMITTA

An Act providing for a health registry for the collection of health-related data associated with unconventional gas well drilling; imposing duties on the Department of Health; and providing for funding.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, February 5, 2018.

No. 2056 By Representatives BOBACK, MILLARD, GILLEN and ROZZI

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, further providing for volunteer-in-public-service negligence standard.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2018.

No. 2057 By Representatives BOBACK, HELM, D. COSTA, MURT, ROEBUCK, WARREN and WATSON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in grounds and buildings, providing for panic buttons in schools; in safe schools, further providing for Office for Safe Schools; and, in terms and courses of study, further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, February 5, 2018.

No. 2058 By Representatives ROZZI, KINSEY, DEAN, HAGGERTY, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, TOOHIL, DAVIS, YOUNGBLOOD, CALTAGIRONE and KIRKLAND

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for factors to consider when awarding custody, for guardian ad litem for child and for counsel for child; in Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, providing for child abuse and domestic violence education and training program for judges and guardians ad litem; and, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for rights and services.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2018.

No. 2059 By Representatives ROZZI, HAGGERTY, CALTAGIRONE, READSHAW, PASHINSKI, WATSON, DEAN, DAVIS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property rights, further providing for equitable division of marital property; in alimony and support, further providing for bar to alimony; in protection from abuse, further providing for definitions; in child protective services, further providing for definitions; and, in protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 5, 2018.

SENATE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SR 228, PN 1427

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, January 25, 2018.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 52, PN 1425

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 31, 2018.

SB 234, PN 1443

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, February 1, 2018.

SB 373, PN 1287

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, January 24, 2018.

SB 611, PN 1432

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2018.

SB 775, PN 1282

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 31, 2018.

SB 799, PN 1451

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 1, 2018.

SB 851, PN 1150

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, January 24, 2018.

SB 898, PN 1452

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 1, 2018.

SB 977, PN 1421

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 25, 2018.

SB 978, PN 1367

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, January 25, 2018.

SB 1015, PN 1408

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 1, 2018.

SB 1034, PN 1441

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 1, 2018.

The SPEAKER. Would all members please take their seats. All members, please come to the floor and take your seats.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER**

The SPEAKER. We are going to begin our special order of business, the swearing-in of Representative-elect Austin Davis of the 35th Legislative District.

So I am asking all members to please take their seats now, and the Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. The Sergeants at Arms are requested to close the doors of the House. All members should take their seats. Please take your seats. Sergeants, I will give it another minute. If there is any other member that wishes to come onto the floor, they have one more minute and then we are beginning with the proceeding. And then we will be closing the doors of the House. Any other members that wish to be at the swearing-in for our new colleague, please come onto the House floor. All members who wish to be at the swearing-in should be on the House floor.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and he will be presenting to us the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, Robert Torres, the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Speaker recognizes Robert Torres, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, to tell us about the returns.

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege and honor of presenting the returns and the certification of campaign expense compliance for the special election held January 23, 2018, in the 35th Legislative District.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Speaker thanks the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Robert Torres.

And our clerk will read the returns.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the thirty-fifth Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Allegheny County Board of Elections. Austin Davis, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.

Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICIAL RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
35TH Legislative District
January 23, 2018

DEMOCRATICVOTES

Austin Davis
1107 Washington Street
McKeesport, PA 15132

3,209

REPUBLICAN

Fawn Walker-Montgomery
3509 Mayfair Street
McKeesport, PA 15132

1,129

Scattered Write-ins

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CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly

from the 35th District in the Special Election held January 23, 2018, Austin Davis, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this fifth day of February, 2018.

Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The Sergeants at Arms are directed they can open the doors for other members to get on the House floor. You may open the doors to let any other members who wish to go onto the House floor.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker now requests that our new member-elect, Austin Davis, please come forward to the well of the House for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

Sir, please bring your Bible, your lovely wife.

The Chair is going to ask the guest of the Representative-elect to actually do the oath of office. The oath of office is required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and it is going to be administered today by the Honorable David L. Spurgeon, who is a judge in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

And, Judge, please come forward, sir.

REMARKS BY JUDGE SPURGEON

JUDGE SPURGEON. Good afternoon, everybody. I am Judge David Spurgeon from the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. I am very happy to be here this afternoon. I bid you greetings from the county of Allegheny, and I feel honored to be in your chamber today.

I am also privileged to be able to administer the oath of office to my friend, Austin Davis. It was a humbling experience for him to come to me and ask me to do such a thing. Austin and I have known each other for quite a long time. We have been involved politically as well as in our own community, and we both hail from the city of McKeesport and are both graduates of McKeesport Area Senior High School. So it is a great honor for me to be here today.

When I spoke to the Parliamentarian last week, he told me that I was able to make some brief remarks, and as a former trial lawyer in the district attorney's office, I will tell you I had a twinkle in my eye when I heard there may be a captive audience and a microphone. But at the same time I also recognize you have much more important business here today than to hear from me.

So I am just going to give Austin some words of encouragement, and they are words of encouragement that come in the form of a quote. It is a quote you may have heard on the national stage, probably about 18 months ago in Philadelphia, and it is when Secretary Clinton was giving this quote. But the first time I heard this quote actually was many, many years ago in my own confirmation class in sixth grade. And these are

words of encouragement that have been my touchstone in my career in public service and I hope that they are for you as well, Austin. So John Wesley said, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, At all the times you can, In all the places you can, To all the people you can, As long as you ever can."

Austin, that is my hope and my prayer for you today as you enter this new chapter of your life. I am very privileged that Austin will be now representing me as a member of the 35th Legislative District, and I could not be happier or more proud to have him serving in that capacity.

So if you will place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, Austin Ankarie Davis, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Member asserted oath.)

JUDGE SPURGEON. Congratulations, my friend.
Mr. DAVIS. Thank you.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Representative Davis, on behalf of the members of the House of Representatives, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this distinctive body. Today you will take your seat at a desk that is over 100 years old itself and in a seat that goes back to 1682 with the starting of the Provincial Assembly by William Penn. You are now a part of an institution that predates the United States Congress by more than a century. We are so honored to have you as part of this august democratic body, and we wish you great success as you represent the good people of the 35th Legislative District.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have some guests with Representative Davis. Will you please stand as you are introduced. First of all, Representative Davis' wife who is with him, Blayre. Thank you so much. His parents, Kathy and Ankarie, please stand. Thank you so much for being with us today. His sister, Lacey Davis. Lacey, thank you so much for being with us.

In addition to these guests, there is a large group of Representative Davis' friends and supporters today. Your backing has meant so much to this newly elected legislator, and for you to be here today means so much to him and to his lovely wife and parents and sister because you are the folks that allow him to be here. We are so appreciative that you have traveled this distance from the McKeesport area in the 35th District to be with us today. Please stand, all the guests.

Representative Davis, it is my understanding that you go back in your career in public service to high school, although you are young, and then I believe you founded and served as chairman of McKeesport Mayor James Brewster's Youth Advisory Council, now Senator. By the time you graduated in 2008, you decided to attend the University of Pittsburgh and you pursued a degree in political science, and you were in fact

hired as a legislative intern for this august body. I know you have worked with the Allegheny County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald, as an executive assistant to his office, you have served as a liaison with municipal officials and the county executive office, and you have been responsible for constituent services in many ways throughout the county.

I think I have this correct, you were a United States Delegate to the One Young World Summit in Bangkok, Thailand, and you have also been a member of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

I know you have received numerous awards and recognitions for work in government and within the community. Amongst them – and some of them are so significant – the Josh Gibson Foundation Civil Service Award, very significant; the McKeesport NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Character Leadership Award; and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Gentleman of Excellence in Government Award.

You are going to be serving with so many great people on both sides of the aisle. Take the time to get to know each and every one of them. Much of the work that is done in Harrisburg is quite bipartisan. Be a leader and be a friend and be a good colleague.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. At this time I want to recognize our leaders, who would both like to say some remarks. Beginning with the minority leader, Frank Dermody, and followed by the majority leader, Dave Reed, who wish to welcome you as well.

Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Judge Spurgeon, it is good to see you here today. Thank you for coming by and swearing Austin in.

And, Mr. Speaker, this is the second time in a month that we are welcoming a new member to the House of Representatives. In my view, it is a good thing. With each of these new arrivals, all of us who have spent more time here have an opportunity to look back and remember what it was like for us when we first took the oath of office. You have the opportunity to walk into this magnificent room and we get the chance to go to work here every day. We remember the excitement, the sense of achievement, the joy of sharing the occasion with special friends, and yes, we had a little sense of uncertainty as well. Today Austin Davis is taking his seat here in the House and I am sure he is feeling many of those same things.

I have known Austin Davis for a long time, 4 years, and I know that he is going to be a strong addition to this House. I know your dedication, I know your intelligence, and I know your desire to do the right thing. And all of those traits, all of those traits will make you a great Representative; you will do a great job in this House of Representatives.

As you mentioned, Mr. Speaker, Austin grew up in the district he now represents, in the city of McKeesport. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and has spent more than 5 years I think as a senior assistant and I will say the right-hand man to our county executive, Rich Fitzgerald, right? Absolutely. All of our delegation, if you are not from Allegheny County you will not know, but Austin Davis has done a tremendous job working and serving the people of Allegheny County for years

and he has been absolutely the best thing that Rich Fitzgerald has, he is his right-hand man. You are on the board of directors at the Greater Pittsburgh YMCA.

And I know that you are absolutely ready, because of your service with Rich Fitzgerald, because of your service in the county and your work in Allegheny County, you are ready to jump into this job and help House Democrats and advance our priorities and your priorities in the areas of jobs, education, public safety, and transportation. We have a plan for Pennsylvania and Austin Davis is going to help us make it happen. Yes. Yes.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to join you and all of our colleagues here today in congratulating Austin Davis on this special day. I also want to thank every person who helped Austin Davis get here today. I want to thank all of you for the work you have done. And all the people I know who could not make it up here today are back home in the district because he could not have done it without you. I know Blayre is here with you today, and we all know that if we could not rely on our families and have our families helping us, we could not do this job. So we appreciate all that you have done. We say thank you and take some pride in this because he is here because you helped and it is your victory as well.

Austin, you are going to make great contributions to this House and I cannot tell you how much that we all are looking forward to working with you to make you a success. I want to wish you good luck. I do not think you will need any luck. But I want to let you know how much we all look forward to working with you to move Pennsylvania forward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The majority leader, Dave Reed.

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

Austin, welcome. To you, to your wife, to your family, to your friends, to your supporters, welcome to the hall of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Take a moment while you are here, make sure you look up, make sure you look around, make sure you look back and appreciate this fine institution. Austin, you will come to this building every single day to work, and when you come to this building, I hope that you take the time to appreciate not just the magnificent beauty of this facility, of this institution, of our State government, but also understand the history involved in this Commonwealth, this body, the longest serving legislative body in the entire United States of America, starting well before our country itself was born. Make sure you take a moment when you walk through the rotunda, when you walk through the front doors of the Capitol, look down and see the plaque that commemorates where Teddy Roosevelt stood when he dedicated this building in 1906.

Make sure you think not just of the electoral process. The politics is gone; the responsibility is now upon your shoulders. We are Republicans, we are Democrats, but first we are Pennsylvanians. We are entrusted with a charge to keep by each and every person in this entire Commonwealth. Whether you are from an urban setting, a rural setting, or suburban setting, we share that responsibility together. Never forget that elections are not about celebrating one night in November with your

magnificent family and friends, but elections really are about a very simple principle of wanting to have that responsibility to control the future when those decisions are made.

You are going to make decisions that will impact not only our State today but for generations to come. Your children that will come one day will live with the decisions you make. Always remember that that is such an incredible responsibility and trust that has been placed upon you, and as long as you come to work every morning and you decide for yourself to do the right thing for the right reasons with the best information available, God will always lead you in the right path.

Congratulations and welcome to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

REMARKS BY MR. WHEATLEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Jake Wheatley, on unanimous consent.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I typically would never stand up and take more time than necessary to take away from the celebration of a new member, but this is such a historic occasion that I feel compelled to at least speak to it.

The SPEAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you.

First of all, I want to speak to the most important person today, which is not you, Austin, it is Miss Blayre. Thank you – first welcome, but then thank you for sharing Austin with the people of the 35th Legislative District, because without your love and support, he will not be able to do what he needs to do for those people back home. So I just want to say thank you for allowing him to have this space. Stay with him through all of his ups and downs, which he probably will have plenty, but know that the work he is doing is historical. So thank you.

To the parents, to the family, to the friends and supporters of Austin, I want to say thank you. It is historic, I did not think I would live or serve long enough to see the day that – I know this is not about race – but an African-American would represent anything other than the 24th and 19th Legislative Districts out west. So thank you for having the foresight and the commitment and the vision to support a young man like Representative Davis and sending him here.

Now, Austin, to you I am going to leave you with two, three things that my mentors gave to me when I first got elected. The first comes from Speaker K. Leroy Irvis. It was very good advice, although I did not always listen to it. He told me this House is the people's House. We do the people's work in this building. We do not come here to play around. We do not come here to diminish this institution in any way, form, or fashion. And he told me he should never look on TV and see me standing at a microphone until I understood the rules of this chamber. So I would offer you the same wise advice. Come here with a serious frame, the continued commitment to uplift the people of the 35th Legislative District, and also know that in front of your title is not a member of the 35th, the first thing is the Honorable State Representative. We make decisions here or should make decisions here that benefit the entirety of the State and not just our local districts.

The second comes from a good friend and mentor who is no longer here but he is in Congress. His name is Congressman Evans. He told me when I first got here, make a decision: Do

you want to be effective or do you want to be liked? That is the same decision you will have to make because there are different courses for it. But whatever that decision that you ultimately make, know that what you do here either will benefit or harm the people that chose you to be their eyes and their voice and their ears for them. That is not easy or should not be taken lightly. This place here either helps people in their lives or harms people in their lives.

So the last thing I will just tell you is this, a quote from again Speaker Irvis: "Through us, they speak." Always remember that. Whatever you do here reflects back home.

So thank you. Welcome. Look forward to serving with you, Austin.

The SPEAKER. If I might, Representative, if you and your wife and your parents and your sister could come up to the rostrum, we are going to take some photos here, and then if all the guests will just stay here, we will take some photos down there.

We are going to have just a short recess, members, to give the Representative and his guests some time. We are just going to be— Actually, not a recess, we are just going to be at ease for a short period of time, maybe 10 minutes. We are going to take some photos, give them an opportunity to get some photos, and then I will give them the opportunity to step off. So we are going to be at ease for about 10 minutes.

Representative, thank you.

Guests, please feel free, if you want to take some photos yourselves, get out of your chairs to take some photos. We are at ease, so you are more than welcome to do so. Please feel free to take some photos. And if you want to take photos, you know, with your cameras, go right ahead.

Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. We have some guests who have to take a 2 o'clock bus and it is an outstanding group. Guests, you may stay, you may stay here, please. I am not in any way— You do not need to leave the floor. I just have a group that we have to introduce before they have to leave on their bus. All members, please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Kampf and Representative Milne, please come up to the rostrum. Representative Kampf and Representative Milne, come on up, please.

I am feeling a lot of that Philadelphia Eagles spirit in the room. Today, today we are all Eagles fans, I can assure you. That was an outstanding win, an outstanding win. Our guests are taking off. I think there is a little Steelers spirit with our guests because I am from out west too, but we are all Eagles fans today, that is for sure.

Members, I am going to ask you to please take your seats because these young men have traveled a good distance to be with us today. Members, if you will please allow our guests with Representative Davis to exit from the floor. And if the Sergeants at Arms could close the doors of the House. All members are asked to please come onto the House floor, but I am going to have the Sergeants at Arms close the doors of the House. We need to move on to other business. And we have a group that has traveled some distance to be with us today. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. Number 20. Thank you. Thank you very much.

CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. We have a championship team with us today. We are so excited to have them. Representative Warren Kampf and Representative Duane Milne are going to be presenting a citation to these young men.

Sir, you may proceed.

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

Mr. Speaker, Representative Milne and I are here to celebrate a State championship team. That is the Conestoga High School Boys Soccer Team. Conestoga captured that State championship, the 2017 PIAA State Class 4A Boys Soccer Championship this fall. Class 4A, for those of you who may not know, is a class that includes schools which are anywhere between 750 and 1,000 students for the four grades.

This is Conestoga's second consecutive State title for this soccer championship for 4A. They beat the good gentleman from Lancaster County's high school, Hempfield High School, 4-nothing. I heard this from someone who was at the game but not associated with our team, that Hempfield was dominated by Conestoga.

As I mentioned, this is their second consecutive State championship, so they won last year. This is actually their fourth State championship. Coach Zimmerman, who just waved to you all, this is actually his third title in the last 7 years in the State, State championship with Conestoga.

Conestoga has won the Central League Championships four times in a row. One thing I think that is pretty important is the Central League in which they play, they have been undefeated in that league for the last 3 years, and the coaches of the league have for the last 5 years voted Conestoga to have the best sportsmanship in the league. So the team that dominates the league is also voted by the coaches of that league to be excellent at sportsmanship. So that is another excellent accolade for the team.

Let me just say behind me before I turn this over to Representative Milne, we have Coach Zimmerman, who is head of the social studies department; coach Blake Stabert, who is also in the social studies department; and captains Nick Jennings and Michael McCarthy.

If I could, Mr. Speaker, I will just quickly read the names of the other gentlemen who are in the back on the team: Luke Smith, Grant Burns, Ryan Bell, Logan Schwartz—

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

Members, as the good gentleman calls out your name, please stand.

And if you will just start from the beginning, Representative Kampf.

Mr. KAMPF. Sure. Luke Smith, Grant Burns, Ryan Bell, Logan Schwartz, Nate Xu, Matt Doble, Cael Willner, Alyan Youssaf, Rodrigo Martinez, Jack Murphy, Matt Rossi, Nino Mauro, Chris Donovan, Jake Silverstein, Jeff Charles, Elijah Brown, Andrew Castleman, Julian Niggeman, Ben Axel, Drew Weigand, Ryan Davis, Will Pless, Jason Ivey, Quinn Frederick, Ethan Cross, Patrick Kelly, and Colin Dougherty.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. All of the players, stand up. Great to have you here from Conestoga.

Representative Milne.

Mr. MILNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, gentlemen, please take a seat and make yourself comfortable. The only thing longer than a preacher with a microphone is a politician with a microphone.

So good afternoon to the chamber. We had a little bit of a football game last night. You may have heard a little something about that, and I was reminded of that at 6:45 this morning taking my son out to the bus stop and there were a lot of little sleepyheads on that bus at 6:45 in the morning after a big night and an early morning for them. But the good news is, they all had very contented looks on their face and very green outfits adorned them and they were all pumped up to go off to middle school.

So today we have another champion in this day of green being the color to fly with and Eagles being the national symbol in more ways than one. We have the Pioneers from Conestoga High School with us, as my friend, Warren Kampf, has indicated, the gray and maroon, who have dominated the soccer field just like the Eagles dominated the football field last night.

And I think what makes this team great for Conestoga are some of the same traits that made the Eagles great this season in the NFL (National Football League). This is a team I can tell you from having seen some of the games over past seasons where teamwork really is how they play together. This is a team that works together, bonds together, and truly is concerned about putting team before individual, and that does start with the coach, who really instills that ethos in the young men. This is a team that truly practices persistence, determination, and grit just like the Eagles did. This is a team that works hard, they practice hard, they play hard, and persistence and determination I can tell you really carry the day with this team. Again, I think that is all because of the commitment these young men have to the sport and to pursuing excellence along the way. This is a team that really cares about each other and cares about itself, and I think that makes all the difference in terms of why they won the sportsmanship's awards along the way.

To the credit of the young men here, besides the athletic accomplishments that many of them have shown, this is a team that has really balanced athletic and academic performance. Conestoga High School is one of the best high schools, not just in Pennsylvania, but in the entire United States, and has been ranked in the top 10 at times across the States, and that is because of the academic excellence that this school provides for the young men. So to their credit and to the coaches' leadership, this is a group of young men before you that have truly balanced academics, athletics, and character, and I know that is going to serve them all well as they move forward with their post-high school careers.

I think the only thing that separates them from the Eagles, they have one thing I think going for them already that the Eagles do not quite yet – and Representative Kampf alluded to this – they have been up here before. This team is already a bit of a dynasty in the high school soccer world. So they have already established themselves as a team to be reckoned with. So I think you have set the standard, actually, for the Eagles to follow in your footsteps because it is a team that has been up here many times over the past few years.

So with that, I want to congratulate the Conestoga High School Boys Soccer for another State championship. I look forward to them coming up here again next year, and I know they join all of their regional teammates, the gentleman from

Tredyffrin Township, and everybody in congratulating the Eagles for the historic first win in their Super Bowl, and congratulations to the Conestoga High School Pioneers. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have a number of guests here with us.

