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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 10:30 a.m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer will be offered today by Pastor Larry Walthour II, of Shiloh Baptist Church in York, Pennsylvania, and he is a guest of Representative Carol Hill-Evans.

PASTOR LARRY WALTHOUR II, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

May we pray.

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we come before You today with thanksgiving, with praise, and with honor. We pray, O God, that You would guide our thoughts and our hearts in this session. Thank You for our elected officials. We thank You for our Representatives, and we pray, O God, that You would just guide them as they represent this great Commonwealth.

We pray for wisdom. We pray for direction. We pray for love. We give You praise and honor and glory, for all goes to You. It is in Thy name we do pray. 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 Tuesday, March 13, 2018, will be postponed until printed.

Members, what we are going to do is some members did not have an opportunity to give remarks on resolutions. Let me just say, I know Representative Jordan Harris on HR 673. Representative Tom Murt on 668, 669, and 670. Representative Hill-Evans has 686. Representative McClinton has 687 and 688. Representative Matzie, Representative McCarter, HR 720. Representative Matzie, Representative Marguerite Quinn, HR 726.

So if any members wish to come to the front. Representative McClinton, we will start with you. Representative Murt, if you will come down front. If all members could come down front just so that I know you are ready to speak. HR 698, Representative Pashinski. So if members would just come down to the front, that way I know and I am going to just go in order.

STATEMENT BY MR. MATZIE

The SPEAKER. Representative Matzie, you are ready? If you will start. Please go right ahead. Just announce to everybody the resolution, sir.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank you for the opportunity to speak on HR 720.

Sunshine Week runs from March 11 through 17 and is something that elected officials, the public, and the media jointly celebrate across our nation. It is being commemorated with this resolution, HR 720, and was voted on earlier this week. In conjunction with this resolution, the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association will once again organize many activities throughout the Commonwealth.

Sunshine Week also is held appropriately this week, the week of the birthday of James Madison, widely recognized as a father of the U.S. Constitution and an architect of the Bill of Rights. Madison once said, quote, "The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty," end quote. That statement is as true today as it was upon our nation's founding.

Since 2005 the American Society of News Editors, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and other groups have celebrated Sunshine Week in order to spark discussion about the importance of open government and access to government documents and meetings. This resolution affirms that mission and stresses the importance of protecting our constitutional principles, including freedom of speech and freedom of the press in pursuit of a free and transparent government.

I believe it is our job as legislators to ensure that government entities, from the courthouse to the State House and at all local, State, and Federal levels, adhere to the notion that government functions best when it empowers the governed and that it works worst when the governed are kept in the dark.

So I thank you for your support and vote of Sunshine Week and all that it represents.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. MATZIE. Mr. Speaker, I had another resolution to discuss and I will submit most of the remarks relative to MS (multiple sclerosis) Awareness Week, HR 726, which we passed earlier this week. Along with my cochair of the House MS Caucus, State Representative Marguerite Quinn, I have discussed this over many years and believe it is very important for us to discuss what MS is and how it affects most and how it has affected me and my family as my father unfortunately is someone who suffers with MS and I see what that does to him, how it debilitates him over the course of his lifetime since he was diagnosed with that terrible disease.

So I thank the members for their support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Matzie.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My fellow cochairman of the House MS Caucus – State Representative Marguerite Quinn of Bucks County – and I thank you for your unanimous adoption of HR 726, which designates March 11 through March 16 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month."

As many of you know from previous years when I have introduced similar resolutions, MS is a disease that has personally affected my family and a topic of which I speak from the heart.

This ruthless, unpredictable, and potentially crippling disease affects nearly 400,000 Americans, with over 24,000 of those living with the disease residing here in the State of Pennsylvania.

In fact, my father, Andrew, suffered from this horrendous disease and was repeatedly misdiagnosed for decades. Doctors initially thought his vision problems were caused by damage to his optic nerve, which brings me to highlight another unfortunate and usually heartbreaking aspect of multiple sclerosis – its elusiveness to an accurate diagnosis.

MS is detected in nearly 200 people every week, but accurately diagnosing the disease is troublesome, as early symptoms of MS may be nonspecific or suggestive of several nervous system disorders. And in other instances, the underlying disease goes completely undetected due to early symptoms that come and go, which in the end only does more harm than good to the affected individual.

For those who are unaware of the effects of MS, it disrupts the flow of information to the brain and body and rears its ugly head in a number of ways, causing fatigue, weakness, paralysis, balance problems, blindness, and depression, and in some instances, death.

And though multiple sclerosis' severity can differ from patient to patient, about 90 percent of those diagnosed with the disease experience relapse-remitting symptoms, which is when the patient will experience periodic relapses from the disease following a long stretch of remission.

And while the disease surely does not discriminate on whom it chooses as its host, data suggests that about twice as many women are affected by MS compared to men, with women between the ages of 20 to 40 reflecting a high susceptibility to the disease.

Currently no known cure has been developed for MS.

That being said, by recognizing the week of March 11 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in the Commonwealth, we are encouraging citizens of the great State of Pennsylvania to learn more about this debilitating disease and how they can improve the lives of those living with it on a daily basis.