To the left of the rostrum, we welcome Jayne Miller. Jayne, will you please stand. It is such an honor to have you. This is the new CEO (chief executive officer) of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and she is here with Meg Cheever. Meg is the retiring CEO. There are many galas in the Pittsburgh area, but none I think has the attention that the one that the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy does. And they are guests today of Representative Dan Frankel. And so much great work has been done by the organization and we look forward, Jayne, to your leadership as well. Thank you for being with us today.

In the rear of the House, we have very special guests – and they are also in the gallery – we are welcoming students today from King's Highway Elementary School's fourth grade class. Could you all please stand, everybody from that fourth grade class. We are so excited to have you. Now, here is who they are guests of – think about this – Representative Harry Lewis' granddaughter, Amari, is in this class. Where is she? Oh, she is waving in the back there. Hey, it is great to have you here. And on behalf of Representative Lewis and all the members of the House of Representatives, thanks for being with us today. We really appreciate it. Thanks for making the trip. Have a great day.

We have some guests – and I hope I am going to say the names correctly – Erin Weber. Erin, if you will stand. Olivia Sribniak, I believe I am saying that correctly. Listen, I have a tough name, so I apologize. Anthony – and is it Anthony Gyke? Great. Thank you so much for joining us. They are with Representative Eli Evankovich. And we are so honored to have you here. We are going to be taking some photos after we break, if you can wait with us. Thank you very much for being here.

In the rear of the House, Jim Cooper. Where is Jim Cooper? Jim, please stand. He is interning with Representative Warren Kampf. Welcome. Thanks for coming up today.

We do have some guests with respect to resolutions. We are going to do those shortly.

But at this time I would like— Is our good friend and colleague, Representative Petri, or former, yes, I know, Representative Petri.

Members, after the students leave, we are going to close the doors of the House and Representative Petri is going to be giving his farewell remarks as a legislator. We are so honored to have him here today. But I am just going to wait until the rest of the guests have left the floor. And the Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. PETRI

The SPEAKER. Representative Petri, we are so honored to have you say your remarks today after serving 14 years representing the 178th District from Bucks County. I will have more to say afterwards, but, sir, the floor is yours.

Mr. PETRI. I thank the Speaker for this opportunity to address my now former colleagues. I enjoyed every day of my 15 years of service. Those of you who sat near me know how much I grumbled at times – okay, every day – but who does not? We are all individuals with strong convictions who like to get our way 100 percent of the time.

Once you leave the legislature, you do have a chance to reflect, and as you pack your memorabilia, reflection becomes natural. It is interesting, when I compared my legislative accomplishments against the literature at home that described my campaign and what I intended to do, I noticed that the accomplishments that I am most proud of were topics that were never part of any of my campaigns. Let me give you some examples: rewriting the child protection laws, which took me on an 8-year journey; locating the national cemetery in Bucks County; funds for expansion of libraries, police stations, and fire companies; ensuring that Washington Crossing Park had adequate funding and was properly managed; passage out of the House twice of adoption reform and pension forfeiture of felonies connected to a public employee's job. What is true about everything we accomplish as legislators is that anything we do which is impactful, we do with wide assistance and participation. So I must thank all of those who supported these efforts both here, in the Senate, and at home.

In December as I signed my resignation letter as the House member from the 178th District, it struck me immediately that it was time for someone else to guide the process and to decide how the State's public policies should address the needs of Bucks County and Pennsylvania. Fifteen years is a long time, though I still had much I wanted to accomplish. By the way, if you are looking for a retirement gift for me, passage of the pension forfeiture bill and the package of adoption modernization bills sponsored by myself and many other members of the Children and Youth Committee would be perfect. I hope the Senate is listening, and thank you, Chairman Watson and Chairman Marsico, for twice shepherding those bills through the House.

You know, as the decision to leave and take on a new challenge was being discussed with my family, it occurred to me that in the past 15 years I was out of town and in Harrisburg for over 2 1/2 years. Of course, now that I am home every night, I do have concerns that my 33-year marriage is now in jeopardy. When I came home after session, my wife and son called it the reentry experience. Now there is reentry every night.

My family supported me at every step, for each election and in the cold obtaining signatures for petitions, resoling several shoes worn out from knocking on doors; many town hall meetings, fundraisers, functions, Boy Scout citations; running for Congress and running for Appropriations chair. Everything I did I depended upon their assent and active participation.

When I was writing this speech, I remember when I was first elected and I was explaining to my son how I would not be home every night, he was 6 at that time, and he sat on my lap and he said, "Daddy, why will you not be home every night for a nice boy like me?" And I remember feeling this instant gasp, and I explained to him, "Well, I could be home every night, but you would be in bed by the time I got home and you would still be asleep by the time I left." He jumped off my lap and I gasped again a sigh of relief, thinking maybe I had put that aside apparently unaffected for the moment. But I knew at that moment, that I knew whatever happened in this chamber, I had to make arrangements so I could be involved in family activities. I was able to coach basketball for 5 years, attended hundreds of baseball games and golf tournaments and every other thing that a parent with children does. Finding a balance is so important, not just for your family but especially for us. Losing those opportunities, you never get them back.

Ellen, you held it all together. You have always been my rock, my biggest fan. I am not sure I deserve it, but I want to thank you. As the former State Rep for the 178th, let me personally thank you for your work and commitment to Washington Crossing Park. Your accomplishments are part of history. Thank you.

My son, who is at Villanova, and by the way, I will make the prediction now, there will be another parade in Philadelphia for Villanova when they win. A lot of pressure on the team, but they will get there. Drew, I am so proud of the man you have become and thankful that you shared me with so many people. I know that was not easy. To my staff, you are the best. The image a Representative has is largely based upon constituent services. You and I both know that you helped hundreds of people with grace, compassion, and joy. So many times I was thanked by constituents and had to acknowledge that it was handled without my involvement. Theresa Carroll, Tom Dougherty, Patricia Caimano, Carolyn Tantillo, Ann Marie Segilia, and Lea Farrell, you are simply amazing. I hope you are as gratified in the way we helped individuals as I am. I think about those families that we touched almost every day. Please stand and be recognized.

During my time here in Harrisburg, I had the chance to work with staff who shaped the policies of Pennsylvania. I cannot mention all of you but did want to single out a few:

Lea, your work as administrative assistant for Ethics, Urban Affairs, and Gaming was exemplary. Your research skills were thorough and precise, and you will serve whomever in this chamber very well.

Theresa, Pat, and Carolyn, your research and our discussions regarding legislation were extremely helpful in helping me formulate thoughts and decisions in Harrisburg. The time you spent with me at town hall meetings is well appreciated.

Ashley Grimm, best lawyer a chairman could hope for handling difficult issues. You guided the Ethics Committee so well. I wish I could share with members, but because of confidentiality, we cannot, but you and I know how well you performed and how well you served our members.

Jill Vecchio, your expertise and knowledge of the pension systems made the pension forfeiture bill great. Christine Goldbeck, what can I say that so many have not already said? Seriously, you are a member's staffer. You make us laugh. You would walk through a brick wall for us and you do torture us. You are really funny. The latter is why we appreciate you so much.

Donna Pinkham, you are able to decipher modern hieroglyphics – that is my handwriting. Punctual and most importantly proactive.

Karen Coates, whom I affectionately called Atom Ant. Mighty, just, forthright, a friend always.

On my committees I served with many members who deserve special thanks: Chairmen Baker, Harper, Taylor, Freeman, and Adolph, you were my mentors and I attempted to emulate you in the way I handled my committees as chairman.

Chairmen Longiotti, Caltagirone, and Harkins, working with you was my honor. Almost all of the bills we passed were unanimous because we built consensus, dispelling the notion of partisanship.

Our Ethics Committee work was remarkable – a committee that worked for the institution's good, never considered politics, and gave great thought to consequences. The rewrite of the House Rules on Ethics is a permanent piece of our collective achievement. Thank you to Representatives Ellis, Metzgar, Delozier, Longiotti, Dean, Kavulich, and O'Brien.

The Appropriations staff, best committee I served on. I highly recommend to every member that you serve on that committee. It gives you an understanding of all the policies and procedures and just about everything you need to know about how taxpayers' dollars are spent. Fantastic staff from top to bottom.

My Buck's County brothers and sisters – Gene, Bernie, Frank, Marguerite, Craig, and Kathy – we have spent hours together here and at home. In my life I actually have one brother and one sister, but in Harrisburg I had five brothers and three sisters. Tina, John, and Perry, best to you. Our Bucks County delegation proved over and over again that geography was more important to us than party affiliation. I am a huge fan of all of you and will continue to admire you as you stick together. Martina and John, thank you for being part of our Bucks County delegation.

Southeastern members, many thanks. In my new venture we will be working together. Do not be strangers. My office is at Seventh and Market. I hope you will come and see me, but please pay your tickets. I do not want your phone calls when your car is booted.

Over the years I watched other members give their retirement speeches and I wondered what words of wisdom could I pass on, so here it goes: With the tremendous honor to enact and debate policy in this chamber and with the great weight that is bestowed on us – remember, we are here for a moment in history, a blip in time – take everything you do as a reflection of you, your beliefs and your convictions. Let no one unduly influence you or steer you from your resolve. This institution and its gilded ornamentation deserves nothing less.

Thank you all for your friendship and thank you to the constituents of the 178th for your vote of confidence in me.

Thank you very much.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. First of all, I know Representative Petri mentioned a number of them, but please, if his wife, Ellen, could please stand. Ellen, thank you so much.

First of all, as many of you know, Representative Petri is so smart, very diligent, outstanding, really, presenter on the floor, and always asks outstanding questions. But what I loved about

Scott is that you would see him with his notepad and writing down his perspectives or his arguments on the various issues, and very – in many ways prosecutorial – but just really articulate arguments, always evidence-based and designed to put forth his perspective and the perspective of his district in Bucks County, the 178th District.

Sir, you have served with such distinction and had an impact on so much positive legislation. We are certainly going to miss you here and your camaraderie and your guidance for so many of the members. And also, I know you served on Appropriations and have chaired Gaming Oversight, but your work on the Ethics Committee, I know nobody would ever – you know, we are not to know the details of the work, but I know how thorough you were and how much you took the confidentiality aspect of that seriously. Really, your professionalism in being able to manage that has held this institution in high regard.

Representative Petri, Chairman Petri, thank you so much, and all the best in your new endeavor with the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Very, very much appreciate your service as do the citizens of Pennsylvania.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Here are our leaves of absence for the day: Representative Jim CHRISTIANA of Beaver County for the day, Representative Eric NELSON of Westmoreland County for the day, Representative Jeff PYLE of Armstrong County for the week, and Representative Bob GODSHALL of Montgomery County for the week. Without objection, those will be granted.

Representative Curtis THOMAS of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Pat HARKINS of Erie County for the day, Representative John GALLOWAY of Bucks County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to proceed to vote on the master roll. Please vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—193

Baker	Dush	Krueger	Readshaw
Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Reed
Barrar	Emrick	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	English	Lewis	Roe
Bernstine	Evankovich	Longietti	Roe
Bizzarro	Evans	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bloom	Everett	Madden	Rothman
Boback	Fabrizio	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Farry	Mako	Ryan
Bradford	Fee	Maloney	Sacccone
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Sainato
Brown, R.	Flynn	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Frankel	Marsico	Sankey
Bullock	Freeman	Masser	Santora
Burns	Fritz	Matzie	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gainey	McCarter	Schemel
Carroll	Gillen	McClinton	Schlossberg
Causser	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schweyer
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Simmons
Charlton	Greiner	Mehaffie	Sims

Comitta	Grove	Mentzer	Snyder
Conklin	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Solomon
Cook	Hahn	Metzgar	Sonney
Corbin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Staats
Corr	Harper	Millard	Stephens
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Miller, D.	Tallman
Cox	Heffley	Milne	Taylor
Cruz	Helm	Moul	Tobash
Culver	Hennessey	Mullery	Toepel
Cutler	Hickernell	Murt	Toohil
Daley	Hill	Mustio	Topper
Davidson	Irvin	Neilson	Vazquez
Davis, A.	James	Nesbit	Vitali
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Walsh
Dawkins	Kampf	O'Neill	Ward
Day	Kaufner	Oberlander	Warner
Dean	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kavulich	Pashinski	Watson
DeLissio	Keefer	Peifer	Wentling
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, W.	Quigley	White
Diamond	Kim	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Kirkland	Rabb	
Dowling	Klunk	Rader	Turzai, Speaker
Driscoll	Knowles	Rapp	
Dunbar	Kortz	Ravenstahl	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Christiana	Galloway	Harkins	Pyle
Gabler	Godshall	Nelson	Thomas

LEAVES ADDED—1

Kaufner

LEAVES CANCELED—3

Galloway	Kaufner	Nelson
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The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-three members having voted on the master roll, we have a quorum.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. HELM called up **HR 632, PN 2836**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 15, 2018, as "Irena Sendler Day" in Pennsylvania in recognition of her bravery and humanitarian efforts.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 633, PN 2845**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2018 as "National Mentoring Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Baker	Dush	Krueger	Readshaw
Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Reed
Barrar	Emrick	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	English	Lewis	Roae
Bernstine	Evankovich	Longietti	Roe
Bizzarro	Evans	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bloom	Everett	Madden	Rothman
Boback	Fabrizio	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Farry	Mako	Ryan
Bradford	Fee	Maloney	Saccone
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Sainato
Brown, R.	Flynn	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Frankel	Marsico	Sankey
Bullock	Freeman	Masser	Santora
Burns	Fritz	Matzie	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gainey	McCarter	Schemel
Carroll	Gillen	McClinton	Schlossberg
Causer	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schweyer
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Simmons
Charlton	Greiner	Mehaffie	Sims
Comitta	Grove	Mentzer	Snyder
Conklin	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Solomon
Cook	Hahn	Metzgar	Sonney
Corbin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Staats
Corr	Harper	Millard	Stephens
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Miller, D.	Tallman
Cox	Heffley	Milne	Taylor
Cruz	Helm	Moul	Tobash
Culver	Hennessey	Mullery	Toepel
Cutler	Hickernell	Murt	Toohil
Daley	Hill	Mustio	Topper
Davidson	Irvin	Neilson	Vazquez
Davis, A.	James	Nesbit	Vitali
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Walsh
Dawkins	Kampf	O'Neill	Ward
Day	Kaufer	Oberlander	Warner
Dean	Kauffman	Oritay	Warren
Deasy	Kavulich	Pashinski	Watson
DeLissio	Keefer	Peifer	Wentling
DeLozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, W.	Quigley	White
Diamond	Kim	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Kirkland	Rabb	
Dowling	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
Driscoll	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Dunbar	Kortz	Ravenstahl	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Christiana	Galloway	Harkins	Pyle
Gabler	Godshall	Nelson	Thomas

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

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. M. KELLER called up **HR 660, PN 2937**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 19 through 26, 2018, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. HILL called up **HR 664, PN 2946**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 10 through 17, 2018, as "Court Reporting and Captioning Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. METZGAR called up **HR 677, PN 2970**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 5 through 11, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Baker	Dush	Krueger	Readshaw
Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Reed
Barrar	Emrick	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	English	Lewis	Roae
Bernstine	Evankovich	Longietti	Roe
Bizzarro	Evans	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bloom	Everett	Madden	Rothman
Boback	Fabrizio	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Farry	Mako	Ryan
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Briggs	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Sainato
Brown, R.	Flynn	Marshall	Samuelson
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Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Miller, D.	Tallman
Cox	Heffley	Milne	Taylor
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Culver	Hennessey	Mullery	Toepel
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Deasy	Kavulich	Pashinski	Watson
DeLissio	Keefer	Peifer	Wentling
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, W.	Quigley	White
Diamond	Kim	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Kirkland	Rabb	
Dowling	Klunk	Rader	Turzai,
Driscoll	Knowles	Rapp	Speaker
Dunbar	Kortz	Ravenstahl	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Christiana	Galloway	Harkins	Pyle
Gabler	Godshall	Nelson	Thomas

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

STATEMENT BY MR. KELLER

The SPEAKER. On these resolutions we do have guests with us here today who have been kind enough to travel some distances. We will begin with Chairman Keller, Mark Keller. Representative Keller has some guests and he will be speaking on HR 660, which we just unanimously passed, HR 660.

Representative Keller, you can come up here to the rostrum and bring your guests up with you, please. And, members in the back, if you want to come up front, just come down the side of the aisle and then we will bring you up here to the rostrum. Representative Mark Keller. Members, please take your seats. These guests have traveled some distance to be with us today.

Representative Keller.

Mr. M. KELLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank all the colleagues here for your unanimous support of HR 660, which designates the week of February 19 through 26, 2018, as "FFA Week" here in Pennsylvania. Its official name is the National FFA Organization, and the letters FFA stand for Future Farmers of America. The name was updated several years ago to reflect the growth from its agricultural beginnings into leadership building organizations and also welcomes members who aspire to have careers in teaching, doctors, scientists, owners, business owners, and much, much more. In accordance with the FFA motto, members serve their chapter, community, and country by cultivating friendships and planting new ideas and seeds of hope wherever they go.

FFA membership has reached an all-time high with more than 653,000 members from 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. They are learning to be successful leaders in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience, and nine other fields.

Many FFA members live far from the farm, yet they have an interest in the related fields such as food science, turf management, and horticulture. In fact, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent just 27 percent of the national organization. And listen to this stat: And more young women are getting involved in FFA. They now comprise 45 percent of the total membership and nearly 50 percent of all FFA officer teams. I am proud to say that more than 13,000 young people across this Commonwealth wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket that distinguishes FFA members, including our State FFA officers who are with me today.

I would like to take this time to introduce those officers, and if you would raise your hand, they are right behind me: President Nathan Moyer; Vice President Thomas Gabel, who happens to be one of my constituents and I am very proud to stand here and say that I think this is 5 consecutive years that one of the State officers has come from some school district within my district. The rest of the officers are: Secretary Taylor Halblieb; Treasurer Brody Coolidge; Reporter Philip Winklosky; Sentinel Justin Kurtz; Chaplain Kelsey Stewart; and of course their executive director, Mike Brammer. Would you give them a good round of applause.

Mr. Speaker, as you well know, I am a very strong supporter of FFA because of its efforts that the organization is helping to endure in the future of Pennsylvania agriculture, its number one industry here. They will be in excellent hands. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker, and thanks again to my colleagues for supporting the FFA Week in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. What fine individuals. Thank you so much for joining us.

STATEMENT BY MRS. BULLOCK

The SPEAKER. Representative Donna Bullock, I know, has some guests here today, too, I believe, and, Representative Bullock, if you want to come to the rostrum, feel free, and if you want to bring your guests up, please feel free to have them come up with us. Just come down this side aisle, just come right down here, and I will get you right over.

Members, please take your seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. All members should be on the floor.

Representative Bullock, the floor is yours.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I have with me Abby Ellis and Adelaide Mosehler from the Mentor Independence Region.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I rise today to express my support and gratitude for my colleagues supporting my resolution which designates January 2018 as "National Mentoring Month" in Pennsylvania.

Mentoring is a proven, effective approach in helping children and young adults by matching them with caring, responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction while building their confidence. The supportive, healthy relationship formed between a mentor and a child is both immediate and long-term and contributes a host of benefits.

The proof is in the numbers. Youth who were at risk but had a mentor were 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school, 37 percent less likely to skip class, 46 percent

less likely than their peers to start using drugs, and 27 percent less likely to start drinking. They were also 81 percent more likely to participate in sports or other extracurricular activities, 55 percent more likely to enroll in college, 78 percent more likely to volunteer, 90 percent more likely to become a mentor themselves, and 130 percent more likely to hold leadership positions.

Mentoring is a proven investment of time and resources in our future. I am sure many of us have reaped the benefits of having a mentor in our life as a child or even as a professional, and many of us have served as mentors ourselves, and I want to thank each and every one of you for that service.

This resolution acknowledges the benefits of mentoring and encourages organizations like the Mentor Independence Region, Big Brother Big Sister of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and the Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania to continue the work that they do for our young people.

Once again I would like to thank my colleagues for your unanimous support and vote and ask that if you are not currently mentoring someone, that you consider making a difference in a young person's life today. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Bullock, and thank you to your guests.

STATEMENT BY MRS. HILL

The SPEAKER. Representative Phillips-Hill is recognized to speak on HR 664. I believe she has some guests with her today.

Representative Phillips-Hill.

Mrs. HILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support of HR 664, which designates February 10 through February 17 as "Court Reporting and Captioning Week" in Pennsylvania.

Please join me in welcoming to the hall of the House Julie Wilson, Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association District 7 director; Linda Larson, Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association secretary-treasurer; Tiva Wood, immediate past president of the National Court Reporters Association; and Colleen Wentz, Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association District 2 director. Ladies, thank you for joining us here today.

They once were called scribes, whose job was to translate the spoken word into text in order to record and preserve the history of a civilization. In ancient Egypt, for example, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents.

Scribes were present with our nation's Founders as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted. And President Abraham Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation.

Since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country. Here in the House of Representatives we are fortunate to have court reporters to preserve our members' words and actions for the record and for future generations.

Captioners are responsible for the closed-captioning text that is seen scrolling across our television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hearing-impaired Americans every day.

Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, these individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record.

Mr. Speaker, this special week to recognize their profession is meant to bring public attention to the important duty they perform for all of us every day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again to my colleagues for their support of HR 664.

STATEMENT BY MS. HELM

The SPEAKER. Representative Sue Helm is recognized to speak on HR 632.

And, Representative Helm, I understand you have some guests today. Yes, guests, please come on up and join Representative Helm. You may proceed, Representative.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support of HR 632, which designates February 15, 2018, as "Irena Sendler Day" in Pennsylvania to recognize a Polish woman, many have never heard of, but whose story needs to be told. February 15 is the birthday of Irena Sendler, who is credited with helping to save more than 2,500 Jewish children from the Nazi death camps during World War II.

This Catholic woman lived in Warsaw and established a network that helped spirit these children to other families who had hid them until the end of the war. She personally smuggled out about 400 of the children.

They were given fake Christian names and taught Christian prayers in case they were tested by the Nazis. However, Mrs. Sendler was determined the children would not lose their Jewish identities and kept careful documentation, listing their fake Christian names, their given names, and their current location on a piece of paper.

She would place the paper in a jar and bury it in a vacant lot under an apple tree, which is still there, hoping to retrieve it after the war and eventually reunite the children with their parents. Unfortunately, most of the parents were deported and murdered at the Treblinka death camp.

Irena Sendler was arrested by the Gestapo in October 1943, jailed and severely tortured as they broke her legs and feet. Despite this horrible treatment, she refused to betray any of her comrades or the children they rescued, and was sentenced to death by firing squad. However, she managed to escape when a colleague bribed the guards on the way to her execution. She then lived in hiding for the remainder of the war. Even though she had rescued so many children, Irena Sendler was always haunted by the lives she was unable to save.

Irena Sendler died in 2008 at the age of 98. Her story has been told in several books, movies, and documentaries. In her later years she received many awards and honors, including recognition by Pope John Paul II and the U.S. Congress. And now the Pennsylvania House of Representatives joins that list by setting aside a special day named in her honor to raise awareness about Irena Sendler's brave and humanitarian efforts to save so many young lives.

I would like to thank Timothy Caso and his son, Robert, for bringing this great lady to my attention. They are standing behind me. They are the constituents of Representative Kathy Watson but are friends of my constituents. I asked how they knew about Irena Sendler, and this was their reply: "I did not

have a direct relationship with Ms. Sendler. I read her book "Life in a Jar" and was deeply affected by her bravery, strength, and humility. I was also saddened to learn that very few people were aware of her accomplishments. This inspired me to reach out to your office to see if we could see to it that this courageous woman received some well-deserved recognition for her fearless sacrifices." And I will say they did present me with this book, "Life in a Jar." If I sparked any interest, you can purchase this book and read all about her.

I just want to say thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks again to all my colleagues for their support of HR 632.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Helm.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.

STATEMENT BY MR. DUSH

The SPEAKER. Members, Representative Cris Dush is recognized for an important proclamation.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my honor every year to pass on the proclamation from the seer of seers, the prognosticator of prognosticators, Punxsutawney Phil. There has only been one Punxsutawney Phil. He has been making these predictions for over 131 years. He gets his longevity from drinking the elixir of life, a secret recipe that only groundhogs can partake of. After Phil emerges from his burrow on February 2, he speaks to the Groundhog Club president in Groundhogese, a language only understood by the current president of the Inner Circle. His proclamation is then translated to the world. And by the way, we have had people from all over the world routinely show up for this. This year Japan and even Pakistan were represented. But the proclamation this year reads: "Up early this morning, far from home. Are you searching for the Philosopher's stone? Well, even my best friends, they don't know. Is it an early spring or just more snow? My faithful followers, your hands (and my paws) are getting cold so here is my forecast, not lead, but solid gold: I see my royal Shadow! Six more weeks of Winter to go!"

And by the way, the cookies are in the back, the traditional cookies for the members. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Dush.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, two more sad announcements here and I do apologize, and then we will have our caucus announcements. But on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would certainly like to extend my sincerest sympathy to the family of Pam Albert. As you know, Pam has served so diligently and loyally to the majority leader, Dave Reed, and to our caucus and citizens of Pennsylvania. Her son, Braden, age 13, passed away this past Saturday, and she and her son are certainly in our thoughts. Her husband, Scot, and her daughter, Amber, as well. May God bless each and every one of them. There will be visitation and a service, I believe, on Wednesday, and you can get that information from the majority leader's office. May God bless.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MRS. BULLOCK

The SPEAKER. Also, at this time Representative Donna Bullock has information with respect to the passing of one of our former colleagues.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I rise today to express our condolences to the family of the late Frank Oliver, former State Representative of Philadelphia County.

Mr. Oliver dedicated his life to serving and protecting his community and our Commonwealth. When he first ran in a special election in 1973, Mr. Oliver only intended to represent the 195th District for 1 year. Well, that 1 year turned into 37 years when he ended his legislative career in 2010 and retired as the most senior African-American elected official in the Commonwealth and the longest serving member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

When I ran for the 195th District in a special election in 2015, I did not know Mr. Oliver beyond his name or his legacy and he did not know me, but within months he became an adviser and a mentor. He would say, "If you remember the people...first, then you may get to serve as long as I did." He would also say that if he decided to run again, he could beat me. And I believed him.

The 195th District benefited from his 37 years of leadership. During his tenure in the State legislature, he fought for legislation to protect the most vulnerable populations. He was one of the founding members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, and he chaired the Health and Human Services Committee as well as the State Government Committee. He introduced legislation that enhanced First Amendment freedoms and benefits for women and minority civil service employees.

Mr. Oliver also played an active role in promoting the building of new supermarkets in Philadelphia and throughout the Commonwealth. In 2003 he introduced a resolution that called for the Health and Human Services Committee to study the lack of supermarkets in underserved communities. As a result of Mr. Oliver's efforts, then-Governor Ed Rendell designated \$150 million for the development of supermarkets throughout the State.

A public servant his entire life, Frank Oliver served his community and this Commonwealth faithfully and with integrity, and if any of you had the honor to know him, it would be no surprise to you that he never stopped serving. I recall him holding court right from his porch or even in his living room. After I was elected, I would visit with Mr. Oliver and he would offer his guidance, and without fail, during every single visit, a neighbor or a constituent would stop by his home asking for help or thanking him for help he already provided.

Well known and much admired by his colleagues and constituents, Mr. Oliver was a staple in the Capitol and in our community. Though many remember Mr. Oliver for his dapper attire and his quick wit, there was more to him. He was a natural leader, a beacon of guidance, a fighter, and a steady source of wisdom. Moreover, he had compassion for the residents in our district. It was an honor to know him and to work with him. I am proud to build upon his legacy and to recognize him on the House floor today. May his soul rest in peace, and may his tenure in this legislative body continue to inspire generations of leaders to come.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority caucus chair for an announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus immediately. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 5 o'clock.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. And, Representative Freeman, caucus announcement.

Mr. FREEMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

House Democrats will caucus at 3:45 and we will be prepared to return to the floor at 5 o'clock.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Reed, for a Rules Committee announcement, sir.

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

There will be a meeting of the House Rules Committee at 3:30 in the Appropriations conference room; a meeting of the House Rules Committee at 3:30 in the Appropriations conference room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. There will be a meeting of the House Rules Committee at 3:30 in the Appropriations conference room.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 359, PN 2922**, and **HB 1448, PN 2921**, 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 1653, PN 2214**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 1653, PN 2214

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, further providing for eligibility for State scholarship.

SB 497, PN 876

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

SB 542, PN 1263

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further defining unlawful acts concerning emergency prescriptions.

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

The SPEAKER. At this time the House will stand— Yes, Joanna, you are recognized. Representative McClinton is recognized.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like all of the Philadelphia Eagles fans to meet me down here for a picture, E-a-g-l-e-s.

The SPEAKER. All members wearing their green today, come on down with Representative McClinton for a photo. Go Eagles. Really, an amazing victory and season.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 5 p.m. The House will stand in recess until 5 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 5:30 p.m.; further extended until 7:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 348, PN 2912**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sentences for offenses committed with firearms.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 979, PN 1136**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, providing for the offense of false caller identification information display; and imposing penalties.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1974, PN 2830**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for rights.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1979, PN 2837**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for twenty year limitation.

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

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 359, PN 2922 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and for suspension of privileges pending payment of penalties; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for killing game or wildlife by mistake; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for period of revocation.

RULES.

HB 1175, PN 2801 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for definitions, for registration, for reporting, for prohibited activities, for administration, for penalties and for registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

RULES.

HB 1602, PN 2821 By Rep. REED

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1008 over the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam Township, York County, as the SPC Martin Wilson Kondor Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps Bridge; designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway; designating portions of Interstate Route 176 in New Morgan Borough, Caernarvon Township, Robeson Township and Cumru Township, Berks County, as the

Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway, the Persian Gulf War Veterans Memorial Highway and the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 beginning at mile marker 391 and ending at the Pennsylvania Route 940 intersection, Monroe County, as the Roy J. Gross, Sr., Memorial Highway.

RULES.

COMMUNICATION FROM INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's Annual Report on the Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker also acknowledges receipt of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's 2017 Year End Allocation Report.

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The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Innovation Zone Tax Credit and Tax Credit Sale Programs for fiscal year 2017-18.

(Copies of communications are on file with the Journal clerk.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read the following report from the Committee on Committees. This is coming from Representative Dan Deasy, as the minority chair of that particular committee.

The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
February 5, 2018

Resolved that,

Representative Davis, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

Representative Davis, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Game and Fisheries Committee *vice* Representative Snyder resigned.

Representative Davis, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Commerce Committee.

Representative Davis, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Representative Kulik, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Consumer Affairs Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Dan Deasy
Chairman
Committee on Committees

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

Would all the members please report to the floor. All members, please report to the floor. The House is in session. All members, please report to the floor.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 936, PN 1281**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, these amendments are those that were in order and I understand they are going to be withdrawn. It is amendment 5478, Representative Dom Costa. Representative Donatucci has amendment 5330. Representative Pashinski has 5438. Representative Snyder has 5425. Representative Krueger-Braneky has 5482. Representative Dan Miller has 5510. Representative Dom Costa has amendment 5456. Representative Mullery has 5442. Representative Davis has 5472. Representative Donatucci has 5480. Representative Bizzarro has 5428. Representative Dan Miller has 5450. Representative Schweyer has amendment 5488. Representative Ravenstahl has 5486. Representative Cephas has 5595. Representative Mullery has the following: 5516, 5522, 5520, 5582, 5508. Representative Schweyer has 5331. Representative Dan Miller has 5415. Representative Dean has 5541. Representative Pashinski has 5589. Representative Pashinski has a corrective reprint of 5591 in the new number of 5691. Representative Krueger-Braneky has 5518; Representative Krueger-Braneky has 5332; Representative Krueger-Braneky has 5587. Representative Galloway has 5585. Representative DiGirolamo's 5580 has been ruled out of order with all other amendments that were ruled out of order.

I need to know if any of these amendments are being withdrawn. If they are withdrawn, please let me know; then I will be addressing Representative Mackenzie next.

Representative Hanna or Representative Dermody, if somebody could just let us know where we are with these amendments.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

CONSIDERATION OF SB 936 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Hanna is recognized on the amendments that we articulated. I just need to know if they are being withdrawn. If they are, we need to state so on the record; then I will call Representative Mackenzie next.

Representative Hanna is recognized.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that all the amendments, both Republican and Democrat, are pulled.

The SPEAKER. We are going to call on Representative Mackenzie next. Right now as long as I understand that all the amendments that I articulated are withdrawn, then I am going to call on Representative Mackenzie and he will withdraw his too. That is my understanding. We are going to first have you tell me that they are all withdrawn; then I am going to call on Representative Mackenzie.

Mr. HANNA. They are withdrawn. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mackenzie is recognized for amendments 5552 and 5553. Representative Mackenzie, you are recognized.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be withdrawing my amendments as well.

The SPEAKER. Any amendments that have not been ruled out of order have been withdrawn. I do not see any other amendments to this bill, SB 936, PN 1281. If I am mistaken, please call it to my attention at this time as Speaker.

My understanding is that all amendments that have not been ruled out of order by the Chair have been withdrawn. That is on the record. Representative Hanna indicated for any amendments that were in order by the minority members, and Representative Mackenzie has withdrawn his two amendments, so there should be no amendments left to SB 936, PN 1281.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Topper has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted. No; I apologize. That is not Representative Jesse Topper. He is on the House floor and wants to be on the record.

That is, Representative KAUFER has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted. It is Representative Aaron Kaufer that has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. We are now going to move to HB 153. Okay. We are going to go over HB 153 temporarily.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to the following **HB 359, PN 2922**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and for suspension of privileges pending payment of penalties; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for killing game or wildlife by mistake; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for period of revocation.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative English to tell us about the underlying bill and the amendments offered by the Senate. Sir, you may proceed.

Mr. ENGLISH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Senate added two provisions. First is just basically a technical amendment that simply changes the relevant Title 18 reference in the Game Code related to the use of body cameras due to an earlier Title 18 change, and the second provides that a person cannot have their hunting privileges suspended for nonpayment of penalties within the required 180 days if they are under a court-directed payment plan and are making the required payments. On behalf of Representative Kortz and me, we ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Moved by Representative Hal English that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

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—194

Baker	Dush	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw
Barrar	Emrick	Lawrence	Reed
Benninghoff	English	Lewis	Reese
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Cutler	Hennessey	Murt	Toepel
Daley	Hickernell	Mustio	Toohil
Davidson	Hill	Neilson	Topper
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Dawkins	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Walsh
Day	Kampf	O'Neill	Ward
Dean	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
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DeLissio	Keefer	Pashinski	Watson
Delozier	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Whetley
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Diamond	Kim	Quigley	White
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	
Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Christiana	Godshall	Kaufer	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins	Pyle	

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to the following **HB 1175, PN 2801**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for definitions, for registration, for reporting, for prohibited activities, for administration, for penalties and for registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

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

The SPEAKER. Moved by Representative Cutler that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair calls upon the good gentleman for a description of the bill, the underlying bill, and the Senate amendments. Sir, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, very briefly, the Senate did amend our proposal that had previously passed the House unanimously to further clarify whom it would apply to as well as some other definitional changes. I would urge a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to speak on this 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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Davidson	Hill	Neilson	Topper
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Davis, T.	James	Nesbit	Vitali
Dawkins	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Walsh
Day	Kampf	O'Neill	Ward
Dean	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
Deasy	Kavulich	Ortitay	Warren
DeLissio	Keefer	Pashinski	Watson
Delozier	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Diamond	Kim	Quigley	White
DiGrolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	
Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Christiana	Godshall	Kaufer	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins	Pyle	

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to the following **HB 1602, PN 2821**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1008 over the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam Township, York County, as the SPC Martin Wilson Kondor Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps Bridge; designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway; designating portions of Interstate Route 176 in New Morgan Borough, Caernarvon Township, Robeson Township and Cumru Township, Berks County, as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway, the Persian Gulf War Veterans Memorial Highway and the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 beginning at mile marker 391 and ending at the Pennsylvania Route 940 intersection, Monroe County, as the Roy J. Gross, Sr., Memorial Highway.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, Representative Gillespie, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate. Representative Gillespie is recognized for a brief description of the underlying bill. Tell us about the underlying bill, plus the Senate amendments, sir.

Mr. GILLESPIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a bridge/road designation bill, passed out of the House unanimously. It was amended in the Senate to add four additional roads and bridges, including one in Indiana County as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps Bridge; State road 125 in Schuylkill County as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge; State road 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway; another bridge in Berks County, on Interstate 176, as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway; a portion of Interstate 176 in Berks County as the Persian Gulf War Veterans Memorial Highway; it designates a portion of also Interstate 176 in Berks County as the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial Highway; and finally, designates a portion of State road 611 in Monroe County as the Roy J. Gross, Sr., Memorial Highway.

This also passed unanimously out of the Senate, and I request a positive concurrence vote here, Mr. Speaker. 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:

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DeLissio	Keefer	Pashinski	Watson
Delozier	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
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Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	
Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Christiana	Godshall	Kaufer	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins	Pyle	

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.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 359, PN 2922

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and for suspension of privileges pending payment of penalties; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for killing game or wildlife by mistake; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for period of revocation.

HB 1175, PN 2801

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for definitions, for registration, for reporting, for prohibited activities, for administration, for penalties and for registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

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An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1008 over the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam Township, York County, as the SPC Martin Wilson Kondor Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps Bridge; designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway; designating portions of Interstate Route 176 in New Morgan Borough, Caernarvon Township, Robeson Township and Cumru Township, Berks County, as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway, the Persian Gulf War Veterans Memorial Highway and the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 beginning at mile marker 391 and ending at the Pennsylvania Route 940 intersection, Monroe County, as the Roy J. Gross, Sr., Memorial Highway.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 699, PN 1948**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for reimbursement for certain medical assistance items and services.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Daley	Hickernell	Mustio	Toohil
Davidson	Hill	Neilson	Topper
Davis, A.	Irvin	Nelson	Vazquez
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Deasy	Kavulich	Ortitay	Warren
DeLissio	Keefer	Pashinski	Watson
Delozier	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Diamond	Kim	Quigley	White
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Dowling	Klunk	Rabb	
Driscoll	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Dunbar	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Christiana	Godshall	Kaufers	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins	Pyle	

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

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

STATEMENT BY MR. CAUSER

The SPEAKER. Representative Marty Causer is recognized on unanimous consent on the bill.

I inadvertently missed him prior to the vote and I call upon Chairman Martin Causer, who is the prime sponsor of the last bill.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to thank the members for their support of HB 699. This legislation is very important for our emergency medical service providers, to provide for a much-needed increase in Medicaid reimbursement. As you know, our EMS providers really are in a state of crisis across the Commonwealth, and this can provide some much-needed assistance for those agencies. So I appreciate the unanimous support of the chamber. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Causer.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 153, PN 117**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Now, there are many amendments. There are many amendments, and Representative Vitali has an amendment, amendment 5314.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A05314**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "50"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "50"

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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative Greg Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, very simply, these two concepts, reducing the House and reducing the Senate, should be in the same legislation. There is the concept of proportionality. Regardless of what you feel about the issue, they were separated in the legislative process – excuse me.

The SPEAKER. Representative Knowles, on the amendment. Representative Knowles, on the amendment.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry.

I made a tragic mistake. I meant to – my colleague from Bucks County has a comparable amendment, and I think he could better make the case than me, so I am going to defer on this amendment to—

The SPEAKER. Well, you cannot defer. You can withdraw, but you cannot defer. The Speaker gets to call up—

Mr. VITALI. I am going to withdraw then.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So amendment 5314 is withdrawn. That is a good start.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **RABB** offered the following amendment No. **A05308**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by inserting after "reapportionment" plan is approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Rabb, on the amendment. Representative Rabb, are you withdrawing the amendment? Okay. On the record, it is withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **VITALI** offered the following amendment No. **A05313**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "district."
The division or formation of a district for the purpose of political advantage is prohibited.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali?

Mr. VITALI. That is also withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali withdraws 5313.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **SAMUELSON** offered the following amendment No. **A05338**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out the period after "reapportionment" and inserting
, provided that a nonpartisan redistricting process has been adopted which replaces section 17 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania as written on the date of the adoption of this amendment.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson, are you offering that amendment?

Mr. **SAMUELSON**. Mr. Speaker, amendment 5338, that one is withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. Withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **SAMUELSON** offered the following amendment No. **A05394**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out the period after "reapportionment" and inserting
, provided that an independent redistricting commission has been established which replaces the commission in section 17 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania as written on the date of the adoption of this amendment.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. **SAMUELSON**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 5394, that one is also withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **FRANKEL** offered the following amendment No. **A05583**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by inserting a bracket before "Legislative"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by inserting after "Legislative"

] Fair legislative

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "be"

fairly

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Frankel, my understanding is this is withdrawn.