So I urge all Pennsylvanians and everyone here today to raise awareness for MS when you can, because anyone impacted by this disease already knows the importance of doing everything they can to put a stop to something that not only affects the individual living with MS but also those around them.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt followed by Representative McClinton.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak about HR 670, having to do with human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, while many of us are aware that human trafficking is a particularly heinous crime, we believe that it only happens in other countries when, in fact, it is happening right in our own backyards.

Mr. Speaker, in November two men were charged in what the Attorney General called a horrible case of human trafficking that employed death threats to compel women to work as prostitutes. In this case, women were lured into prostitution with the promise of easy money, but when they attempted to leave, the criminals used violence to keep them working as prostitutes against their will. The men who were charged are accused of forcing six women to work as prostitutes, sex slaves, starting in 2014 throughout York, Lancaster, and Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, this is a crime hidden in the shadows where victims are too frightened to seek help or are trapped within malevolent cultural norms. Mr. Speaker, next to drug dealing, human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the entire world. Make no mistake, human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Unfortunately, too few people are aware that Pennsylvania has one of the largest human trafficking problems in our country. And this is why it is so important that we mark today as "National Human Trafficking Day" in Pennsylvania.

It is imperative that we eliminate human trafficking, including early or forced marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, and labor obtained through debt bondage. We in the Commonwealth must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and must dedicate ourselves to stopping this contemporary manifestation of slavery.

Although we have laws to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking and aid is available to assist the victims of human trafficking, we must educate those who are most likely to come into contact with these victims. They must be made aware of the techniques that traffickers use to keep their victims enslaved. And this is why this resolution is so important. We must raise awareness because so many lives depend on it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER. Representative Joanna McClinton.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to all of my colleagues for supporting HR 687, which designated February 2018 as "Teen Dating and Violence Awareness and Prevention Month" right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Far too many of our young people across this country are victims of teen dating violence. An estimated 1.5 million high school students right here in the United States are forced to endure physical, emotional, and sexual assault and harassment. Children, as young as 12 years old, are belittled, bullied, and humiliated. They are kept from participating in school and extracurricular activities and they are coerced into sexual activities. Research suggests that patterns of abuse that form during childhood and adolescence are more likely to increase in adulthood. This means that if our young people do not get the support they need, they are likely to suffer from drug abuse, from eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, domestic violence, human trafficking, and even suicide.

No matter whether you are a parent, a teacher, an aunt like me, a friend, or whoever you are, you have an obligation to keep our students safe and free from domestic violence.

Some of the warning signs of a violent teen relationship for parents, teachers, and friends include: their partner constantly calling them names or putting them down in public or on the World Wide Web, on social media, on Instagram or Twitter, or if they apologize all the time for their partner's behavior and make excuses for it or—

The SPEAKER. Members, excuse me. Representative Thomas and then Representative Cruz on unanimous consent.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to ask my colleagues, let us give her a little bit more respect. She has some good information. Let us accept that information.

The SPEAKER. Yes. Representative Thomas, we are doing these early so that we can cover as many members as we possibly can. We did start early. So it is a little bit of a different situation because members are just getting to the floor. But we are appreciative of your comments. I really wanted to let Representative McClinton finish.

Representative Cruz, for what purpose do you rise?

Mr. CRUZ. Personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I just want you to— This is a very important topic that the gentlelady from Philadelphia is talking about and we need some silence—

The SPEAKER. Every topic is important, certainly, and keep in mind, we do have a television audience and that is crucial too. So I do not like to interrupt members in the middle of their remarks. If I can avoid that, I would prefer to do that.

Representative McClinton, please continue.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Chairman Thomas and Chairman Cruz.

Some other signs to consider on whether or not a young person you know who is in your household or in your community or in your place of worship is suffering from teen dating violence includes: if they talk to other people and their partner gets jealous, extremely jealous, or if they have injuries that they cannot explain and they give up things that they used to enjoy doing, like spending time with friends and other activities.

Before I conclude my remarks, I would ask this chamber to take a moment of silence and allow us to honor the victims of domestic violence in Pennsylvania who lost their lives last year.

The SPEAKER. Okay. We are going to close the doors of the House. All members, please come to the floor. We are going to close the doors of the House. The good gentlelady from

Philadelphia County has asked us to do a moment of silence. If everybody would please rise as able. And, Representative McClinton, if you will just repeat that remark.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to my colleagues and all of our guests. I am just asking that we stand to honor the victims of domestic violence who lost their lives in this Commonwealth.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

The SPEAKER. Members may be seated. Guests may be seated as needed.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to all of my colleagues for your continued support on these important issues.

The SPEAKER. Representative McClinton, you have a second resolution if I am not mistaken?

Ms. McCLINTON. That is correct. These are from February.

The SPEAKER. And you may proceed, please.