Representative Vitali withdrew 5314.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **KORTZ** offered the following amendment No. **A05387**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "50"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "50"

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Kortz, you withdraw?
Thank you, sir. It is withdrawn.

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

Mr. **D. COSTA** offered the following amendment
No. **A05396**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "50"
Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "50"
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Costa, do you wish to offer
that amendment?
Withdrawn. Representative Dom Costa withdraws.

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

Mr. **FREEMAN** offered the following amendment
No. **A05358**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "151" and inserting
177

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Freeman
is recognized.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Could I possibly bring up amendment 5367 first?

The SPEAKER. No, 5358.

Mr. FREEMAN. It has been customary, Mr. Speaker, for—

The SPEAKER. The Speaker calls up the amendments and
we are calling up 5358.

Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I really resent the fact that I cannot choose the amendment to
come before the House but—

The SPEAKER. Sir, amendment 5358 is before us. The next
one is 5367. You will be able to do that next, but we have 5358.
There is really nothing to resent. You may proceed on your
amendment. You filed both amendments.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would alter the bill before us
by reducing the size of the House from 203 to 177, as opposed
to the intended bill, which will reduce the size of the House to
151.

I personally do not believe that we should be reducing the
House at all. I think one of the most significant aspects about
our structure of government here in Pennsylvania is that
because we have a chamber of 203, we are more in line with the
needs and interests of the people. There is a reason we call this
the people's House. With 203 members, we have small districts.
Of the entire structure of government, whether it be the House,
the Senate, our statewide offices like Governor and the row
offices, we are the only element of government which provides
for face-to-face contact on a regular basis with our constituents.
We are retail politics at its best, because we encounter our
constituents time and time again in our districts. We have the
opportunity to meet with them in our offices on a regular basis.
Many of us, like myself, and I am sure many of my other
colleagues, even pick up the phone in our districts to confer
with their constituents when they call in. That is an important
element to have, because we are the only first point of contact
with our smaller districts.

If we go to a 151 House, our districts increase considerably
by 22,000 to 25,000. That means we will no longer be in the
same personal level as we are now at 63,000. Larger districts
mean less contact with our constituents. We become more like
the Senate. How many of us have been to meetings where the
Senator is not there but various members of their staff are there
because their districts are too big to make all those meetings?
We make our meetings. We meet with our constituents.

A smaller House, bigger districts means that we lose that
intimacy with our constituents. It also means that very important
constituencies will be swallowed up by larger districts and,
therefore, have less of a voice in this place. Our cities of the
third class, our big boroughs, currently have a number of
districts where they command the majority in those districts.
The Representative who represents those districts can speak for
the interests of those municipalities, those critical urban issues
that affect our cities of the third class and our boroughs.

We currently have a number of rural districts. If we reduce
the House to 151, obviously we are going to see a situation
where many of those districts disappear, as districts are lumped
in together. For our rural members, it means they will have to
represent vastly larger districts, which means they will have less
contact face to face with their voters.

Under my amendment, instead of going to 151, we go to 177.
I believe that is a reasonable compromise for us to embrace here
tonight. It would increase our districts from 63,000 to 72,000,
unlike the 85,000 that is envisioned under a 151-member
House. I think that at least makes it possible for us to continue
the practice of that face-to-face contact with our constituents, of
accessibility, which is so critical in a democratic body and
within a democracy. That is what distinguishes us in the world.
We are held to account because we are a democracy, a
representative democracy, and what we need is more
representation, not less.

The bill in chief provides for less representation, and that
undercuts the very fiber of our democratic principles. I urge the
members to support this amendment to ensure that at least we
keep our districts at a reasonable size, while still reducing the
districts that are currently before the House. We would reduce it
by 26 seats, as opposed to 52. That is half of what was intended
originally. I think that is a fair compromise. I urge a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jerry Knowles, on the amendment.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members for a "no" vote on the amendment. If you vote "yes" to this amendment, you are denying your constituents, your bosses, the opportunity to vote in the November election as to whether or not they should be represented by 203 or 151. Mr. Speaker, that should be a decision that they should make, so therefore, I ask for a "no" vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment, because at least we will have decided or had the chance to talk about what number actually is correct, and our constituents will get something that has a little bit more debate to it, and at least we will have a little bit better discussion on this thing. Maybe put it off for 6 months; instead of in November, maybe the following spring, but it is still something that could be done.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler, on the amendment.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge a "no" vote for the same reasons that the gentleman from Schuylkill County outlined. Mr. Speaker, this was not an arbitrary number that was reached. This was a number that has been part of the discussion for the last 4 years. There was a great deal of work put into this by our prior speaker as well as the gentleman, the prime sponsor of the bill today.

Mr. Speaker, there is no greater opportunity than for individuals to determine the type and size of government that they want. I believe, as voters, they have the opportunity to have that say, and by adopting this amendment, we would delay that another 4 years. I would urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman, for the second time on the amendment.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just to point out a mistake from my good friend and colleague, this does not delay the vote by another 4 years. If it passes in this form tonight and then passes again in the next session, it can come before us and we would have the vote on a 177-member House in 2020. I urge a "yes" vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—80

Bizzarro	Dawkins	Haggerty	O'Neill
Boback	Day	Hanna	Rabb
Boyle	Dean	Harris, J.	Rader
Bradford	DeLissio	Hennessey	Rapp
Briggs	DeLuca	Jozwiak	Ravenstahl
Brown, V.	Dermody	Kavulich	Roebuck
Bullock	Diamond	Keller, W.	Rozzi
Burns	DiGirolamo	Kim	Sainato
Caltagirone	Donatucci	Kinsey	Samuelson
Carroll	Driscoll	Kirkland	Schlossberg
Causser	Dush	Krueger	Schweyer
Cephas	Evans	Longietti	Sims
Comitta	Fabrizio	Madden	Snyder
Conklin	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Solomon
Costa, P.	Flynn	McCarter	Sturla
Cruz	Frankel	McClinton	Vazquez

Daley	Freeman	McNeill	Vitali
Davidson	Gainey	Mullery	Warren
Davis, A.	Galloway	Neilson	Wheatley
Davis, T.	Goodman	O'Brien	Youngblood

NAYS—115

Baker	Grove	Matzie	Roe
Barbin	Hahn	McGinnis	Rothman
Barrar	Harper	Mehaffie	Ryan
Benninghoff	Harris, A.	Mentzer	Saccone
Bernstine	Heffley	Metcalf	Sankey
Bloom	Helm	Metzgar	Santora
Brown, R.	Hickernell	Miccarelli	Saylor
Charlton	Hill	Millard	Schemel
Cook	Irvin	Miller, B.	Simmons
Corbin	James	Miller, D.	Sonney
Corr	Kampf	Milne	Staats
Costa, D.	Kaufner	Moul	Stephens
Cox	Kauffman	Murt	Tallman
Culver	Keefer	Mustio	Taylor
Cutler	Keller, F.	Nelson	Tobash
Deasy	Keller, M.K.	Nesbit	Toepel
Delozier	Klunk	Oberlander	Toohil
Dowling	Knowles	Ortitay	Topper
Dunbar	Kortz	Pashinski	Walsh
Ellis	Kulik	Peifer	Ward
Emrick	Lawrence	Petrarca	Warner
English	Lewis	Pickett	Watson
Evankovich	Mackenzie	Quigley	Wentling
Everett	Maher	Quinn, C.	Wheeland
Farry	Mako	Quinn, M.	White
Fee	Maloney	Readshaw	Zimmerman
Fritz	Marshall	Reed	
Gillen	Marsico	Reese	Turzai,
Gillespie	Masser	Roae	Speaker
Greiner			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

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

Mr. **FREEMAN** offered the following amendment
No. **A05367**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "151" and inserting 189

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman, on the amendment.
Mr. FREEMAN. I will withdraw that amendment,
Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody offers amendment 5660. It is a corrective reprint of 5536.

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

Mr. **DERMODY** offered the following amendment No. **A05660**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 15; page 2, lines 1 through 29; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

The Commonwealth shall be divided into [50] 38 senatorial and 203 representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.

(2) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and [203] 153 representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit these proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments as separate ballot questions to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after these proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

Section 3. Upon ratification by the electors, the General Assembly shall enact legislation to implement these constitutional amendments so that they apply for the first time to the first session of the General Assembly which begins after the 2020 reapportionment.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. That is withdrawn. That amendment is withdrawn, I understand. That has been withdrawn.

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

Mr. **MARKOSEK** offered the following amendment No. **A05310**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "an amendment" and inserting
distinct amendments

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Pennsylvania," further providing for terms of members; and

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. The following distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 3. Terms of members.

Senators shall be elected for the term of [four] six years and Representatives for the term of [two] four years.

(2) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 24, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments under section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as separate ballot questions at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "this" and inserting the

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting after "amendment" under section 1(2)

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. That amendment is withdrawn.

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

Mr. **MARKOSEK** offered the following amendment
No. **A05320**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "an amendment" and inserting
distinct amendments

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Pennsylvania,"
further providing for terms of members of the General Assembly; and

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 7, by striking out all of said
lines and inserting

Section 1. The following distinct amendments to the
Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article
XI:

(1) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:
§ 3. Terms of members.

Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and
Representatives for the term of [two] four years.

(2) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:
Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 29, by striking out all of said
lines and inserting

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly
of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the
Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two
newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in
sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional
amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these
proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the
Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two
newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in
sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional
amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit these
proposed constitutional amendments as separate ballot questions to the
qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or
municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in
conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after these
proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General
Assembly.

Section 3. Upon ratification by the electors, the General
Assembly shall enact legislation to implement these constitutional
amendments so that they apply for the first time to the first session of
the General Assembly which begins after the 2020 reapportionment.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. It is withdrawn.
Boy, I think that one would pass.

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

Mr. **SAMUELSON** offered the following amendment
No. **A05341**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "an amendment" and
inserting
distinct amendments

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Assembly"
; and further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment
Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 7, by striking out all of said
lines and inserting

Section 1. The following distinct amendments to the
Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article
XI:

(1) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:
Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 24, by striking out all of said
lines and inserting

(2) That section 17 of Article II be amended to read:
§ 17. Legislative [Reapportionment] and Congressional Redistricting
Commission.

(a) [In each year following the year of the Federal decennial
census] Not later than December 31 of each year ending in zero, a
Legislative [Reapportionment] and Congressional Redistricting
Commission shall be constituted for the purpose of [reapportioning]
redistricting the Commonwealth. The commission shall [act by a
majority of its entire membership.];

(1) Conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public
consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines.

(2) Conduct itself with integrity and fairness.

[(b) The commission shall consist of five members: four of
whom shall be the majority and minority leaders of both the Senate and
the House of Representatives, or deputies appointed by each of them,
and a chairman selected as hereinafter provided. No later than 60 days
following the official reporting of the Federal census as required by
Federal law, the four members shall be certified by the President pro
tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
to the elections officer of the Commonwealth who under law shall have
supervision over elections.

The four members within 45 days after their certification shall
select the fifth member, who shall serve as chairman of the
commission, and shall immediately certify his name to such elections
officer. The chairman shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth other
than a local, State or Federal official holding an office to which
compensation is attached.

If the four members fail to select the fifth member within the
time prescribed, a majority of the entire membership of the Supreme
Court within 30 days thereafter shall appoint the chairman as aforesaid
and certify his appointment to such elections officer.

Any vacancy in the commission shall be filled within 15 days in
the same manner in which such position was originally filled.

(c) No later than 90 days after either the commission has been
duly certified or the population data for the Commonwealth as
determined by the Federal census are available, whichever is later in
time, the commission shall file a preliminary reapportionment plan
with such elections officer.

The commission shall have 30 days after filing the preliminary
plan to make corrections in the plan.

Any person aggrieved by the preliminary plan shall have the
same 30-day period to file exceptions with the commission in which
case the commission shall have 30 days after the date the exceptions
were filed to prepare and file with such elections officer a revised
reapportionment plan. If no exceptions are filed within 30 days, or if
filed and acted upon, the commission's plan shall be final and have the
force of law.

(d) Any aggrieved person may file an appeal from the final plan
directly to the Supreme Court within 30 days after the filing thereof. If
the appellant establishes that the final plan is contrary to law, the

Supreme Court shall issue an order remanding the plan to the commission and directing the commission to reapportion the Commonwealth in a manner not inconsistent with such order.

(e) When the Supreme Court has finally decided an appeal or when the last day for filing an appeal has passed with no appeal taken, the reapportionment plan shall have the force of law and the districts therein provided shall be used thereafter in elections to the General Assembly until the next reapportionment as required under this section 17.

(f) Any district which does not include the residence from which a member of the Senate was elected whether or not scheduled for election at the next general election shall elect a Senator at such election.

(g) The General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds for the compensation and expenses of members and staff appointed by the commission, and other necessary expenses. The members of the commission shall be entitled to such compensation for their services as the General Assembly from time to time shall determine, but no part thereof shall be paid until a preliminary plan is filed. If a preliminary plan is filed but the commission fails to file a revised or final plan within the time prescribed, the commission members shall forfeit all right to compensation not paid.

(h) If a preliminary, revised or final reapportionment plan is not filed by the commission within the time prescribed by this section, unless the time be extended by the Supreme Court for cause shown, the Supreme Court shall immediately proceed on its own motion to reapportion the Commonwealth.

(i) Any reapportionment plan filed by the commission, or ordered or prepared by the Supreme Court upon the failure of the commission to act, shall be published by the elections officer once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each senatorial and representative district. The publication shall contain a map of the Commonwealth showing the complete reapportionment of the General Assembly by districts, and a map showing the reapportionment districts in the area normally served by the newspaper in which the publication is made. The publication shall also state the population of the senatorial and representative districts having the smallest and largest population and the percentage variation of such districts from the average population for senatorial and representative districts.]

(b) The commission shall consist of 11 members, as follows: four who are registered with the largest political party in this Commonwealth based on registration, four who are registered with the second-largest political party in this Commonwealth based on registration and three who are not registered with either of the two largest political parties in this Commonwealth based on registration.

(c) The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the qualification to serve as a commission member. Each commission member shall possess all of the following qualifications, in addition to any qualifications prescribed by law:

(1) Be a voter who has been continuously registered in this Commonwealth with the same political party or unaffiliated with a political party or political body and whose political affiliation has not changed in the three years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(2) Has voted in two of the last three Statewide general elections immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(3) Has not held nor has an immediate family member who has held elective public office at the Federal or State level or elective judicial office in this Commonwealth in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(4) Has not served nor has a spouse who has served as a paid staff member or paid consultant to Congress, the General Assembly or staff appointed by the Governor in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(5) Has not registered nor has a spouse who has registered as a Federal or State lobbyist in this Commonwealth in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(6) Has not been nominated nor has a spouse who has been

nominated as a candidate for elective office by a political party or political body or served nor has a spouse who has served as a paid staff member or officer of a political party, political body, political committee or political action committee in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(d) Application and selection of the members of the commission shall be subject to the following:

(1) Application to serve as a member of the commission may be filed with, and on a form developed by, the Secretary of the Commonwealth indicating thereon evidence of the applicant's qualifications as provided by this section.

(2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall verify the qualifications of each applicant. If the Secretary of the Commonwealth finds that an applicant is not qualified, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall not include the applicant's name in the pool of applicants.

(3) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall separate all qualified applicants into three subpools consisting of those who are:

(i) registered with the largest political party in this Commonwealth based on registration;

(ii) registered with the second-largest political party in this Commonwealth based on registration; and

(iii) not registered with either of the two largest political parties in this Commonwealth based on registration.

(4) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall select, on a random basis, 40 qualified applicants from each of the three subpools provided in paragraph (3). The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives may each strike up to two applicants from each subpool. Each leader shall have no more than six strikes.

(5) After the legislative leaders have exercised their strikes under paragraph (4), the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall select for appointment as members of the commission on a random basis from the remaining applicants in each of the three subpools of qualified applicants. In addition to the qualification requirements provided in subsection (c), appointments from each subpool shall reasonably reflect the racial, geographic and gender diversity of this Commonwealth.

(6) One of the members shall be selected as chair by a vote of at least six members of the commission.

(e) The term of office of each member of the commission shall expire at the same time the commission expires as provided in this section.

(f) Removal of a member and vacancies on the commission shall be subject to the following:

(1) If a member of the commission fails to attend more than two consecutive meetings at which a vote of the commission is scheduled, the member's position shall be deemed vacant unless the member is absent due to death of an immediate family member, personal illness or illness of an immediate family member.

(2) If a member of the commission has been convicted, found guilty or pled guilty or nolo contendere to embezzlement of public money, bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, whether or not sentence has been imposed, the member's position shall be deemed vacant.

(3) A vacancy in the commission shall be filled within 14 days from the time the commission is notified of the vacancy in the same manner that the position was originally filled and using the same pool of applicants from which the vacating member was chosen. If none of those remaining applicants are available for service, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall fill the vacancy from a new pool of applicants created from the same voter registration category as the vacating member.

(g) A member shall be ineligible to do the following for a period of three years beginning from the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed to the commission:

(1) Serve as a paid staff member or paid consultant to Congress, the General Assembly or staff appointed by the Governor.

(2) Register as a Federal or State lobbyist in this

Commonwealth.

(3) Serve as a paid staff member or paid political consultant for a political party, political body, political committee or political action committee.

(h) A member and the member's spouse shall be ineligible to do the following for a period of five years beginning from the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed to the commission:

(1) Hold an appointed position or elective public office at the Federal or State level in this Commonwealth.

(2) Be eligible for nomination as a candidate for elective office by a political party or political body.

(3) Hold office for a political party, political body, political committee or political action committee.

(i) Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. Seven or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action. The final redistricting plan must be approved by at least seven affirmative votes that must include at least one vote of a member registered from each of the two largest political parties in this Commonwealth based on registration and one vote from a member who is not registered with either of the two largest political parties.

(j) To begin the process of preparing information necessary to the redistricting process, the commission shall:

(1) Acquire all necessary and appropriate information, review and evaluate available facilities and develop programs and procedures, that may include the use of software, in preparation for drawing congressional and legislative redistricting plans on the basis of each Federal census. The commission shall make the information available to the public in a manner prescribed by law.

(2) As soon as possible after December 31 of each year ending in zero, obtain from the United States Census Bureau the population data needed for legislative redistricting that the Census Bureau is required to provide the Commonwealth under 13 U.S.C. § 141 (relating to population and other census information) and use that data to assign a population figure based upon census data to each geographic and political unit described pursuant to subparagraph (i). Upon completing that task, the commission shall begin the preparation of congressional and legislative redistricting plans as required by this subsection and subsection (k). The commission shall use the data obtained to prepare:

(i) Necessary descriptions of census blocks, voting districts, wards, municipalities and counties for which census data will be reported and which are suitable for use as components of districts.

(ii) Maps of census blocks, voting districts, wards, municipalities and counties within this Commonwealth, that may be used to illustrate the locations of district boundaries proposed in plans.

(3) In establishing districts, the commission shall not consider the following data:

(i) Addresses of any individual.

(ii) Political affiliations of registered voters.

(iii) Previous election results, unless required by Federal or State law.

(k) The commission shall establish congressional and legislative districts pursuant to a mapping process in accordance with Federal or State law.

(l) Each plan drawn under this section shall provide that any vacancy in the General Assembly that is filled under the plan, occurring at a time that makes it necessary to fill the vacancy at a special election held under section 629 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, shall be filled from the same district that elected the senator or representative whose seat is vacant.

(m) The commission, within 30 days prior to the deadline for approval of a preliminary plan as set forth in subsection (o)(1), shall schedule and conduct at least four public hearings in different geographic regions of this Commonwealth.

(n) All commission meetings that are attended or participated in by a quorum of the members of the commission held for the purpose of deliberating official business of taking official action shall be open to the public.

(o) (1) Not later than July 1 of each year ending in one, the commission shall complete and approve a preliminary redistricting plan and maps as required under this section and make the preliminary plan and maps available to the public in a manner prescribed by law.

(2) The commission, within 30 days following the deadline for approval of a preliminary plan as provided in paragraph (1), shall schedule and conduct at least four public hearings, in different geographic regions of this Commonwealth, on the preliminary plan.

(3) Not later than August 15 of each year ending in one, the commission shall approve a final redistricting plan. Upon approval, the commission shall certify the resulting plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that plan shall constitute the certified final plan.

(4) If the commission fails to approve a final plan in accordance with paragraph (3), the following shall apply:

(i) Not later than September 1 of each year ending in one, the commission shall complete and approve a second preliminary redistricting plan and maps prepared in accordance with subsections (j) and (k) and make the second preliminary plan and maps available to the public in a manner prescribed by law.

(ii) Within 30 days following the deadline for approval of the second preliminary plan as set forth in subparagraph (i), the commission shall schedule and conduct at least four public hearings, in different geographic regions of this Commonwealth, on the second preliminary plan.

(iii) Not later than October 15 of each year ending in one, the commission shall approve a final redistricting plan. Upon approval, the commission shall certify the resulting plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that plan shall constitute the certified final plan.

(p) If the commission does not complete and approve a final redistricting plan by October 16 of each year ending in one, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall immediately petition the Supreme Court for an order directing the appointment of a special master to develop and complete a final redistricting plan in accordance with the criteria and requirements provided in subsections (j) and (k). The special master must demonstrate expertise in geographic information systems by holding a graduate degree in geographic information systems and currently serving as a faculty member for a geographic information systems program at an institution of higher learning located within this Commonwealth and must meet the qualifications in subsection (c) and be bound by the restrictions in subsections (g) and (h). Upon the Supreme Court's approval of the master's plan, the court shall certify the resulting plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that plan shall constitute the certified final plan.

(q) The commission has the sole legal standing to defend an action regarding a certified final plan and shall inform the General Assembly if it determines that funds or other resources provided for the operation of the commission are not adequate.

(r) (1) The Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings that a certified final plan is challenged or is claimed not to have taken timely effect.

(2) An aggrieved person who is a registered voter in this Commonwealth may file a petition with the Supreme Court within 30 days after the commission has certified a final plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to bar the Secretary of the Commonwealth from implementing the plan on the grounds that the filed plan violates the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Pennsylvania or any Federal or State statute.

(s) The Department of State shall provide staff as needed to support the commission in the performance of its duties.

(t) Upon the filing of all redistricting plans required under this section and the exhaustion of all appeals of a redistricting plan:

(1) the commission shall expire and the commission's responsibilities shall terminate; and

(2) the final plan shall have the force of law and the districts provided in the plan shall be used thereafter in elections to the General Assembly until the next redistricting as required under this section.

(u) The General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds for

the compensation and expenses of members and staff appointed by the commission and for other necessary expenses. In addition to necessary expenses, the members of the commission shall receive a per diem for each day or part of a day spent performing their official duties. The per diem shall be the most recent per diem rate for locations in this Commonwealth as established and published by the United States General Services Administration.

(v) A district that does not include the residence from which a member of the Senate was elected whether or not scheduled for election at the next general election shall elect a Senator at the election.

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

"Commission." The Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Commission.

"Federal census." The decennial census required by Federal law to be conducted by the United States Census Bureau in every year ending in zero.

"Immediate family." A parent, spouse, child, brother or sister.

"Member." A member of the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Commission.

"Plan." A plan for legislative and congressional redistricting drawn under the requirements of this section.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit these proposed constitutional amendments as separate ballot questions to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after these proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "this constitutional amendment" and inserting

the amendment of section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment includes the language of HB 722, a bipartisan proposal, which has been put forth to have an independent redistricting commission in Pennsylvania. This amendment would attach that language to HB 153, so if the legislature is going to be reduced, the action of reducing the legislature would be done by an independent redistricting commission, and this has the full text of HB 722. I urge a "yes" vote.

GERMANENESS QUESTIONED

The SPEAKER. Representative Jerry Knowles, on that amendment, please.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I raise the question of germaneness regarding this amendment. The amendment I do not believe is germane to the bill. The subject of the amendment is the Legislative Reapportionment Commission, not reducing the size of the General Assembly.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the issue of germaneness, Representative Cutler is recognized.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, recently in the case *Mellow v. Pizzingrilli*, it was further affirmed that we, as the General Assembly, have direct say over what is and what is not germane. More importantly, Mr. Speaker, and quoting from the case it says, "Because a proposed constitutional amendment is not a 'law,' the provisions of Article III relating to the enactment of legislation are inapplicable.... In this respect,..." an amendment of the Pennsylvania Constitution "...is not a legislative act at all, but a separate and specific power granted to the General Assembly...."

Skipping further down into the Opinion, it says, "Similarly, we believe that Article XI has vested the power to propose amendments in the General Assembly. Other than the express requirements set forth in Article XI, the procedure to be used in proposing such amendments is exclusively committed to the legislature."

Mr. Speaker, what we have before us is a proposal to reduce the overall number of individual Representatives here in this chamber, and while this touches on redistricting and how the districts would be drawn, it is not appropriate for the substance of the bill.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I would point out that this is something that could be, you know, further discussed in its own bill and would certainly encourage the gentleman to do so, so that we can put this item before the electorate on the ballot. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So the question before us, as we know, is germaneness, and under House rule 27, questions involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall be decided by the House. If the amendment is germane, you will be voting "yes," if it is germane; if you believe it is not germane, you will be voting "no."

Representative Samuelson, on the issue of germaneness.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you.

I believe this amendment is absolutely germane to this bill. The bill in chief reduces the size of the legislature but leaves in place the redistricting process, which is currently controlled by party leaders. This amendment would make sure that any redistricting or reduction in the size of the legislature would be done by an independent citizens commission.

The majority whip just said this could be a separate bill. My goodness, it already is. This bill was introduced on May 8, 2017. It has been in the State Government Committee for

9 months. I am proposing it tonight to attach it to this bill, to make sure that any reduction in the size of the legislature is done in an independent manner. If you are going to reduce the size of the legislature, it matters who reduces the size of the legislature, and this proposal would make sure it is done with an independent redistricting commission.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Metcalfe, on the issue of germaneness, sir.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would say that this amendment is not germane. As the sponsor of the amendment mentioned, he has introduced this legislation. There have been 42 arrests made since last May of people advocating for this bill, many of those people from out of State, which has not been germane to legislation being considered by the General Assembly, of course, if somebody is from out of State advocating for State legislation. But I would argue that this is not germane. It does not deal with the question that is being asked of the voters in the underlying legislation, which would allow the voters to have a chance to vote on reducing the size of the legislature from 203 to 151. So to bring up a whole redistricting argument is not germane to reducing the size of the legislature, which the voters would like to have a chance to vote on in November and this amendment would stop that, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Conklin, on the issue of germaneness.

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I believe some of the argument to the germaneness is not germane to start with. But when you are looking at what we want to do in this great body, and I am one of the ones that believe that we can save taxpayers' dollars, this is germane because it goes hand in hand. If you allow this bill to go through without the Samuelson amendment, you are setting up for another court challenge and we will be here sitting with only 3 days, as we are now, to do a map that is qualified for the citizens of Pennsylvania to vote on.

Because when you look at other States, and I know people have come in from other States, in California it has worked well; other States, the Samuelson amendment has worked well. Mr. Speaker, this is probably the most germane amendment on this bill, because with all honesty, without this amendment, this bill should not be passed. Without this amendment, there is no way to guarantee that rural people will still have representation; that only the politicians will have a say, and this is not what we should do.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is so germane. This is so germane that I believe this bill, which I believe is a good bill, will lose my support without a fair redistricting in it. So, Mr. Speaker, I stand here before you and my colleagues: this bill with this amendment is so important it cannot pass – we cannot pass and should not pass this bill without this in it.

So I am asking you: this is germane, it is vital, it is the lifeblood of this bill. Without it, I believe we are making a crucial mistake, which will hurt the voters of rural Pennsylvania the most. So if you are in rural Pennsylvania, remember, your State legislator, without this, may live 100 miles away and they do not deserve that, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Those who believe the amendment is germane will be voting "aye"; those who believe the amendment is not germane will be voting "nay."

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—84

Barbin	Dawkins	Keller, W.	Petrarca
Bizzarro	Dean	Kim	Quinn, M.
Boyle	Deasy	Kinsey	Rabb
Bradford	DeLissio	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Briggs	DeLuca	Kortz	Readshaw
Brown, V.	Dermody	Krueger	Roe
Bullock	Donatucci	Kulik	Roebuck
Burns	Driscoll	Longietti	Rozzi
Caltagirone	Evans	Madden	Sainato
Carroll	Fabrizio	Markosek	Samuelson
Cephas	Fitzgerald	Matzie	Schlossberg
Comitta	Flynn	McCarter	Schweyer
Conklin	Frankel	McClinton	Sims
Costa, D.	Freeman	McNeill	Snyder
Costa, P.	Gainey	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Galloway	Mullery	Sturla
Cruz	Goodman	Murt	Vazquez
Daley	Haggerty	Neilson	Vitali
Davidson	Hanna	Nesbit	Warren
Davis, A.	Harris, J.	O'Brien	Wheatley
Davis, T.	Kavulich	Pashinski	Youngblood

NAYS—111

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

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

The SPEAKER. My understanding is that amendment 5572, according to the Parliamentarian, is identical to 5341 and so is stricken.

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

Mrs. **DAVIDSON** offered the following amendment No. **A05556**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "an amendment" and inserting
distinct amendments

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out the period after "Assembly" and inserting

; and further providing for the designation of legislative and congressional districts within this Commonwealth.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. The following distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 24, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(2) That section 17 of Article II be amended to read:
§ 17. Citizens' Legislative [Reapportionment] Redistricting Commission.

(a) In each year following the year of the Federal decennial census, a Citizens' Legislative [Reapportionment] Redistricting Commission shall be constituted for the purpose of [reapportioning the Commonwealth. The commission shall act by a majority of its entire membership.] redistricting the districts of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly and the districts apportioned to the Commonwealth in the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.

[(b) The commission shall consist of five members: four of whom shall be the majority and minority leaders of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, or deputies appointed by each of them, and a chairman selected as hereinafter provided. No later than 60 days following the official reporting of the Federal decennial census as required by Federal law, the four members shall be certified by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the elections officer of the Commonwealth who under law shall have supervision over elections.

The four members within 45 days after their certification shall select the fifth member, who shall serve as chairman of the commission, and shall immediately certify his name to such elections officer. The chairman shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth other than a local, State or Federal official holding an office to which compensation is attached.

If the four members fail to select the fifth member within the time prescribed, a majority of the entire membership of the Supreme Court within 30 days thereafter shall appoint the chairman as aforesaid and certify his appointment to such elections officer.]

(b.1) The following shall apply to the commission:

(1) The commission shall consist of the following members:

(i) Eight legislative appointees. The majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall each appoint two commissioners under this subparagraph.

(ii) One commissioner chosen by at least six of the eight commissioners appointed under subparagraph (i). The commissioner chosen under this subparagraph shall serve as chairperson.

(2) Each commissioner shall be a citizen of this Commonwealth

and may not hold a local, State or Federal office to which compensation is attached.

(3) A commissioner may not be a staff person of a local, State or Federal official holding an office to which compensation is attached.

(4) No later than 60 days following the official reporting of the Federal decennial census as required by Federal law, the eight commissioners under paragraph (1)(i) shall be certified by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

(5) The eight commissioners under paragraph (1)(i) must, within 45 days after their certification, select the ninth commissioner, who shall serve as chairperson of the commission, and shall immediately certify that individual's name to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

(6) If at least six of the eight commissioners appointed under paragraph (1)(i) fail to select the ninth commissioner within the time required under paragraph (5), a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court must, within 30 days after the time required under paragraph (5), appoint the chairperson and certify that individual's appointment to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Any vacancy in the commission shall be filled within 15 days in the same manner in which such position was originally filled.

(b.2) Each meeting of the commission must be held in public and must comply with any law which applies to open meetings.

(c) No later than 90 days after [either the commission has been duly certified or the population data for the Commonwealth as determined by the Federal decennial census are available, whichever is later in time, the commission shall file a preliminary reapportionment plan with such elections officer.] the commission has certified that the population data for this Commonwealth, as determined by the Federal decennial census, is available, the commission shall file a preliminary redistricting plan with the Secretary of the Commonwealth that has been approved by at least seven of the nine commissioners and that includes both the legislative and congressional districts.

The commission shall have 30 days after filing the preliminary plan to make corrections in the plan. During the 30-day period, the commission must hold at least two public meetings for citizen input. These meetings shall be geographically dispersed throughout this Commonwealth.

Any person aggrieved by the preliminary plan shall have the same 30-day period to file exceptions with the commission in which case the commission shall have 30 days after the date the exceptions were filed to prepare and file with [such elections officer] the Secretary of the Commonwealth a revised [reapportionment] redistricting plan to be approved by at least seven of the nine commissioners. If no exceptions are filed within 30 days, or if filed and acted upon, the [commissions's] commission's plan shall be final and have the force of law.

(d) Any aggrieved person may file an appeal from the final plan directly to the Supreme Court within 30 days after the filing thereof. If the appellant establishes that the final plan is contrary to law, the Supreme Court shall issue an order remanding the plan to the commission and directing the commission to [reapportion] redistrict the Commonwealth in a manner not inconsistent with such order. A plan adopted after remand must be approved by at least seven of the nine commissioners.

(e) When the Supreme Court has finally decided an appeal or when the last day for filing an appeal has passed with no appeal taken, the [reapportionment] redistricting plan shall have the force of law and the districts therein provided shall be used thereafter in elections to the General Assembly and Congress until the next [reapportionment] redistricting as required under this section 17.

(f) Any district which does not include the residence from which a member of the Senate was elected whether or not scheduled for election at the next general election shall elect a Senator at such election.

(g) The General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds for the compensation and expenses of members and staff appointed by the commission, and other necessary expenses. The members of the

commission shall be entitled to such compensation for their services as the General Assembly from time to time shall determine, but no part thereof shall be paid until a preliminary plan is filed. If a preliminary plan is filed but the commission fails to file a revised or final plan within the time prescribed, the commission members shall forfeit all right to compensation not paid.

(h) If a preliminary, revised or final [reapportionment] redistricting plan is not filed by the commission within the time prescribed by this section, unless the time be extended by the Supreme Court for cause shown, the Supreme Court shall immediately proceed on its own motion to [reapportion] redistrict the Commonwealth.

(i) Any [reapportionment] redistricting plan filed by the commission, or ordered or prepared by the Supreme Court upon the failure of the commission to act, shall be published by the [elections officer] Secretary of the Commonwealth once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each senatorial [and], representative and congressional district. The publication shall contain a map of the Commonwealth showing the complete [reapportionment] redistricting of the General Assembly and Congress by districts, and a map showing the [reapportionment] redistricted districts in the area normally served by the newspaper in which the publication is made. The publication shall also state the population of the senatorial [and], representative and congressional districts having the smallest and largest population and the percentage variation of such districts from the average population for senatorial [and], representative and congressional districts.

(j) Redistricting of Congress and the General Assembly must be completed by the end of the calendar year following the Federal decennial census.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit these proposed constitutional amendments as separate ballot questions to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after these proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "this" and inserting the

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting after "amendment" under section 1(1)

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Davidson, on the amendment.

Withdrawn. That amendment is withdrawn; 5556 is withdrawn.

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

Mr. **FREEMAN** offered the following amendment
No. **A05377**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for a unicameral General Assembly; and further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 15; page 2, lines 1 through 29; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 1 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 1. Legislative power.

The legislative power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a General Assembly[, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives].

(2) That section 2 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 2. Election of members; vacancies.

Members of the General Assembly shall be chosen at the general election every second year. Their term of service shall begin on the first day of December next after their election. Whenever a vacancy shall occur [in either House], the presiding officer [thereof] shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

(3) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 3. Terms of members.

[Senators] All members of the General Assembly shall be elected for the term of [four years and Representatives for the term of] two years.

(4) That section 4 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 4. Sessions.

The General Assembly shall be a continuing body during the term for which its [Representatives] members are elected. It shall meet at 12 o'clock noon on the first Tuesday of January each year. Special sessions shall be called by the Governor on petition of a majority of the members [elected to each House] or may be called by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public interest requires.

(5) That section 5 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 5. Qualifications of members.

[Senators] Members of the General Assembly shall be at least [25 years of age and Representatives] 21 years of age. They shall have been citizens and inhabitants of the State four years, and inhabitants of their respective districts one year next before their election (unless absent on the public business of the United States or of this State), and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service.

(6) That section 6 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 6. Disqualification to hold other office.

No [Senator or Representative] member of the General Assembly shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under this Commonwealth to which a salary, fee or perquisite is attached. No member of Congress or other person holding any office (except of attorney-at-law or in the National Guard or in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States) under the United States or this Commonwealth to which a salary, fee or perquisite is attached shall be a member of [either House] the General Assembly during his continuance in office.

(7) That section 8 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 8. Compensation.

The members of the General Assembly shall receive such salary and mileage for regular and special sessions as shall be fixed by law, and no other compensation whatever, whether for service upon committee or otherwise. No member of [either House] the General

Assembly shall during the term for which he may have been elected, receive any increase of salary, or mileage, under any law passed during such term.

(8) That section 9 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 9. Election of officers; judge of election and qualifications of members.

[The Senate shall, at the beginning and close of each regular session and at such other times as may be necessary, elect one of its members President pro tempore, who shall perform the duties of the Lieutenant Governor, in any case of absence or disability of that officer, and whenever the said office of Lieutenant Governor shall be vacant. The House of Representatives] The General Assembly shall elect one of its members as Speaker. [Each House] It shall choose its other officers, and shall judge of the election and qualifications of its members.

(9) That section 10 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 10. Quorum.

A majority of [each House] the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members.

(10) That section 11 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 11. Powers of [each house] the General Assembly; expulsion.

[Each House] The General Assembly shall have power to determine the rules of its proceedings and punish its members or other persons for contempt or disorderly behavior in its presence, to enforce obedience to its process, to protect its members against violence or offers of bribes or private solicitation, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, to expel a member, but not a second time for the same cause, and shall have all other powers necessary for the Legislature of a free State. A member expelled for corruption shall not thereafter be eligible to [either House] the General Assembly, and punishment for contempt or disorderly behavior shall not bar an indictment for the same offense.

(11) That section 12 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 12. Journals; yeas and nays.

[Each House] The General Assembly shall keep a journal of its proceedings and from time to time publish the same, except such parts as require secrecy, and the yeas and nays of the members on any question shall, at the desire of any two of them, be entered on the journal.

(12) That section 13 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 13. Open sessions.

The sessions of [each House] the General Assembly and of [committees] a committee of the whole shall be open, unless when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.

(13) That section 14 of Article II be repealed:

[§ 14. Adjournments.

Neither House shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.]

(14) That section 15 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 15. Privileges of members.

The members of the General Assembly shall in all cases, except treason, felony, violation of their oath of office, and breach or surety of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the sessions of [their respective Houses] the General Assembly and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in [either House] the General Assembly, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

(15) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

The Commonwealth shall be divided into [50 senatorial and 203 representative] 201 legislative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each [senatorial] legislative district shall elect one [Senator, and each representative district one Representative] member of the General Assembly. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in

forming [either a senatorial or representative] a legislative district.

(16) That section 17 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 17. Legislative [Reapportionment] and Congressional Redistricting Commission.

(a) [In each year following the year of the Federal decennial census] Not later than December 31 of each year ending in zero, a Legislative [Reapportionment] and Congressional Redistricting Commission shall be constituted for the purpose of [reapportioning] redistricting the Commonwealth. The commission shall [act by a majority of its entire membership.];

(1) Conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines.

(2) Conduct itself with integrity and fairness.

(b) The commission shall consist of five members: four of whom shall be the majority and minority leaders of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, or deputies appointed by each of them, and a chairman selected as hereinafter provided. No later than 60 days following the official reporting of the Federal census as required by Federal law, the four members shall be certified by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the elections officer of the Commonwealth who under law shall have supervision over elections.

The four members within 45 days after their certification shall select the fifth member, who shall serve as chairman of the commission, and shall immediately certify his name to such elections officer. The chairman shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth other than a local, State or Federal official holding an office to which compensation is attached.

If the four members fail to select the fifth member within the time prescribed, a majority of the entire membership of the Supreme Court within 30 days thereafter shall appoint the chairman as aforesaid and certify his appointment to such elections officer.

Any vacancy in the commission shall be filled within 15 days in the same manner in which such position was originally filled.

(c) No later than 90 days after either the commission has been duly certified or the population data for the Commonwealth as determined by the Federal census are available, whichever is later in time, the commission shall file a preliminary reapportionment plan with such elections officer.

The commission shall have 30 days after filing the preliminary plan to make corrections in the plan.

Any person aggrieved by the preliminary plan shall have the same 30-day period to file exceptions with the commission in which case the commission shall have 30 days after the date the exceptions were filed to prepare and file with such elections officer a revised reapportionment plan. If no exceptions are filed within 30 days, or if filed and acted upon, the commission's plan shall be final and have the force of law.

(d) Any aggrieved person may file an appeal from the final plan directly to the Supreme Court within 30 days after the filing thereof. If the appellant establishes that the final plan is contrary to law, the Supreme Court shall issue an order remanding the plan to the commission and directing the commission to reapportion the Commonwealth in a manner not inconsistent with such order.