Ms. McCLINTON. Bear with me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to my colleagues for supporting HR 688, which honors the mother of the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks, by designating February 4, 2018, as "Rosa Parks Remembrance Day" right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As you all know, Rosa Parks played a significant role during the civil rights movement. She refused to give up her seat to a White passenger on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She launched what we know today as the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

This 381-day bus boycott helped to launch a nationwide movement to end segregation in public facilities, facilities that Black people paid taxes for even though they were prohibited from using them. Rosa Parks was an angelic troublemaker, and just like lifting a fist or taking a knee, this was her form of peaceful protest.

However, her advocacy and pursuit for racial justice did not begin that day on the bus in December of 1955. It started 12 years earlier when Parks joined the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). During her first years of involvement in the organization, she worked as a criminal justice investigator, protecting men from being falsely accused and lynched.

She would later take on the lead investigation in the case of a brutal rape of a 24-year-old woman named Recy Taylor. She was on her way home from church on Sunday, September 3, 1943, and approached by several White men, forced into a vehicle, blindfolded, raped, and later threatened that she would be murdered if she ever reported the crime. But she reported the crime and the things that she was forced to endure to the NAACP's best investigator, Rosa Parks.

After meeting with Mrs. Taylor, she was not deterred. She returned to Montgomery, Alabama, and launched the Committee for Equal Justice for the Rights of Mrs. Recy Taylor. Although those men were never punished for their crimes, Rosa Parks never stopped fighting on behalf of men and women who were victims of racial violence. Her resilience, even in the face of such stern opposition, should be an inspiration to us all. Do not be intimidated, do not be silenced, but stand against evil while you fight for justice for all right here in the Capitol, in the Commonwealth, in the United States and all across this globe.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative McClinton.

STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER. Representative Eddie Day Pashinski. Sir, just state the resolution that you are speaking on, please. Representative Hill-Evans will follow Representative Eddie Day Pashinski, and I believe Representative Wheatley also will be following Representative Hill-Evans.

Representative Eddie Day Pashinski, sir, you may proceed.

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

Today I rise to ask my fellow legislators to join me in recognizing this vital importance thing called music, something that we all have in our hearts and in our minds, something that has played a role in all our lives.

March is Music in our Schools Month for 2018, and I join with all of you in celebrating that. As many of you know, I was a music teacher prior to this and I spent nearly four decades as a choral director and music teacher and I know firsthand the importance of what music can do for our children.

Many people wrongly believe that learning an instrument or learning to sing is a single-focus item, meaning if you learn to play a percussion instrument or if you play a clarinet, those skills will only help you in your musical career. This is simply not true. The benefits of music education expand far beyond learning to read sheet music or keep a beat. Studies have shown that students who receive the appropriate music education have improved language skills, self-esteem, listening skills, math skills, creativity, and overall tend to have higher academic scores and graduation rates. Those statistics can be found in any kind of study.

Key fundamentals of music education can be applied to so many other things in our lives. The benefits continue outside of an academic sense and can give our students a feeling of relaxation while teaching discipline and teamwork. That is why it is important for us to make sure that we all strive to make sure music and the arts remain in our public schools.

In Pennsylvania we have a constitutional obligation to provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of our children. I believe a thorough and efficient system of education must certainly include music education and all the other added benefits that come with it.

Music is a powerful tool that can transcend so many of the barriers that prevent people from connecting to one another. That is why it is imperative that we continue to support music education in Pennsylvania. It does not matter what ethnic background, what country, race, color, or creed, as soon as a piece of music is being played or performed it inserts and incites a certain emotion in all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you all for the support of HR 698. I thank my fellow educators throughout Pennsylvania for continuing their work, and I thank my colleagues today for your unanimous consent.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENTS BY MRS. EVANS

The SPEAKER. Representative Hill-Evans, and I think she may be speaking on a number of resolutions, on two, and, Representative, just enunciate each one when you get to it. Thank you very much.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to my fellow colleagues for supporting HR 708, designating the month of March 2018 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania. This recognition will give us an opportunity to properly honor our social workers for their skillful and unselfish work performed each and every day.

Our nation accounts for more than 650,000 social workers with a passion to serve their communities. Individuals and families encounter a social worker during some of the most challenging periods in one's life. Their efforts help those in need through social problems, life complications, and support a number of the social movements in Pennsylvania, across this country and abroad.

These dedicated professionals work extensively in our local hospitals, police departments, prisons, child welfare agencies, military facilities, adoption centers, drug and alcohol treatment facilities, and schools. Additionally, social workers are the largest provider of mental health services in Pennsylvania, with over 11,000 licensed social workers operating through our Commonwealth.

This year's theme to commemorate National Social Work Month is "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions." We hope highlighting these trusted public service members will inform the public about the past and present roles of social workers in our society and their impact on the lives of all Americans. Their dedication to this tough profession is just one of the reasons I am proud to offer this resolution. Social workers help to change lives and their work offers an immeasurable value to our State.

Thank you again for making March "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hill-Evans, you may proceed to the second resolution.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I rise for HR 709 to designate March 21, 2018, as "Kick Butts Day" here in Pennsylvania. This day will encourage citizens of all ages to pledge to be tobacco-free.