(e) When the Supreme Court has finally decided an appeal or when the last day for filing an appeal has passed with no appeal taken, the reapportionment plan shall have the force of law and the districts therein provided shall be used thereafter in elections to the General Assembly until the next reapportionment as required under this section 17.

(f) Any district which does not include the residence from which a member of the Senate was elected whether or not scheduled for election at the next general election shall elect a Senator at such election.

(g) The General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds for the compensation and expenses of members and staff appointed by the commission, and other necessary expenses. The members of the commission shall be entitled to such compensation for their services as

the General Assembly from time to time shall determine, but no part thereof shall be paid until a preliminary plan is filed. If a preliminary plan is filed but the commission fails to file a revised or final plan within the time prescribed, the commission members shall forfeit all right to compensation not paid.

(h) If a preliminary, revised or final reapportionment plan is not filed by the commission within the time prescribed by this section, unless the time be extended by the Supreme Court for cause shown, the Supreme Court shall immediately proceed on its own motion to reapportion the Commonwealth.

(i) Any reapportionment plan filed by the commission, or ordered or prepared by the Supreme Court upon the failure of the commission to act, shall be published by the elections officer once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each senatorial and representative district. The publication shall contain a map of the Commonwealth showing the complete reapportionment of the General Assembly by districts, and a map showing the reapportionment districts in the area normally served by the newspaper in which the publication is made. The publication shall also state the population of the senatorial and representative districts having the smallest and largest population and the percentage variation of such districts from the average population for senatorial and representative districts.]

(b) The commission shall consist of 11 members, as follows: four who are registered with the largest political party in this Commonwealth based on registration, four who are registered with the second-largest political party in this Commonwealth based on registration and three who are not registered with either of the two largest political parties in this Commonwealth based on registration.

(c) The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the qualification to serve as a commission member. Each commission member shall possess all of the following qualifications, in addition to any qualifications prescribed by law:

(1) Be a voter who has been continuously registered in this Commonwealth with the same political party or unaffiliated with a political party or political body and whose political affiliation has not changed in the three years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(2) Has voted in two of the last three Statewide general elections immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(3) Has not held nor has an immediate family member who has held elective public office at the Federal or State level or elective judicial office in this Commonwealth in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(4) Has not served nor has a spouse who has served as a paid staff member or paid consultant to Congress, the General Assembly or staff appointed by the Governor in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(5) Has not registered nor has a spouse who has registered as a Federal or State lobbyist in this Commonwealth in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(6) Has not been nominated nor has a spouse who has been nominated as a candidate for elective office by a political party or political body or served nor has a spouse who has served as a paid staff member or officer of a political party, political body, political committee or political action committee in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment to the commission.

(d) Application and selection of the members of the commission shall be subject to the following:

(1) Application to serve as a member of the commission may be filed with, and on a form developed by, the Secretary of the Commonwealth indicating thereon evidence of the applicant's qualifications as provided by this section.

(2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall verify the qualifications of each applicant. If the Secretary of the Commonwealth finds that an applicant is not qualified, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall not include the applicant's name in the pool of applicants.

(3) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall separate all

qualified applicants into three subpools consisting of those who are:

(i) registered with the largest political party in this

Commonwealth based on registration;

(ii) registered with the second-largest political party in this

Commonwealth based on registration; and

(iii) not registered with either of the two largest political parties in this Commonwealth based on registration.

(4) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall select, on a random basis, 40 qualified applicants from each of the three subpools provided in paragraph (3). The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the General Assembly may each strike up to two applicants from each subpool. Each leader shall have no more than six strikes.

(5) After the legislative leaders have exercised their strikes under paragraph (4), the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall select for appointment as members of the commission on a random basis from the remaining applicants in each of the three subpools of qualified applicants. In addition to the qualification requirements provided in subsection (c), appointments from each subpool shall reasonably reflect the racial, geographic and gender diversity of this Commonwealth.

(6) One of the members shall be selected as chair by a vote of at least six members of the commission.

(e) The term of office of each member of the commission shall expire at the same time the commission expires as provided in this section.

(f) Removal of a member and vacancies on the commission shall be subject to the following:

(1) If a member of the commission fails to attend more than two consecutive meetings at which a vote of the commission is scheduled, the member's position shall be deemed vacant unless the member is absent due to death of an immediate family member, personal illness or illness of an immediate family member.

(2) If a member of the commission has been convicted, found guilty or pled guilty or nolo contendere to embezzlement of public money, bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, whether or not sentence has been imposed, the member's position shall be deemed vacant.

(3) A vacancy in the commission shall be filled within 14 days from the time the commission is notified of the vacancy in the same manner that the position was originally filled and using the same pool of applicants from which the vacating member was chosen. If none of those remaining applicants are available for service, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall fill the vacancy from a new pool of applicants created from the same voter registration category as the vacating member.

(g) A member shall be ineligible to do the following for a period of three years beginning from the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed to the commission:

(1) Serve as a paid staff member or paid consultant to Congress, the General Assembly or staff appointed by the Governor.

(2) Register as a Federal or State lobbyist in this Commonwealth.

(3) Serve as a paid staff member or paid political consultant for a political party, political body, political committee or political action committee.

(h) A member and the member's spouse shall be ineligible to do the following for a period of five years beginning from the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed to the commission:

(1) Hold an appointed position or elective public office at the Federal or State level in this Commonwealth.

(2) Be eligible for nomination as a candidate for elective office by a political party or political body.

(3) Hold office for a political party, political body, political committee or political action committee.

(i) Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. Seven or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action. The final redistricting plan must be approved by at least seven affirmative votes that must include at least one vote of a member registered from each of the two largest political parties in this

Commonwealth based on registration and one vote from a member who is not registered with either of the two largest political parties.

(j) To begin the process of preparing information necessary to the redistricting process, the commission shall:

(1) Acquire all necessary and appropriate information, review and evaluate available facilities and develop programs and procedures, that may include the use of software, in preparation for drawing congressional and legislative redistricting plans on the basis of each Federal census. The commission shall make the information available to the public in a manner prescribed by law.

(2) As soon as possible after December 31 of each year ending in zero, obtain from the United States Census Bureau the population data needed for legislative redistricting that the Census Bureau is required to provide the Commonwealth under 13 U.S.C. § 141 (relating to population and other census information) and use that data to assign a population figure based upon census data to each geographic and political unit described pursuant to subparagraph (i). Upon completing that task, the commission shall begin the preparation of congressional and legislative redistricting plans as required by this subsection and subsection (k). The commission shall use the data obtained to prepare:

(i) Necessary descriptions of census blocks, voting districts, wards, municipalities and counties for which census data will be reported and which are suitable for use as components of districts.

(ii) Maps of census blocks, voting districts, wards, municipalities and counties within this Commonwealth, that may be used to illustrate the locations of district boundaries proposed in plans.

(3) In establishing districts, the commission shall not consider the following data:

(i) Addresses of any individual.

(ii) Political affiliations of registered voters.

(iii) Previous election results, unless required by Federal or State law.

(k) The commission shall establish congressional and legislative districts pursuant to a mapping process in accordance with Federal or State law.

(l) Each plan drawn under this section shall provide that any vacancy in the General Assembly that is filled under the plan, occurring at a time that makes it necessary to fill the vacancy at a special election held under section 629 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, shall be filled from the same district that elected the member whose seat is vacant.

(m) The commission, within 30 days prior to the deadline for approval of a preliminary plan as set forth in subsection (o)(1), shall schedule and conduct at least four public hearings in different geographic regions of this Commonwealth.

(n) All commission meetings that are attended or participated in by a quorum of the members of the commission held for the purpose of deliberating official business of taking official action shall be open to the public.

(o) (1) Not later than July 1 of each year ending in one, the commission shall complete and approve a preliminary redistricting plan and maps as required under this section and make the preliminary plan and maps available to the public in a manner prescribed by law.

(2) The commission, within 30 days following the deadline for approval of a preliminary plan as provided in paragraph (1), shall schedule and conduct at least four public hearings, in different geographic regions of this Commonwealth, on the preliminary plan.

(3) Not later than August 15 of each year ending in one, the commission shall approve a final redistricting plan. Upon approval, the commission shall certify the resulting plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that plan shall constitute the certified final plan.

(4) If the commission fails to approve a final plan in accordance with paragraph (3), the following shall apply:

(i) Not later than September 1 of each year ending in one, the commission shall complete and approve a second preliminary redistricting plan and maps prepared in accordance with subsections (j) and (k) and make the second preliminary plan and maps available to

the public in a manner prescribed by law.

(ii) Within 30 days following the deadline for approval of the second preliminary plan as set forth in subparagraph (i), the commission shall schedule and conduct at least four public hearings, in different geographic regions of this Commonwealth, on the second preliminary plan.

(iii) Not later than October 15 of each year ending in one, the commission shall approve a final redistricting plan. Upon approval, the commission shall certify the resulting plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that plan shall constitute the certified final plan.

(p) If the commission does not complete and approve a final redistricting plan by October 16 of each year ending in one, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall immediately petition the Supreme Court for an order directing the appointment of a special master to develop and complete a final redistricting plan in accordance with the criteria and requirements provided in subsections (j) and (k). The special master must demonstrate expertise in geographic information systems by holding a graduate degree in geographic information systems and currently serving as a faculty member for a geographic information systems program at an institution of higher learning located within this Commonwealth and must meet the qualifications in subsection (c) and be bound by the restrictions in subsections (g) and (h). Upon the Supreme Court's approval of the master's plan, the court shall certify the resulting plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that plan shall constitute the certified final plan.

(q) The commission has the sole legal standing to defend an action regarding a certified final plan and shall inform the General Assembly if it determines that funds or other resources provided for the operation of the commission are not adequate.

(r) (1) The Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings that a certified final plan is challenged or is claimed not to have taken timely effect.

(2) An aggrieved person who is a registered voter in this Commonwealth may file a petition with the Supreme Court within 30 days after the commission has certified a final plan to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to bar the Secretary of the Commonwealth from implementing the plan on the grounds that the filed plan violates the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Pennsylvania or any Federal or State statute.

(s) The Department of State shall provide staff as needed to support the commission in the performance of its duties.

(t) Upon the filing of all redistricting plans required under this section and the exhaustion of all appeals of a redistricting plan:

(1) the commission shall expire and the commission's responsibilities shall terminate; and

(2) the final plan shall have the force of law and the districts provided in the plan shall be used thereafter in elections to the General Assembly until the next redistricting as required under this section.

(u) The General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds for the compensation and expenses of members and staff appointed by the commission and for other necessary expenses. In addition to necessary expenses, the members of the commission shall receive a per diem for each day or part of a day spent performing their official duties. The per diem shall be the most recent per diem rate for locations in this Commonwealth as established and published by the United States General Services Administration.

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

"Commission." The Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Commission.

"Federal census." The decennial census required by Federal law to be conducted by the United States Census Bureau in every year ending in zero.

"Immediate family." A parent, spouse, child, brother or sister.

"Member." A member of the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Commission.

"Plan." A plan for legislative and congressional redistricting drawn under the requirements of this section.

(17) That section 1 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 1. Passage of laws.

No law shall be passed except by bill, and no bill shall be so altered or amended, on its passage through [either House] the General Assembly, as to change its original purpose.

(18) That section 4 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 4. Consideration of bills.

Every bill shall be considered on three different days [in each House]. All amendments made thereto shall be printed for the use of the members before the final vote is taken on the bill and before the final vote is taken, upon written request addressed to the presiding officer of [either House] the General Assembly by at least 25% of the members elected to [that House] the General Assembly, any bill shall be read at length [in that House]. No bill shall become a law, unless on its final passage the vote is taken by yeas and nays, the names of the persons voting for and against it are entered on the journal, and a majority of the members elected to [each House] the General Assembly is recorded thereon as voting in its favor.

(19) That section 5 of Article III be repealed:

[§ 5. Concurring in amendments; conference committee reports.

No amendment to bills by one House shall be concurred in by the other, except by the vote of a majority of the members elected thereto, taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the journal thereof; and reports of committees of conference shall be adopted in either House only by the vote of a majority of the members elected thereto, taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those voting recorded upon the journals.]

(20) That section 8 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 8. Signing of bills.

The presiding officer of [each House] the General Assembly shall, in the presence of the [House over which he presides] General Assembly, sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the General Assembly, after their titles have been publicly read immediately before signing; and the fact of signing shall be entered on the journal.

(21) That section 9 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 9. Action on concurrent orders and resolutions.

Every order, resolution or vote, [to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary,] except on the question of adjournment, shall be presented to the Governor and before it shall take effect be approved by him, or being disapproved, shall be repassed by two-thirds of [both Houses] the General Assembly according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill.

(22) That section 10 of Article III be repealed:

[§ 10. Revenue bills.

All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives, but the Senate may propose amendments as in other bills.]

(23) That section 13 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 13. Vote denied members with personal interest.

A member who has a personal or private interest in any measure or bill proposed or pending before the General Assembly shall disclose the fact to the [House of which he is a member] General Assembly, and shall not vote thereon.

(24) That section 17 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 17. Appointment of legislative officers and employees.

The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the number, duties and compensation of the officers and employees [of each House], and no payment shall be made from the State Treasury, or be in any way authorized, to any person, except to an acting officer or employee elected or appointed in pursuance of law.

(25) That section 30 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 30. Charitable and educational appropriations.

No appropriation shall be made to any charitable or educational institution not under the absolute control of the Commonwealth, other than normal schools established by law for the professional training of teachers for the public schools of the State, except by a vote of two-

thirds of all the members elected to [each House] the General Assembly.

(26) That section 2 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 2. Duties of Governor; election procedure; tie or contest.

The supreme executive power shall be vested in the Governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed; he shall be chosen on the day of the general election, by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth, at the places where they shall vote for Representatives. The returns of every election for Governor shall be sealed up and transmitted to the seat of government, directed to the [President of the Senate] Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall open and publish them in the presence of the members [of both Houses] of the General Assembly. The person having the highest number of votes shall be Governor, but if two or more be equal and highest in votes, one of them shall be chosen Governor by the [joint] vote of the members of [both Houses] the General Assembly. Contested elections shall be determined by a committee, to be selected from [both Houses of] the General Assembly, and formed and regulated in such manner as shall be directed by law.

(27) That section 4 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 4. Lieutenant Governor.

A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to the same provisions as the Governor; he shall be President of the Senate. As such, he may vote in case of a tie on any question except the final passage of a bill or joint resolution, the adoption of a conference report or the concurrence in amendments made by the House of Representatives.]

(28) That section 8 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 8. Appointing power.

(a) The Governor shall appoint a Secretary of Education and such other officers as he shall be authorized by law to appoint. The appointment of the Secretary of Education and of such other officers as may be specified by law, shall be subject to the consent of two-thirds or a majority of the members elected to the [Senate] General Assembly as is specified by law.

(b) The Governor shall fill vacancies in offices to which he appoints by nominating to the [Senate] General Assembly a proper person to fill the vacancy within 90 days of the first day of the vacancy and not thereafter. The [Senate] General Assembly shall act on each executive nomination within 25 legislative days of its submission. If the [Senate] General Assembly has not voted upon a nomination within 15 legislative days following such submission, any [five] 25 members of the [Senate] General Assembly may, in writing, request the presiding officer of the [Senate] General Assembly to place the nomination before the entire [Senate] General Assembly body whereby the nomination must be voted upon prior to the expiration of five legislative days or 25 legislative days following submission by the Governor, whichever occurs first. If the nomination is made during a recess or after adjournment sine die, the [Senate] General Assembly shall act upon it within 25 legislative days after its return or reconvening. If the [Senate] General Assembly for any reason fails to act upon a nomination submitted to it within the required 25 legislative days, the nominee shall take office as if the appointment had been consented to by the [Senate] General Assembly. The Governor shall in a similar manner fill vacancies in the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General, State Treasurer, justice, judge, justice of the peace and in any other elective office he is authorized to fill. In the case of a vacancy in an elective office, a person shall be elected to the office on the next election day appropriate to the office unless the first day of the vacancy is within two calendar months immediately preceding the election day in which case the election shall be held on the second succeeding election day appropriate to the office.

(c) In acting on executive nominations, the [Senate] General Assembly shall sit with open doors. The votes shall be taken by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the journal.

(29) That section 9 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 9. Pardoning power; Board of Pardons.

(a) In all criminal cases except impeachment the Governor shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, to grant reprieves, commutation of sentences and pardons; but no pardon shall be granted, nor sentence commuted, except on the recommendation in writing of a majority of the Board of Pardons, and, in the case of a sentence of death or life imprisonment, on the unanimous recommendation in writing of the Board of Pardons, after full hearing in open session, upon due public notice. The recommendation, with the reasons therefor at length, shall be delivered to the Governor and a copy thereof shall be kept on file in the office of the Lieutenant Governor in a docket kept for that purpose.

(b) The Board of Pardons shall consist of the Lieutenant Governor who shall be chairman, the Attorney General and three members appointed by the Governor with the consent of a majority of the members elected to the [Senate] General Assembly for terms of six years. The three members appointed by the Governor shall be residents of Pennsylvania. One shall be a crime victim, one a corrections expert and the third a doctor of medicine, psychiatrist or psychologist. The board shall keep records of its actions, which shall at all times be open for public inspection.

(30) That section 12 of Article IV be amended to read:
§ 12. Power to convene and adjourn the General Assembly.

He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the General Assembly[, and in case of disagreement between the two Houses, with respect to the time of adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper, not exceeding four months]. He shall have power to convene the [Senate] General Assembly in extraordinary session by proclamation for the transaction of Executive business.

(31) That section 14 of Article IV be amended to read:
§ 14. Vacancy in office of Lieutenant Governor.

In case of the death, conviction on impeachment, failure to qualify or resignation of the Lieutenant Governor[, or in case he should become Governor under section 13 of this article, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall become Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term], the Governor shall appoint, in accordance with section 8 of this article, a Lieutenant Governor. The appointment shall be subject to the consent of a majority of the members elected to the General Assembly. The appointee, upon approval, shall serve for the remainder of the term. In case of the disability of the Lieutenant Governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office shall devolve upon the [President pro tempore of the Senate] Speaker of the General Assembly until the disability is removed. Should there be no Lieutenant Governor, the [President pro tempore of the Senate] Speaker of the General Assembly shall become Governor if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Governor and in case of the disability of the Governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office shall devolve upon the [President pro tempore of the Senate] Speaker of the General Assembly until the disability is removed. His seat as [Senator] member of the General Assembly shall become vacant whenever he shall become Governor and shall be filled by election as any other vacancy in the [Senate] General Assembly.

(32) That section 15 of Article IV be amended to read:
§ 15. Approval of bills; vetoes.

Every bill which shall have passed [both Houses] the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor; if he approves he shall sign it, but if he shall not approve he shall return it with his objections to the [House in which it shall have originated] General Assembly, which [House] shall enter the objections at large upon their journal, and proceed to re-consider it. If after such re-consideration, two-thirds of all the members elected to [that House] the General Assembly shall agree to pass the bill, [it shall be sent with the objections to the other House by which likewise it shall be re-considered, and if approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to that House] it shall be a law; but in such cases the votes of [both Houses] the General Assembly shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the [journals of each House, respectively] journal. If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within ten days after it shall have been presented to him, the

same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly, by their adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall be a law, unless he shall file the same, with his objections, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and give notice thereof by public proclamation within 30 days after such adjournment.

(33) That section 13(b) and (d) of Article V be amended to read:
§ 13. Election of justices, judges and justices of the peace; vacancies.

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(b) A vacancy in the office of justice, judge or justice of the peace shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. The appointment shall be with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members elected to the [Senate] General Assembly, except in the case of justices of the peace which shall be by a majority. The person so appointed shall serve for a term ending on the first Monday of January following the next municipal election more than ten months after the vacancy occurs or for the remainder of the unexpired term whichever is less, except in the case of persons selected as additional judges to the Superior Court, where the General Assembly may stagger and fix the length of the initial terms of such additional judges by reference to any of the first, second and third municipal elections more than ten months after the additional judges are selected. The manner by which any additional judges are selected shall be provided by this section for the filling of vacancies in judicial offices.

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(d) At the primary election in 1969, the electors of the Commonwealth may elect to have the justices and judges of the Supreme, Superior, Commonwealth and all other statewide courts appointed by the Governor from a list of persons qualified for the offices submitted to him by the Judicial Qualifications Commission. If a majority vote of those voting on the question is in favor of this method of appointment, then whenever any vacancy occurs thereafter for any reason in such court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment in the manner prescribed in this subsection. Such appointment shall not require the consent of the [Senate] General Assembly.

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(34) That section 3 of Article VI be amended to read:
§ 3. Oath of office.

[Senators, Representatives] Members of the General Assembly and all judicial, State and county officers shall, before entering on the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation before a person authorized to administer oaths.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity."

[The oath or affirmation shall be administered to a member of the Senate or to a member of the House of Representatives in the hall of the House to which he shall have been elected.]

Any person refusing to take the oath or affirmation shall forfeit his office.

(35) That section 4 of Article VI be amended to read:
§ 4. Power of impeachment.

[The House of Representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment.] The General Assembly shall have the sole power of impeachment. A majority of the members elected to the General Assembly must concur in the impeachment. Proceeding for impeachment may be initiated in either a regular session or a special session of the General Assembly.

(36) That section 5 of Article VI be amended to read:
§ 5. Trial of impeachments.

[All impeachments shall be tried by the Senate. When sitting for that purpose the Senators shall be upon oath or affirmation. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.] Upon the adoption of a resolution of impeachment, which resolution shall give reasonable notice of the acts or omissions alleged to constitute impeachable offenses but need not conform to any particular style, a notice of an impeachment of any officer, other than a

justice of the Supreme Court, shall be forthwith served upon the Chief Justice, by the Clerk of the General Assembly, who shall thereupon call a session of the Supreme Court to meet at the Capitol in an expeditious fashion after such notice to try the impeachment. A notice of an impeachment of the Chief Justice or any justice of the Supreme Court shall be served by the Clerk of the General Assembly, upon the President Judge of the Superior Court, and he or she thereupon shall choose, at random, seven judges of the Superior Court to meet within 30 days at the Capitol, to sit as a court to try such impeachment, which court shall organize by electing one of its number to preside. The case against the impeached civil officer shall be brought in the name of the General Assembly and shall be managed by two members of the General Assembly, appointed by the General Assembly, who may make technical or procedural amendments to the articles of impeachment as they deem necessary. The trial shall be conducted in the manner of a civil proceeding and the impeached civil officer shall not be allowed to invoke a privilege against self-incrimination, except as otherwise applicable in a general civil case. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the court of impeachment that clear and convincing evidence exists indicating that such person is guilty of one or more impeachable offenses. No officer shall exercise his or her official duties after he or she shall have been impeached and notified thereof, until he or she shall have been acquitted.

(37) That section 7 of Article VI be amended to read:

§ 7. Removal of civil officers.

All civil officers shall hold their offices on the condition that they behave themselves well while in office, and shall be removed on conviction of misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime. Appointed civil officers, other than judges of the courts of record, may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which they shall have been appointed. All civil officers elected by the people, except the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, members of the General Assembly and judges of the courts of record, shall be removed by the Governor for reasonable cause, after due notice and full hearing, on the address of two-thirds of the [Senate] General Assembly.

(38) That section 2 of Article VII be amended to read:

§ 2. General election day.

The general election shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members [of each House] consenting thereto: Provided, That such election shall always be held in an even-numbered year.

(39) That section 3 of Article VII be amended to read:

§ 3. Municipal election day; offices to be filled on election days.

All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All elections for judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day; namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members [of each House] consenting thereto: Provided, That such elections shall be held in an odd-numbered year: Provided further, That all judges for the courts of the several judicial districts holding office at the present time, whose terms of office may end in an odd-numbered year, shall continue to hold their offices until the first Monday of January in the next succeeding even-numbered year.

(40) That section 17(b) of Article VIII be amended to read:

§ 17. Special emergency legislation.

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, section 29 subsequent to a Presidential declaration of an emergency or of a major disaster in any part of this Commonwealth, the General Assembly shall have the authority by a vote of two-thirds of all members [elected to each House] to make appropriations limited to moneys required for Federal emergency or major disaster relief. This subsection may apply

retroactively to any Presidential declaration of an emergency or of a major disaster in 1976 or 1977.

(41) That section 1 of Article XI be amended to read:

§ 1. Proposal of amendments by the General Assembly and their adoption.

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in the [Senate or House of Representatives] General Assembly; and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of the members elected [to each House], such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on [their journals] the journal with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause the same to be published three months before the next general election, in at least two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers shall be published; and if, in the General Assembly next afterwards chosen, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be agreed to by a majority of the members elected [to each House], the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause the same again to be published in the manner aforesaid; and such proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State in such manner, and at such time at least three months after being so agreed to by the [two Houses] General Assembly, as the General Assembly shall prescribe; and, if such amendment or amendments shall be approved by a majority of those voting thereon, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of the Constitution; but no amendment or amendments shall be submitted oftener than once in five years. When two or more amendments shall be submitted they shall be voted upon separately.

(a) In the event a major emergency threatens or is about to threaten the Commonwealth and if the safety or welfare of the Commonwealth requires prompt amendment of this Constitution, such amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in the [Senate or House of Representatives] General Assembly at any regular or special session of the General Assembly, and if agreed to by at least two-thirds of the members elected [to each House], a proposed amendment shall be entered on the journal of [each House] the General Assembly with the yeas and nays taken thereon and the official in charge of statewide elections shall promptly publish such proposed amendment in at least two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published. Such amendment shall then be submitted to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth in such manner, and at such time, at least one month after being agreed to by [both Houses] the General Assembly as the General Assembly prescribes.

(b) If an emergency amendment is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, it shall become part of this Constitution. When two or more emergency amendments are submitted they shall be voted on separately.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments under section 1 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. This amendment has been withdrawn.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody offers amendment 5564. The clerk will read a summary of that amendment, 5564.

Mr. DERMODY. It is withdrawn, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Please read a summary and then it will be withdrawn.

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

Mr. **DERMODY** offered the following amendment No. **A05564**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out the period after "reapportionment" and inserting
, provided that the number of senatorial districts under section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania does not exceed 38.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. That has been withdrawn.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Rabb has two late-filed amendments, which would need a motion to suspend. The suspension can include both of those amendments. They are 5706 and 5709.

The good gentleman has indicated he is not going to move to suspend for 5706 and 5709, and they have been withdrawn.

There are a number of ghost amendments; quote, unquote, "ghost amendments." Just to see if they are withdrawn.

Representative Dermody, you have 5538? Withdrawn? Not withdrawn. Oh, okay. Not withdrawn.

Representative Rabb, 5562? Those are not withdrawn.

Representative Markosek, 5563? Withdrawn? Not withdrawn.

Representative Dermody has 5565. Not withdrawn?

Representative Markosek, 5570, not withdrawn?

Representative Davidson, 5571, not withdrawn?

Representative Samuelson, 5573, 5575, 5577, 5579, not withdrawn? Not withdrawn, correct? Not withdrawn. That is fine.

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

Mr. **DiGIROLAMO** offered the following amendment No. **A00055**:

Amend Bill, page 1, Header Line, by striking out "J.R. 2016-1" and inserting

NONE

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "50"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "50"

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative DiGirolamo.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a very simple, straightforward amendment. This amendment also reduces the number of the Senate from 50 to 38, the same percentage that the House is reduced in HB 153. It is a commonsense approach to reducing the size of the legislature, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jerry Knowles, on the amendment, 0055.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, hopefully we will all have the opportunity to vote on reducing the size of the Senate. There is legislation that is coming down the pike, but I remind you that if you vote "yes" on this amendment or on any other amendment, you are killing the bill. You are killing the bill and you are denying your constituents, your bosses, you are denying them the opportunity to vote in November whether this House should have 203 or 151 members. Mr. Speaker, I believe that our constituents are entitled to that. We owe that to them.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a "no" vote on amendment 0055.

The SPEAKER. Representative DiGirolamo, for the second time.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is never the wrong time to do the right thing. This is absolutely the right thing to do. If it takes a little bit more time getting done whatever that is, this is the right thing to do, include the Senate with the House, reducing them both at the same time, the same percentage. I ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody, on the amendment.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If you think it is a good idea to reduce the size of the General Assembly, then you should vote to reduce the size of the General Assembly; not just the House, the Senate.

Now, we have a little history here. We have heard we are going to have another vote. Well, we voted twice before to reduce the size of the Senate separately, and it has not worked out so well, has it? Because you are going to send the bill over there and they are not going to do that. You know it and I know it.

If you want to reduce the size of the General Assembly, well, then let us reduce the size of the General Assembly. We reduce the House and we reduce the Senate. That is what this amendment does. It is the right thing to do, and you know it is the only way – if you think it is the right thing to do – to get it done properly.

This amendment needs to pass, if you care at all. If you think reducing the size of the General Assembly is the right thing to do, it is the right thing for your constituents, it is the right thing for people in Pennsylvania, then you have got to vote to reduce the size of the General Assembly. That means the House, that means the Senate, and that is why that has to be included and this DiGirolamo amendment needs to pass.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Representative Gary Day, on the amendment.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes. For what do you rise?

Mr. DAY. Mr. Speaker, the sponsor of the underlying bill made a few comments about that this would kill the bill, so this point of order is directed toward that. If this bill was amended here today and passed here and in the Senate it passed, if it was then the exact same thing that was passed in the next session, would it be good at that point?

The SPEAKER. Here is how it works: the bill, 153, was passed, as it is being offered today, last session by both the House and the Senate. Thus, this constitutional amendment, in the form of a bill, has passed the requisite first step to amend the Constitution. So in the session for '15-'16, HB 153, as it is being offered today, passed the House and the Senate in the '15-'16 session.

The next step is that same exact language must pass in this session, because it has to be consecutive sessions – that would be the '17-'18 session – to be eligible to go to a referendum by the voters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

If the amendment passes, it changes the language of HB 153. That can still be sent to the Senate, but it starts the clock all over again. You cannot get that to a referendum. It would have to be passed by both chambers in '17-'18 and it would have to be passed by both chambers in '19-'20 to get to a referendum vote to change the Constitution. It does not mean that the legislation, the amendment, the constitutional amendment, is invalid. It just means that you are not following through with the second step of the changes to the Constitution. HB 153 passed the Senate and the House last session, '15-'16. It has to pass '17-'18 to go to a referendum. This amendment would stop that.

Mr. DAY. Mr. Speaker, that is one of the most thorough explanations that I have ever heard of a point of order. It answered my question and it answered it more so that we can make an educated decision today. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler, on the amendment.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to provide a little bit of history regarding this proposal and where we have been, because I believe it provides some context for the gentleman's amendment as well as the vote that we have before us here tonight.

In prior sessions I believe that I voted for a proposal like this at least three times, and the first proposal did just this. It had both the House and Senate contained in it and it went to the Senate and was never picked up. In subsequent sessions we decided to bifurcate the two bills – reduce the House, reduce the Senate. This one was returned to us. It is now ready for final

passage, as well as, should it pass, advertisement across the Commonwealth and the opportunity to vote in the November elections. We will have the opportunity to reduce the Senate in a separate bill.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that hope springs eternal, and that, ultimately, both have a good chance of passing. However, I think that we should vote this one today, because now is the time to show that we can lead by example and give the voters the opportunity to pick the size, shape, and type of government that they want. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I would oppose the gentleman's amendment and would offer support for HB 153.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody wishes to speak a second time.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that no matter what happens, I mean, rather this vote tonight, if this gets on the ballot in November, this does not take effect until 2022. So we can send this back to the Senate, include the Senate, and do what we all wanted – well, some of us want to do – reduce the size of the legislature, including the House and the Senate, and still have it passed in two sessions and still have it including the Senate. So there is no rush to judgment needed here, there is no need for us to do this tonight, because we can include the General Assembly and have it all done by 2022.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Reed, on the amendment.

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

I understand that sometimes when you have to cut back, choices are difficult. We have had a lot of very difficult choices during the last couple of years from a budgetary perspective. I think there is no better example for us to set in the State of Pennsylvania than to show our willingness to cut down on the size of the legislature, as we ask so many other folks to cut back as well. This is not a fly-by-night conversation. This conversation has been going on for a decade. For a decade we have been talking about reducing the size of the legislature. We have tried a number of different options to approach reducing the size of the legislature. This body, several times, passed legislation that encompassed this amendment as well as the original content of this bill, reducing both the House and the Senate. The Senate has not shown a willingness thus far to reduce the size of their own body. That is why last session we decided to move forward with a bill to reduce the size of the House alone. This bill, unamended, continues with that process and continues with our commitment to show the voters of Pennsylvania that we, indeed, are willing to lead by example and cut down the size of this body, before we ask other members and other families across the State and other folks who rely upon government to reduce their own expenditures and live on just a little bit less.

So tonight this amendment may sound great, and in an ideal situation, certainly, I would love to reduce the size of the House and Senate in its own proposal. This amendment, though, will kill the constitutional amendment process in the near term. It will delay the reduction of the size of this body by several years, and if that is your goal, so be it, and I respect many folks who feel that way and have publicly declared that they do not believe we should reduce the size of the House. But for those who wish to live in a world where you have your cake and eat it too, where you kill this constitutional amendment process but then go out and proclaim that you are supportive of reducing the size

of the House, tonight is your night of choosing: are you with the citizens that you have committed to vote to reduce the size of this body or do you wish to delay just one more time?

I would ask the members to oppose this amendment. Let us send this bill cleanly over to the Senate and, ultimately, to the voters in November, and then let us vote to reduce the size of the Senate in a separate proposal so that we can send that proposal as well on a separate bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that whether this bill passes without the amendment or with the amendment, the time at which the legislature would be reduced is still 2022. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. Well, that is not a parliamentary inquiry. You are looking at a summary of the bill. I think you have had that discussed in your caucuses and it should be online.

Mr. STURLA. Okay.

May I interrogate the maker of the bill?

The SPEAKER. Sure.

Representative Jerry Knowles will stand for interrogation.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, with this amendment that is being proposed, would the time at which the legislature actually gets reduced be any different than without the amendment?

Mr. KNOWLES. Yes, it would be. It would be, because if this bill passes without amendment, it would go on the ballot in November for the citizens of Pennsylvania to decide whether or not they want a House of 203 or 151. If the amendment goes into the bill, as the Speaker had indicated earlier, it gets pushed back 2 more years. It gets pushed back.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, if I could, on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Absolutely. You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Mr. Speaker, the time that people vote on it may be different, but the time that the legislature actually gets reduced is exactly the same. It does not change the date that the legislature's size gets changed. Let us be clear on that. It does not change the date that the legislature's size gets changed.

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—114

Baker	DeLuca	Keller, W.	Rader
Barbin	Dermody	Kim	Rapp
Bizzarro	Diamond	Kinsey	Ravenstahl
Boback	DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Readshaw
Boyle	Donatucci	Kortz	Roebuck
Bradford	Dowling	Krueger	Rozzi
Briggs	Driscoll	Kulik	Ryan
Brown, V.	Dush	Longietti	Sainato
Bullock	Emrick	Madden	Samuelson
Burns	Evans	Mako	Santora
Caltagirone	Fabrizio	Markosek	Schlossberg
Carroll	Farry	Matzie	Schweyer
Causer	Fitzgerald	McCarter	Sims
Cephas	Flynn	McClinton	Snyder
Charlton	Frankel	McNeill	Solomon

Comitta	Freeman	Mehaffie	Staats
Conklin	Gainey	Miccarelli	Sturla
Costa, D.	Galloway	Miller, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Goodman	Mullery	Taylor
Cox	Haggerty	Murt	Toohil
Cruz	Hahn	Neilson	Vazquez
Daley	Hanna	O'Brien	Vitali
Davidson	Harper	O'Neill	Walsh
Davis, A.	Harris, J.	Pashinski	Warner
Davis, T.	Heffley	Petrarca	Warren
Dawkins	Hennessey	Quigley	Wheatley
Dean	James	Quinn, C.	White
Deasy	Jozwiak	Rabb	Youngblood
DeLissio	Kavulich		

NAYS—81

Barrar	Greiner	Marsico	Roe
Benninghoff	Grove	Masser	Rothman
Bernstine	Harris, A.	McGinnis	Saccone
Bloom	Helm	Mentzer	Sankey
Brown, R.	Hickernell	Metcalfe	Saylor
Cook	Hill	Metzgar	Schemel
Corbin	Irvin	Millard	Simmons
Corr	Kampf	Miller, B.	Sonney
Culver	Kaufner	Milne	Stephens
Cutler	Kauffman	Moul	Tobash
Day	Keefer	Mustio	Toepel
Delozier	Keller, F.	Nelson	Topper
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Nesbit	Ward
Ellis	Klunk	Oberlander	Watson
English	Knowles	Ortitay	Wentling
Evanovich	Lawrence	Peifer	Wheeland
Everett	Lewis	Pickett	Zimmerman
Fee	Mackenzie	Quinn, M.	
Fritz	Maher	Reed	Turzai,
Gillen	Maloney	Reese	Speaker
Gillespie	Marshall	Roae	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

On the question,

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

The SPEAKER. Representative DiGirolamo, you have amendments 5345 and 5346. Are they withdrawn?

We are going to go through each amendment. So please, we are not done voting.

Amendment 5345 is withdrawn; 5346 is withdrawn. Is that correct, sir? Representative DiGirolamo, is that correct?

Representative Causer has amendments 5534 and 5532. Representative Causer, 5534 and 5532.

Representative Causer.

Mr. CAUSER. Mr. Speaker, with Representative DiGirolamo's amendment going in, I will withdraw both of my amendments.

The SPEAKER. Representative DiGirolamo, you have a corrective reprint. It was originally 5537; now it is 5659. That is withdrawn?

Representative Cox had a reprint of 5389, which is now 5646; and 5390 originally, which is now 5647; and 5391, which is now 5648.

Representative Cox, do you wish to offer those amendments, sir? You are called upon.

Mr. COX. Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Those three amendments are withdrawn, 5646, 5647—

Mr. COX. No, Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. Oh, I am sorry. I apologize. You are going to offer them?

Mr. COX. I thought the question was do I wish to offer and I do.

The SPEAKER. Okay. I apologize. They will all be – I will be taking those up shortly. Okay. I am just going to go through right now and find out what is withdrawn, and then I will come back to those that are still on.

So 5646, 5647, and 5648 are still being offered.

Representative Mehaffie has amendments 5380 and 5530 and – excuse me, 5380 and 5535. Amendment 5535 is a late-filed, so that would need a suspension motion.

But, Representative Mehaffie, on the amendments.

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the late-filed amendment I will pull.

The SPEAKER. You are going to withdraw the late-filed, yes?

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Yes.

And A05380 I think it is, or sorry, 5380, I am understanding that is not germane. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. Well, no, that would have to be voted upon.

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Okay.

The SPEAKER. Do you still want to offer that?

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Yes, please.

The SPEAKER. Okay. I will come back. I will make sure to call that.

Representative DiGirolamo, you have amendment 5567, is that – sir, 5567, Representative DiGirolamo, is that being offered, sir? That is withdrawn.

Okay. Members, other than the ghost amendments – quote, unquote, "ghost amendments," meaning that it depends on if other amendments go in – other than those, the amendments that still have yet to be offered are these: 5646 by Representative Cox, 5647 by Representative Cox, and 5648 by Representative Cox; 5380 by Representative Mehaffie.

And, Representative Causer, I believe amendment 5533 has been withdrawn. Am I correct about that, sir, or not? It is a separate amendment. Is that withdrawn, 5533? Yes, sir. That is withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05646**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting before "The"

(a)

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "151"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "districts"

as provided in subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

(b) The number of representative districts shall be as follows:

(1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 191 representative districts.

(2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 181 representative districts.

(3) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2042, there shall be 171 representative districts.

(4) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2052, there shall be 161 representative districts.

(5) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2062, there shall be 151 representative districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Representative Cox, you may proceed on the amendment, sir. Please speak on the amendment. You may proceed.

Mr. COX. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The reason I offered this amendment and the other two that are similar to this is because we, as a legislature, if we are going to reduce the size of the legislature, if we are going to make changes, whether it is to the House or the Senate or both, I believe the way to do it is not in one fell swoop. What we are proposing for the House – my amendments affect the numbers for the House – so we are proposing to move it from 203 down to 151, and rather than doing it in one census cycle, this would spread it across four census cycles, and instead of 52 at a time, there is a smaller number that are reduced each time until we reach the 151 number. But it is not done in one fell swoop, and so I think that is a more practical way to do it, I think it is a way that avoids political controversy and yet accomplishes the overall goal. So for that reason I would ask for support for amendment 5646. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Knowles, on the amendment, please.

Mr. KNOWLES. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. Representative Cox, who is the maker of the amendment, the good gentleman has asked if you will stand for interrogation.

He will. He will so stand.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if you can give me a better understanding of what you are doing here. I apologize, but I would like you to explain it again if you would.

The SPEAKER. Representative Knowles, the members cannot hear you.

Members, if you could please take your seats. Representative Knowles is entitled to be heard with his questions to Representative Cox on the amendment. Please take your seats.