Some adults struggling to stop smoking began this habit at a young age. It is estimated that the tobacco industry spends \$8.9 billion annually to market their products nationwide, with much of the marketing aimed at children. Studies have shown that children are more likely to be influenced by tobacco advertising than adults, with one-third of underage smoking being attributed to tobacco promotion. The statistics are startling, as it is estimated that each day approximately 3,200 children in the United States try their first cigarette, and an additional 2,100 children become new, regular daily smokers. Our youth have become the new target group for tobacco use.

For our adults the news is no better. In the United States alone the use of tobacco was the cause of a disease for more than 16 million individuals. Accounting for 480,000 preventable deaths, smoking increases health risks associated with many

illnesses such as cancer, stroke, and heart disease. As a member of Tobacco-Free York County and of Eat Play Breathe York, two organizations created to—

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats.

Representative, I apologize for interrupting.

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

Representative Hill-Evans, please continue. My apologies.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a member of Tobacco-Free York County and of Eat Play Breathe York, two organizations created to encourage tobacco-free living and promote healthy lifestyle choices, I invite my fellow House members to join this initiative and spread the word to increase awareness.

Significant progress has been made through tobacco education and cessation programs across the Commonwealth but we must do more. Smoking among our youth remains a prevalent issue, and the consequences are far too great as they get older. We must improve the health and well-being of all Pennsylvanians. Let us spread the word and better inform our communities regarding the dangers caused by tobacco use with HR 709.

Thank you to each of you, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Members, we did get a number of the uncontested resolution remarks completed. I do have more. We will be doing those later in today's session. I do need to move on to some introductions of guests that are with us, including some resolutions with guests. We are going to do the master roll at this time. We are going to do leaves of absence.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has indicated that Representative STEPHENS of Montgomery County has requested leave for the day, Representative MAHER of Allegheny County for the day, Representative ORTITAY of Allegheny County for the day, Representative MARSICO of Dauphin County for the day, Representative REED of Indiana County for the day, and Representative CHRISTIANA of Beaver County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip has requested leaves for the following: Representative FABRIZIO of Erie County for the day, Representative VITALI of Delaware County for the day, and Representative SOLOMON of Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—188

Barbin	Dush	Klunk	Rader
Barrar	Ellis	Knowles	Rapp
Benninghoff	Emrick	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bernstine	English	Krueger	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Evankovich	Kulik	Reese
Bloom	Evans	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Everett	Lewis	Roe

Boyle	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Bradford	Fee	Mackenzie	Rothman
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Madden	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Flynn	Mako	Ryan
Brown, V.	Frankel	Maloney	Sainato
Bullock	Freeman	Markosek	Samuelson
Burns	Fritz	Marshall	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gainey	Masser	Santora
Carroll	Galloway	Matzie	Saylor
Causer	Gillen	McCarter	Schemel
Cephas	Gillespie	McClinton	Schlossberg
Charlton	Godshall	McGinnis	Schweyer
Comitta	Goodman	McNeill	Simmons
Conklin	Greiner	Mehaffie	Sims
Cook	Grove	Mentzer	Snyder
Corbin	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Sonney
Corr	Hahn	Metzgar	Staats
Costa, D.	Hanna	Millard	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harkins	Miller, B.	Tallman
Cox	Harper	Miller, D.	Taylor
Cruz	Harris, A.	Milne	Thomas
Culver	Harris, J.	Moul	Tobash
Cutler	Heffley	Mullery	Toepel
Daley	Helm	Murt	Toohil
Davidson	Hennessey	Mustio	Topper
Davis, A.	Hickernell	Neilson	Vazquez
Davis, T.	Hill	Nelson	Walsh
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Ward
Day	James	O'Brien	Warner
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Warren
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Watson
DeLissio	Kaufman	Pashinski	Wentling
DeLozier	Kauffman	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca	Wheeland
Dermody	Keefer	Pickett	White
Diamond	Keller, F.	Pyle	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	
Dowling	Kim	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kinsey	Rabb	Speaker
Dunbar	Kirkland		

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Christiana	Maher	Ortitay	Solomon
Fabrizio	Marsico	Reed	Stephens
Gabler	Miccarelli	Saccone	Vitali

LEAVES ADDED—1

Bernstine

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Christiana

The SPEAKER. One hundred and eighty-eight members having been present on the floor, a quorum is established.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. These individuals will be permitted onto the House floor at this time: Ross Lippman of WHTM, videotaping with audio, for Saquon Barkley Day; Dan Maddox of WGAL-TV, videotaping about Saquon Barkley Day; and Joe Hermitt, from PennLive, still photos for Saquon Barkley Day. All those media individuals will be permitted on the House

floor. Oh, I have one other; I apologize. TinaMarie Martin of the Lehigh Valley Press, still photos, and will be here for Saquon Barkley Day.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. WARD called up **HR 674, PN 2963**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 11 through 17, 2018, as "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. WARD called up **HR 675, PN 2964**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 11 through 17, 2018, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CALTAGIRONE called up **HR 690, PN 3014**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 15, 2018, as "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SANTORA called up **HR 694, PN 3028**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 23, 2018, as "Shen Yun Performing Arts Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 695, PN 3029**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 1, 2018, as "Saint David's Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. McNEILL called up **HR 697, PN 3031**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 14, 2018, as "Saquon Barkley Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. PASHINSKI called up **HR 698, PN 3032**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2018 as "Music in Our Schools Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DRISCOLL called up **HR 706, PN 3049**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2018 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 707, PN 3057**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2018 as "Disabilities Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ROTHMAN called up **HR 717, PN 3061**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of D&H Distributing.