Representative Knowles, you may proceed.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, could you better inform me as to why you are doing what you are doing? Why do you want to spread it out over the course of, basically, 44 years?

Mr. COX. Essentially, the approach behind this is to do it in a much more reasoned way. When you are looking at the political environment, whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, when you look at the political environment, what this scenario creates, moving from 203 down to 151, it puts a whole lot of power into one census cycle and it puts the determination of which seats survive and which seats do not survive, and it creates a lot of political turmoil unnecessarily, in my opinion and in the opinions of others. The amendments I am offering, this amendment is based on the idea that Representative Kauffman had in some of his original legislation to reduce the size of the legislature, and by doing it over a number of years, it avoids placing too much power in the bodies that determine which seats are eliminated and it does it in a much more natural way and it does it in a way that, again, I believe, minimizes political turmoil and spreads it across the years.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, sir, you may proceed.

Mr. KNOWLES. Mr. Speaker, the people that I represent, and I remind the gentleman from Berks, this State legislature is not reducing the size of anything. You are giving your constituents the opportunity to make that decision, your bosses, the people that you work with. I think that it is unreasonable. This has been a well-thought-out bill. I think it is unreasonable to drag it out over the course of years. The people want to vote on it now. Let us give them that opportunity. Let us give them the opportunity that they deserve, and, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a "no" on amendment 5646.

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

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also rise in opposition to the amendment. Literally, what we would be doing, if we agreed to this amendment, we would be saying we are going to reduce the size of the legislature a little over than one seat a year for 44 years. We should vote "no" on this amendment. If we are going to do it, let us do it. The last amendment said we are going to do it for both the House and the Senate. We should get on with the vote. We should vote this amendment down.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-63

Boyle	DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Ravenstahl
Brown, V.	Donatucci	Kirkland	Rozzi
Bullock	Evans	Krueger	Sainato
Burns	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Flynn	Madden	Schlossberg
Causer	Frankel	Markosek	Schweyer
Comitta	Freeman	Matzie	Sims
Cox	Gainey	McClinton	Snyder
Cruz	Galloway	McNeill	Sturla
Daley	Goodman	Mehaffie	Vazquez
Davidson	Haggerty	Miller, D.	Vitali
Davis, A.	Hanna	Neilson	Ward
Dean	Harris, J.	O'Brien	Warren
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Pashinski	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Rader	Youngblood
Dermody	Kim	Rapp	

NAYS-132

Baker	English	Mackenzie	Reed
Barbin	Evankovich	Maher	Reese
Barrar	Everett	Mako	Roae
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Maloney	Roe
Bernstine	Farry	Marshall	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Fee	Marsico	Rothman
Bloom	Fritz	Masser	Ryan
Boback	Gillen	McCarter	Saccone
Bradford	Gillespie	McGinnis	Sankey
Briggs	Greiner	Mentzer	Santora
Brown, R.	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Carroll	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Cephas	Harper	Miccarelli	Simmons
Charlton	Harris, A.	Millard	Solomon
Conklin	Heffley	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cook	Helm	Milne	Staats
Corbin	Hennessey	Moul	Stephens
Corr	Hickernell	Mullery	Tallman
Costa, D.	Hill	Murt	Taylor
Costa, P.	Irvin	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	James	Nelson	Toepel
Cutler	Kampf	Nesbit	Toohil
Davis, T.	Kaufman	O'Neill	Topper
Dawkins	Kauffman	Oberlander	Walsh
Day	Kavulich	Ortitay	Warner
Deasy	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
Delozier	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dowling	Klunk	Quigley	White
Driscoll	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Kortz	Quinn, M.	
Dush	Kulik	Rabb	Turzai,
Ellis	Lawrence	Readshaw	Speaker
Emrick	Lewis		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05647**:

- Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting before "The"
 - (a) Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "151"
 - Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "districts" as provided in subsection (b)
- Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2
 - (b) The number of representative districts shall be as follows:
 - (1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 189 representative districts.
 - (2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 175 representative districts.
 - (3) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2042, there shall be 163 representative districts.

(4) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2052, there shall be 151 representative districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Cox, on the amendment, please.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to withdraw amendment 5647, which would do a similar reduction of over three census cycles.

I am still interested in having 5648 put before the body, which does it over two census cycles.

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05648**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting before "The"

(a)

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "151"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "districts" as provided in subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

(b) The number of representative districts shall be as follows:

(1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 185 representative districts.

(2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 167 representative districts.

(3) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2042, there shall be 151 representative districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Cox, please.

Mr. COX. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Like the previous amendment, this reduces the size of the House membership over the course of two census cycles. Again, I think it is a more reasoned approach and it is something that, to me, makes sense. My constituents have not told me that they want us to reduce the size of the legislature so much as they have told me they want to reduce the size of government as a whole and the cost of government.

Contrary to what was said earlier, this bill has very little, if any, cost savings. There is not going to be money saved here and there has been no mistake made about that in the discussions that we have had on both sides of the aisle. This is not a money-saving mechanism. It simply changes the structure

and I think, potentially, it does it in a harmful way, if we do not do it over a couple of census cycles. So for that reason I would like support for this amendment to do this over a couple of census cycles, rather than in just one fell swoop. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bryan Barbin, on the amendment, please. He waives off.

Representative DeLuca, on the amendment, please.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Cox amendment, and the reason I support it is because the fact is – and I support reducing the House and the Senate, but we have not talked about the staff, the offices this is going to create, the more staff it is going to create. Are we really saving the taxpayers money or are we just going to put more staff out there, more offices, and the fact is, we are not going to give them good government. We are going to give them worse government than what we have right now.

You cannot tell me, there is nothing in your bill – to the prime sponsor – that does anything to hold the staff down, hold the offices down, or hold the cost of government. I support the Cox amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jerry Knowles, on the amendment, please.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents have told me that they want us to reduce the size of government, including the General Assembly. As the leader had indicated earlier, this is an opportunity to lead by example.

(Remarks were voluntarily withdrawn.)

Mr. Speaker, people want the opportunity to decide how big this body should be and they want it now. I mean, we keep on going back to we are going to reduce the size of the House. No, we are not. We are going to afford our constituents the opportunity to make that decision, and with all due respect to the fine gentleman from Berks County, they want it now. What he is talking – we have got to wait – it is going to be 24 years. Wow, 24 years.

Let us get it done, Mr. Speaker, and let us do it right now. I would ask for a "no" vote on the Cox amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative DeLuca, for the second time on the amendment.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And keep in mind, the good gentleman withdrew his remarks, the one set of remarks.

But, Representative DeLuca, you may proceed.

Mr. DeLUCA. Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman and what his constituents want. My constituents want a smaller legislature, a more cost-efficient legislature, and saving money for the taxpayers. They do not just want to cut numbers. We are cutting 18 percent of this House down. I do not see us cutting 18 percent of our staff or we are going to increase the staff or increase the offices up here the same way the Senate has and we are not giving the constituents the service this full-time body – full-time, I say – deserves. We keep saying we are full-time. Then we should be full-time. Thank you.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush, on the amendment.

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like a point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. DUSH. The amendment as drafted—

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. I cannot hear the question.

Please proceed, Representative Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment as drafted, given the DiGirolamo amendment that affects the Senate, does the language in this amendment affect the Senate or the amendment that was passed previously at all?

The SPEAKER. It does not.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The DiGirolamo amendment is in the bill. This amendment, should it be passed, does not impact that amendment or the underlying bill except to the extent that is in the amendment itself.

Mr. DUSH. So therefore, it would only make this step process for the House?

The SPEAKER. Correct. It only applies to the House. It does not apply to the Senate, but the Senate language is in the bill given the amendment by Representative DiGirolamo passing.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, sir.

Mr. DUSH. On the amendment, I would urge members to vote for this. This is a very drastic step, cutting out 18 percent of our legislature, and it is not an 18 percent in reduction to the size of our districts, especially in the rural counties where I will probably go from 900 square miles or my district will go from 900 square miles to well over 1200. We do need to – because the law that we deal with most often in this House is the law of unintended consequences, I think this is a fair and reasonable way to make sure that if it turns out to be a mistake, that we are heading in the wrong direction, this gives the electorate the chance to make that change back and reverse it.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—85

Baker	DeLuca	Jozwiak	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	Dermodoy	Keller, W.	Readshaw
Boyle	DiGirolamo	Kim	Roebuck
Brown, R.	Donatucci	Kinsey	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Driscoll	Kirkland	Sainato
Bullock	Dush	Kortz	Samuelson
Burns	Emrick	Krueger	Santora
Caltagirone	Evans	Kulik	Schlossberg
Causser	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Schweyer
Cephas	Farry	Madden	Sims
Charlton	Fitzgerald	Mako	Snyder
Comitta	Flynn	Markosek	Staats
Conklin	Frankel	Matzie	Sturla
Costa, D.	Freeman	McClinton	Tallman
Cox	Gainey	Mehaffie	Vazquez
Cruz	Galloway	Murt	Vitali
Culver	Goodman	Neilson	Ward
Davidson	Haggerty	Pashinski	Warren
Davis, A.	Hanna	Peifer	Wheatley
Dawkins	Harris, J.	Rader	White
Deasy	James	Rapp	Youngblood
DeLissio			

NAYS—109

Barbin	Gillen	Marsico	Reed
Barrar	Gillespie	Masser	Reese
Benninghoff	Greiner	McCarter	Roae
Bernstine	Grove	McGinnis	Roe
Bloom	Hahn	McNeill	Rothman
Boback	Harper	Mentzer	Ryan
Bradford	Harris, A.	Metcalfe	Saccone
Briggs	Heffley	Metzgar	Sankey
Carroll	Helm	Miccarelli	Saylor
Cook	Hennessey	Millard	Schemel
Corbin	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Simmons
Corr	Hill	Miller, D.	Solomon
Costa, P.	Irvin	Milne	Sonney
Cutler	Kampf	Moul	Stephens
Daley	Kaufner	Mullery	Taylor
Davis, T.	Kauffman	Mustio	Tobash
Day	Kavulich	Nelson	Toepel
Dean	Keefe	Nesbit	Topper
DeLozier	Keller, F.	O'Brien	Walsh
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	O'Neill	Warner
Dowling	Klunk	Oberlander	Watson
Dunbar	Knowles	Ortitay	Wentling
Ellis	Lawrence	Petrarca	Wheeland
English	Lewis	Pickett	Zimmerman
Evankovich	Mackenzie	Quigley	
Everett	Maher	Quinn, C.	Turzai,
Fee	Maloney	Quinn, M.	Speaker
Fritz	Marshall	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

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

Mr. MEHAFFIE offered the following amendment
No. A05380:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for terms of members; and reducing the size of the General Assembly.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:
§ 3. Terms of members.

Senators and Representatives shall be elected for the [term of four years and Representatives for the term of two years] term of four years.

(2) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:
Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "this" and inserting these
Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "amendment" and

inserting

amendments

Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "this" and inserting these

Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "amendment" and

inserting

amendments

Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out "this" and inserting these

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

inserting

amendments

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "this" and inserting these

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "amendment" and

inserting

amendments

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "this" and inserting these

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "amendment" and

inserting

amendments

Amend Bill, page 2, line 23, by striking out "amendment is" and

inserting

amendments are

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

Section 3. The provisions of the constitutional amendment under section 1(1) of this resolution shall apply to members elected during or after the first general election following the ratification of the constitutional amendment under section 1(1) of this resolution.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 25, by striking out "3" and inserting 4

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "this" and inserting the

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting after "amendment"

under section 1(2) of this resolution

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Mehaffie, on the amendment.

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will pull that amendment.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Amendment 5380 has been withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. Members, all amendments have either been voted on either on their merits, on the issue of germaneness, or have been withdrawn.

There are 16 other amendments drafted such that if another amendment went in, these amendments would be offered. I am just going to ask each of the members if they wish to offer them or not.

And I am going to begin with Representative DiGirolamo. Representative DiGirolamo, you have amendments 5539, 5596, and 5598. Those are all withdrawn.

Representative Samuelson, you have amendments— Oh, and, Representative DiGirolamo, 5569 is withdrawn as well? I missed that. I apologize. Withdrawn.

Representative Samuelson offers these four amendments: 5573, 5575, 5577, and 5579. They are all withdrawn, sir? They are all withdrawn.

Representative Vitali offers amendments 5566 and 5568. Sir, are you offering those amendments, 5566 and 5568? They are withdrawn.

Representative Markosek has two, amendments 5563 and 5570. They are withdrawn.

Representative Davidson offers amendment 5571. Withdrawn.

And Representative Rabb offers amendment 5562, and that is withdrawn.

Members, I see no other amendments in front of me. If I am incorrect about that, please rise and state for the record that I am missing an amendment. I see no other amendments being offered.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 253, PN 2914**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. And on the bill there are 14 amendments, 2 of which were late-filed.

Representative Dermody, you have amendments 5400 and 5401. Do you wish to offer those amendments, sir? Amendments 5400 and 5401 are withdrawn.

Representative DiGirolamo, you have these – I have them listed as, quote, unquote, "ghost amendments" – 5545, 5546, and 5549. Are they withdrawn?

Representative Dermody, you also had – I am sorry I missed this – amendment 5550. Withdrawn.

Representative Freeman, you had three amendments that I see: 5559, 5560, and 5561. Withdrawn. They are all withdrawn.

Representative Vitali, I see amendment 5384. Withdrawn.

Representative Cox, you have the last amendments that I see. They are 5649, 5650, 5661, and 5662.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw amendments 5649 and 5650.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Amendment 5661 is a late-filed amendment and will need a motion to suspend, as will amendment 5662.

Mr. COX. All right. With that in mind, I will leave all of them then.

The SPEAKER. Okay. There are no amendments that I see because all of them have been withdrawn to HB 253. I see no amendments to HB 253. If I am in error, please correct me now for the record.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Cox.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I think we have a misunderstanding. When you told me that amendments 5661 and 5662 were not timely filed, I meant to say and I thought I did, I would like all four amendments to be considered.

The SPEAKER. Okay. That is not how I understood it.

So I am going to have to rescind that decision to move to third consideration.

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair rescinds its statement that the bill was agreed to on second consideration.

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05649**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting before "The"

(a)

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by striking out "37"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "senatorial" districts as provided in subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

(b) The number of senatorial districts shall be as follows:

(1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 46 senatorial districts.

(2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 42 senatorial districts.

(3) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2042, there shall be 38 senatorial districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Cox is recognized.

Mr. COX. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This does similar action than what we had with the House approach, and that is to do the reduction in the Senate over the course of three census cycles. To me, it just makes more sense that way. So I would appreciate a "yes" vote on this.

The SPEAKER. Representative Knowles or Representative Kauffman, do either of you wish to speak at this time?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—15

Boyle	DeLissio	Galloway	Ravenstahl
Caltagirone	DeLuca	Mehaffie	Samuelson
Causler	Dush	Quinn, M.	Ward
Cox	Freeman	Rapp	

NAYS—180

Baker	Evankovich	Lawrence	Reed
Barbin	Evans	Lewis	Reese
Barrar	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Mackenzie	Roe
Bernstine	Farry	Madden	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Fee	Maher	Rothman
Bloom	Fitzgerald	Mako	Rozzi
Boback	Flynn	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Frankel	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Fritz	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gainey	Marsico	Sankey
Brown, V.	Gillen	Masser	Santora
Bullock	Gillespie	Matzie	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McCarter	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	McClinton	Schlossberg
Cephas	Grove	McGinnis	Schweyer
Charlton	Haggerty	McNeill	Simmons
Comitta	Hahn	Mentzer	Sims
Conklin	Hanna	Metcalfe	Snyder
Cook	Harper	Metzgar	Solomon
Corbin	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Sonney
Corr	Harris, J.	Millard	Staats
Costa, D.	Heffley	Miller, B.	Stephens
Costa, P.	Helm	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cruz	Hennessey	Milne	Tallman
Culver	Hickernell	Moul	Taylor
Cutler	Hill	Mullery	Tobash
Daley	Irvin	Murt	Toepel
Davidson	James	Mustio	Toohil
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Neilson	Topper
Davis, T.	Kampf	Nelson	Vazquez
Dawkins	Kaufner	Nesbit	Vitali
Day	Kauffman	O'Brien	Walsh
Dean	Kavulich	O'Neill	Warner
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Warren
Delozier	Keller, F.	Ortitay	Watson
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, W.	Peifer	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Kim	Petrarca	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood
Driscoll	Klunk	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Knowles	Rabb	
Ellis	Kortz	Rader	Turzai,
Emrick	Krueger	Readshaw	Speaker
English	Kulik		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05650**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting before "The"

(a)

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by striking out "37"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "senatorial"

districts as provided in subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

(b) The number of senatorial districts shall be as follows:

(1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 44 senatorial districts.

(2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 38 senatorial districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. Sir, on the amendment. Representative Cox is recognized.

Mr. COX. Not to belabor the point, this does the reductions for the Senate over two census cycles, and I would appreciate a "yes" vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—13

Caltagirone	DiGirolamo	Mehaffie	Readshaw
Causar	Dush	Rapp	Samuelson
Cox	Freeman	Ravenstahl	Ward
DeLissio			

NAYS—182

Baker	English	Krueger	Rader
Barbin	Evankovich	Kulik	Reed
Barrar	Evans	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Everett	Lewis	Roae
Bernstine	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roe
Bizzarro	Farry	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bloom	Fee	Madden	Rothman
Boback	Fitzgerald	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Flynn	Mako	Ryan
Bradford	Frankel	Maloney	Saccone
Briggs	Fritz	Markosek	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gainey	Marshall	Sankey
Brown, V.	Galloway	Marsico	Santora
Bullock	Gillen	Masser	Saylor
Burns	Gillespie	Matzie	Schemel
Carroll	Goodman	McCarter	Schlossberg
Cephas	Greiner	McClinton	Schweyer
Charlton	Grove	McGinnis	Simmons
Comitta	Haggerty	McNeill	Sims
Conklin	Hahn	Mentzer	Snyder
Cook	Hanna	Metcalfe	Solomon
Corbin	Harper	Metzgar	Sonney
Corr	Harris, A.	Miccarelli	Staats
Costa, D.	Harris, J.	Millard	Stephens
Costa, P.	Heffley	Miller, B.	Sturla
Cruz	Helm	Miller, D.	Tallman

Culver	Hennessey	Milne	Taylor
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Tobash
Daley	Hill	Mullery	Toepel
Davidson	Irvin	Murt	Toohil
Davis, A.	James	Mustio	Topper
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Neilson	Vazquez
Dawkins	Kampf	Nelson	Vitali
Day	Kaufner	Nesbit	Walsh
Dean	Kauffman	O'Brien	Warner
Deasy	Kavulich	O'Neill	Warren
Delozier	Keefer	Oberlander	Watson
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Ortitay	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Wheatley
Diamond	Keller, W.	Peifer	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Petrarca	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Pickett	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kirkland	Quigley	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Ellis	Knowles	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Christiana	Godshall	Pyle	Thomas
Gabler	Harkins		

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. We have a late-filed that will need a motion to suspend.

Please read amendment 5661.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05661**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting before "The"

(a)

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by striking out "37"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "senatorial"

districts as provided in subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

(b) The number of senatorial districts shall be as follows:

(1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 45 senatorial districts.

(2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 41 senatorial districts.

(3) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2042, there shall be 37 senatorial districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Cox withdraws the amendment.

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

The SPEAKER. And then amendment 5662, please read a summary.

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

Mr. COX offered the following amendment No. **A05662**:

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districts as provided in subsection (b)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

(b) The number of senatorial districts shall be as follows:

(1) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2022, there shall be 43 senatorial districts.

(2) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly that meets on the first Tuesday of January 2032, there shall be 37 senatorial districts.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "so that it applies for the first time" in line 27, all of line 28 and "the 2020 reapportionment" in line 29

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Cox withdraws.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, now I can correctly state there are no amendments that I see on HB 253 in front of the body. If I am mistaken, please correct me. So there are no amendments for HB 253 remaining in front of us.

Will the clerk once again read a summary of the bill, and that is HB 253. It is on page 8.

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

The SPEAKER. There are no further votes.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

HB 153;
HB 253;
HB 348;
HB 979;
HB 1974;
HB 1979; and
SB 936.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1409;
HB 1814; and
SB 135.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 332**, **PN 356**, entitled:

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

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 332 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 332 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 second consideration of **HB 274, PN 1497**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for relief.

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 274 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 274 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 17, PN 20**, entitled:

A Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States to urge the Food and Drug Administration to reverse its directive allowing OxyContin to be prescribed to children 11 to 16 years of age.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 17 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 17 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Marguerite Quinn moves that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 9:18 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.