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Mr. MARSHALL called up **HR 721, PN 3050**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 21, 2018, as "World Down Syndrome Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. ELLIS called up **HR 722, PN 3074**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 2, 2018, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. DEAN called up **HR 724, PN 3076**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, the beloved children's program created by Fred Rogers, native of the City of Latrobe in Westmoreland County, that greatly impacted generations of children.

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Mrs. DEAN called up **HR 725, PN 3077**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 28, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day."

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Mr. BRIGGS called up **HR 729, PN 3083**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2018 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. McCLINTON called up **HR 732, PN 3090**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 19, 2018, as "Celebrating Women in Public Office Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MARSICO called up **HR 739, PN 3097**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

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Ms. PICKETT called up **HR 741, PN 3099**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2018 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. McCLINTON called up **HR 742, PN 3100**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 22, 2018, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the 2018 "World Water Day" international observance designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 743, PN 3111**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2018 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 744, PN 3112**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 14, 2018, as "Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 745, PN 3113**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 11 through 17, 2018, as "Sleep Apnea Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 746, PN 3114**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 13, 2018, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SAYLOR called up **HR 748, PN 3116**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2018 as "March for Meals Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. TOOIL called up **HR 756, PN 3136**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2018 as "Intellectual Disability Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

Barbin	Dush	Klunk	Rader
Barrar	Ellis	Knowles	Rapp
Benninghoff	Emrick	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bernstine	English	Krueger	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Evankovich	Kulik	Reese

Bloom	Evans	Lawrence	Roae
Boback	Everett	Lewis	Roe
Boyle	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
Bradford	Fee	Mackenzie	Rothman
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Madden	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Flynn	Mako	Ryan
Brown, V.	Frankel	Maloney	Sainato
Bullock	Freeman	Markosek	Samuelson
Burns	Fritz	Marshall	Sankey
Caltagirone	Gainey	Masser	Santora
Carroll	Galloway	Matzie	Saylor
Causer	Gillen	McCarter	Schemel
Cephas	Gillespie	McClinton	Schlossberg
Charlton	Godshall	McGinnis	Schweyer
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Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Ward
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DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Zimmerman
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

The SPEAKER. Members, here is how we are going to proceed today: we are going to do all the resolutions and remarks that have guests. We are going to do those now. Then we are going to break for caucus, come back up, and do our votes on second and third consideration. At the end of that timeframe, I will stay as late as anybody who wishes to speak on any of the remaining uncontested resolutions without guests. So that will be at the end of the session day, after all the other votes have been concluded.

So right now we are going to start off with HR 697. On HR 697, Representative McNeill is recognized. I am asking all members to please be seated. All members, please be seated. Yes, please come right up to the rostrum. All members are

asked to please take their seats. All members, please take your seats. I am going to ask the Sergeants at Arms to close the doors of the House. We are going to be moving at a brisk pace, but we have people who have traveled far to be with us today and we are so excited to have them.

SAQUON BARKLEY PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative McNeill, the floor is yours.

Mrs. McNEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my honor to stand here today to recognize the pride and joy of Coplay, Pennsylvania; of proud parents, Alibay Barkley and Tonya Johnson of Whitehall High School; and of Penn State football fans around the globe.

Several years ago my late husband, Danny, brought him here to the House floor as his guest. Today he is here to be recognized as one of the best running backs to ever come from Pennsylvania, who is about to be one of the top picks in the NFL (National Football League) draft, and as a shining example of what a young man should be. That young man is Saquon Barkley or "Say-Say," as friends and family call him. He is from Lehigh County in Coplay, the little town that could.

His love of football came at an early age, when he played for the Hokendauqua Athlete Association. He loved basketball, he tried boxing since his uncle was former world champion Iran "The Blade" Barkley, but football was what he excelled in. He then went on to start at Whitehall High School, where he gained 3,642 career rushing yards and scored 61 total touchdowns in just three seasons with his efforts.

His senior year he decided to run for the track team. During the league championships he committed a selfless act that solidified his stature as a young man of integrity. A female athlete from Saucon Valley High School finished first in the 100-meter hurdles race. The race had actually been stopped due to a timing error, but the athletes did not hear the gun and finished the event. The young lady was told she had to rerun the race later in the meet, but she had to first compete in another event. When she did rerun the race, and tired from the other event, she knocked over a hurdle and finished eighth, bursting into tears as she crossed the finish line. Saquon, who had only met her earlier that day, took the gold medal that he had won from around his neck and gave it to her, simply because he believed that she had fairly won the race and that she deserved it and had earned it. It made her day and she made a friend for life. That is who Saquon Barkley is.

In 2014 he was named Mr. PA Football and ruled in Penn State as a four-star recruit the next year. As a freshman, Saquon broke Penn State's freshman rushing record and was named a first-team Freshman All-American. In his sophomore and junior years, he helped lead Penn State to the school's fourth Big Ten Championship and first since 2008. As a junior, Saquon nearly doubled his reception total from the previous season, returning two kickoffs for touchdowns and even passing for a touchdown. Saquon's illustrious college football career ended when he declared for the upcoming 2018 draft, following Penn State's victory in the 2017 Fiesta Bowl. During his 3 years at Penn State, Saquon has been widely recognized for his commitment, service, and leadership, both on and off the field. Penn State will not soon forget his contributions to the team and to the university and neither will we in the Whitehall-Coplay area.

Let us wish Saquon well in his future endeavors both on and off the field. Saquon, we will be happy and proud no matter which NFL team selects you, but I really hope someday you come back to be an Eagle or a Steeler so we keep you here in Pennsylvania. You are not only a great athlete but a great young man as well, and we are all so proud of you. As your father said, "Continue being you."

So today I am proud to present to Saquon HR 697, which recognizes March 14, 2018, as "Saquon Barkley Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And with that, I will end with "We are – Penn State."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative McNeill.

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

I believe in the rear of the House, we have family and friends of Saquon's. Would they all please stand, everybody who is with the good gentleman here.

Members, we are going to do a few photos here, but in the Governor's Reception Room. Saquon and Representative McNeill have been kind enough to agree to be in the Governor's Reception Room, if any of you want to go get photos with him and the Representative. So please feel free to go to the Governor's Reception Room. Just get back to the House floor as soon as you can.

But at this time I am going to invite the family to come down, if you will come down. Friends, if you will just come down the aisle here with us. Family and friends, if you will come down the aisle. Just come straight down the side aisle to my left, your right. Thank you.

We are now going to have the Irish dancers. Representative Tim Hennessey has brought us this special group for St. Patrick's Day.

As the Irish dancers – please, the Irish dancers come on up front. Just come all the way down to the front of the well of the House.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1343, PN 1662

By Rep. MUSTIO

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," further providing for civil penalties.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

HB 1887, PN 2642

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for suits and property.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1888, PN 2643

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for personal property; and, in corporate powers, further providing for city property and affairs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1889, PN 2644

By Rep. HARPER

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1890, PN 2645

By Rep. HARPER

An Act establishing a voluntary real estate sales verification form pilot program.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1990, PN 2852

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for chief assessor, for notices, appeals and certification of values, for special provisions relating to countywide revisions of assessments, for board of assessment appeals and board of assessment revision, for regulations of board and for auxiliary appeal boards and alternates; and making editorial changes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1991, PN 2853

By Rep. HARPER

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 530, PN 1166

By Rep. MUSTIO

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for definitions, for qualifications for license, for reciprocity, for restriction on the use of title "licensed clinical social worker," for restrictions on the use of title "Licensed Professional Counselor," for penalties and for unlawful practice; and repealing provisions related to appropriation.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

SB 892, PN 1533 (Amended)

By Rep. MUSTIO

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1646, No.188), known as the Chiropractic Practice Act, in licensure and regulation, further providing for license required.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

The SPEAKER. Irish dancers, please come right up to the well of the House.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM

The SPEAKER. Chairman Hennessey, the floor is yours, sir. Members, I would ask everybody to please take their seats.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania House Irish Caucus, let me wish "top of the morning" to all of us here in the chamber of the House of Representatives and to all who are watching on Pennsylvania Cable Network.

We are fast approaching St. Patrick's Day and here in the Commonwealth it is time to celebrate. Almost 2.2 million citizens in Pennsylvania claim Irish heritage, about 18 percent of Pennsylvania's population. That makes us the third largest State in terms of the total number of Irish-heritage claimants as citizens of Pennsylvania, second only to California and New York, both with much larger populations overall. But 2.2 million represents almost half of the population of present-day Ireland, just to give you some perspective.

Pennsylvania's Irish immigrants came by the thousands over the decades to seek freedom and opportunity in a new land, and many were forced out of Ireland by the devastating potato famine between 1845 and 1849. Irish immigrants helped build the railroads, mine the coal that was needed for our industry, dig the Schuylkill Canal, and many went to New York to dig the Erie Canal in New York State. They worked in the steel mills and farms and many other lines of work to move Pennsylvania forward. Irish-Americans share a similar story with Germans, the Pennsylvania Dutch here in Pennsylvania, African-Americans, Polish, Italian immigrants, and immigrants from many other places around the world. Like all cultures, the Irish celebrated life with music, the arts, and dance, especially dance.

**CARRAIG SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCERS
PRESENTED**

Mr. HENNESSEY. Here with us today are dancers from the Carraig School of Irish Dance on North Front Street, right here in Harrisburg, just above interstate 81, on North Front Street. They will grace us with several different types of dances.

The first – let me just say that Irish dance is a group of traditional dance forms originating from Ireland, including both solo and group dancing, dancing for social, competitive, and performance purposes.

The first dance from our dancers from the Carraig School is a three-hand reel. The dancers will start in two groups of three and integrate arm movements, while they weave beside each other and combine to make a circle of six. This is a fun, lively dance, so do not be afraid to clap and join in in the celebration.

Girls, anytime you are ready, anytime we have the music.

(A three-hand reel was performed.)

Mr. HENNESSEY. While we move from one dance to another, let me introduce each of our dancers. We are joined by Elaina Ward – Elaina, will you please raise your hand – Marisa Ward, Nayeli Reeve, Eowyn Stephen, Jessa Wimter, Gavin Shull, Nolin Shull, and Cailyn Fuss. Go ahead; give them a hand, please. Let me also take the opportunity to introduce Christina Shull, who is the operator of the Carraig School of Irish Dance, as I said, right here in Harrisburg.

Several of the dancers' parents are with us this morning as well. Thank you for preserving the art and culture of Irish dancing through your children.

Our second dance is a ceildh dance. This is a traditional group dance that would be performed at almost any social gathering. The dancers will be performing in two groups of four, and then transitioning to a two-hand ceildh dance. Everyone ready?

(A ceildh dance was performed.)

Mr. HENNESSEY. Preserving the art of Irish dance is wonderful and it is important, but it is also expensive. Some of the dresses the young ladies wear here cost hundreds and sometimes, as they grow, the outfits go up over \$1,000, sometimes over \$2,000 and beyond. Thankfully, being Irish, we are used to wearing hand-me-downs and there is an active market on eBay and Amazon for used dresses and used outfits. So it is necessary and we try to keep the expense down, but it is a wonderful part of our tradition, and again, thank you to the parents of the dancers.

Our next dance is a slip jig. This is a graceful, flowing dance traditionally danced by ladies. You will see the girls dance as a group and then show off some fancy steps of their own. So, girls, take it away.

(A slip jig was performed.)

Mr. HENNESSEY. Our last dance is a traditional set dance. The dancers from the Carraig School will do a hard-shoe dance named "St. Patrick's Day" and it was choreographed over 100 years ago to honor St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. So, girls, begin when you are ready.

(A traditional set dance was performed.)

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, girls. Thank you very much to all of our dancers from the Carraig School of Irish Dance, right here in Harrisburg.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Chairman, thank you so much to the Carraig School of Irish Dancers. We are so honored that you would be here. Please come up to the rostrum and we will get a photo, and to all the members, thank you for enjoying this great presentation, as we near St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing our dancers to entertain us and to celebrate with us for St. Patrick's Day here in the Capitol.

On behalf of the Irish Caucus, all are invited to an Irish lunch in 60 East Wing at the break, and perhaps we will be able to have our dancers do some more dances for us down there.

The hard-shoe dance you could not hear on the carpeted floor, but down in the rotunda you will be able to hear them loud and clear. Thanks to our dancers. Thank you all. Thanks to everyone. A happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone here and everyone watching on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network).

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. At this time we have two championship teams. Representative Mark Keller will be doing the Greenwood High School Field Hockey Team. Representative Greg Rothman will be doing the Camp Hill Boys Soccer Team.

Just prior to that, though, I would like Representative Frank Ryan to come up to the rostrum with his guest. Representative Frank Ryan. That will be followed by Representative Mark Keller and Representative Greg Rothman. So if you could just be ready here on the side, that would be great.

Representative Frank Ryan, please come on up with your guest.

We do have a good number of individuals to be introduced.

MISS PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan, right at that rostrum. Thank you, sir.

Representative Diamond will be joining Representative Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, today I actually have one of the greatest opportunities that you can imagine, to introduce Miss Katie Schreckengast, who is Miss Pennsylvania 2018.

But I want to tell you a little bit more about her, but as I do, I would like to introduce my granddaughter, Katie's grandmother, which is Kathleen Schreckengast. If she could please stand. She is my granddaughter. And then Katie's parents, Randy Schreckengast and Lori Schreckengast as well.

You know, I have had a distinct opportunity over the past 4 or 5 months, as I got to know Katie, and the fact that she is the pageant winner this year says a great deal about her. But her theme of that and the person, her heart and soul, are significantly more important than all the pageants that you could possibly imagine, because I saw something in this young person that should give us all an opportunity for pause. You know, as you can tell by my advanced age, I have met a number of people in my lifetime, but I have met very few people with the character, heart, and compassion of Katie. And when I first saw her in Palmyra, I was unbelievably impressed with her compassion in dealing with younger people who came in to see her; how she made every single, solitary person who was there, made them feel like they were the most important person imaginable. She was so poised and so comfortable in helping other people, I wanted to learn a lot more about her, and as I did, I saw in her the heart and the warmth of a future leader of our great nation. Katie is someone who personifies what we want every young person to be.

But Katie, also, in her theme for the Miss Pennsylvania pageant was "Building Families Through Adoption." So I would like to ask any member of this chamber and anyone here whose lives have been touched by adoption or if they themselves are adopted, if you would not mind, please standing. I know Representative Watson is one as well. So thank you so much and, again, a round of applause.

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan, you have a citation to present.

Mr. RYAN. We do.

We have a citation here to present to Katie, on behalf of the House of Representatives, and I just wanted to ask, if you would not mind, to please get a chance to see Katie today. You will have an opportunity to have a photograph taken with her in the Governor's reception area.

I want to caution you a little bit, my local newspaper, when they took a picture of me and Katie, underneath it they said "Beauty and the Beast." So be a little careful.

So, Katie, on behalf of the House of Representatives, we congratulate you for a great job well done.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Representative Diamond and Representative Watson are also with our winner today, Miss Pennsylvania 2018.

Representative Mark Keller has the Greenwood High School Field Hockey Team. If they could please come down here, right on to the side and come up to the well of the House. I think there is quite a big team. If we could, just bring them to the well of the House and, perhaps, the captains or the seniors could come up to the rostrum with Representative Keller. Just come down to the well of the House, and then Representative Keller – great. Thank you so much.

GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER Representative Mark Keller.

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

Mr. Speaker, as everyone was equally excited to have Saquon Barkley here, we are also very excited to have this Greenwood Girls Hockey Team with us this morning.

I rise with great pride to introduce a group of exceptional athletes from Greenwood High School in Perry County who made history in November when they captured the 2017 PIAA Class A Field Hockey Championship and became the first Greenwood team to win State gold. Congratulations to the Wildcats and Coach Kent Houser and his staff for their 2-to-1 victory over Wyoming Seminary in the title game which capped a 22-and-5 season. The game was a real nail biter against one of the State's top programs, but Greenwood prevailed in an impressive fashion. We knew this team was pretty good in 2016, when it lost in the semiquarterfinals to eventually the State champions.

Joining me on the rostrum are six members of the team: Montana Farner – please raise your hand – Courtney Fleisher, Grace Howell, Laura Sheaffer, Corissa Wagner, and Keira Willie. And also joining us, of course, down front is the rest of the team. So if we would give them a warm round of applause.

These young women have demonstrated the utmost confidence in themselves and their teammates. Because of their determination and their belief in each other, they seized the ultimate prize, making their families, their community, and their school very proud, and if I may say, I am very proud myself of these girls coming from small, little Greenwood High School in Perry County. I want to congratulate them on a job well done.

And also I want to point out today – it is a special day – we have a girl down front on crutches and her name is Grace. Today is her 16th birthday.

So congratulations to them and remember this.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you so much to Representative Keller and to this championship team.

Young ladies, if you will just go straight out the back on your right, just follow it straight up, and we will take a photo here with the seniors and captains.

Then the young men for the championship team from Camp Hill Boys Soccer Team, please come down this way. Just come straight down your right and my left.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the rear of the House, we welcome members of Leadership Bedford County. Will they please stand. They are with Representative Jesse Topper and Representative Carl Metzgar. Thank you so much for being with us today from Leadership Bedford County. I know that is a long drive, but we are so appreciative that you would come to the House floor and be with us.

CAMP HILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Rothman, please come up to the rostrum.

Sir, the floor is yours. You may proceed.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of the Camp Hill High School Soccer Team. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, many of you will recognize these young men because they are back-to-back champions. They captured the State title in a 3-to-2 victory in overtime against Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School.

Mr. Speaker, victory is wonderful, but for this team, it is not enough. They do not just want to win, they want to win with honor. These men are committed to winning in the way that brought honor to themselves, their team, their school, and our community. As a result, they also earned and were awarded the Mid-Penn Boys Sportsmanship Award. At a time when "victory at all costs" often becomes a mantra, these young men proved that you can be victorious without being self-centered. They are truly the definition of a team. They understand that sportsmanship is not a sign of weakness, but proof of power and a solid moral foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I present to you the Camp Hill Boys Championship High School Soccer Team, and I would like to point out – I would like to introduce their coach, Justin Sheaffer; coach John Zelenky; coach Ryan Polly; coach Jerry Hoy; and behind me the captains of the team: Matthew Little, Will Earhart, Quinn Pickering, and Noah Smeriglio; and also the managers are with us: Marko Balic, Geoffrey Harper, Jack Mueller, Liam Hoffer; the athletic trainer, Lisa Simpson; athlete director, Sarah Fanus; and principal, Mark Ziegler.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the people of the Commonwealth represented by it, congratulations to the players and coaches of the Camp Hill High School Boys Soccer Team, the 2017 PIAA Class A Boys Soccer Champions.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Rothman.

Young men, if you can, just step off to the right. They will take you right to the back of the House. Thank you so much for being with us. Congratulations on your second State championship. We will see you again next year.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Some guests that we have with us and then we are going to move to caucus and I think there may be a committee meeting.

Linda Callahan-Brown was here earlier with Marathon. She was a guest to our left.

A guest of Representative Steve Bloom is with us, Miss Greater Carlisle of 2018, and she is going to be representing Carlisle at Miss Pennsylvania this June. Will she please stand. Right over here. There she is. Miss Greater Carlisle, Kayla Repasky.

In the well of the House, we welcome guest page Logan Maddox. Logan is a freshman at American University studying political science, and he is the guest of Representative Phillips-Hill.

STATEMENT BY MR. ZIMMERMAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Dave Zimmerman would like to be recognized on unanimous consent.

Representative Zimmerman, please come up to the front.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to recognize Ryan McKinney. Ryan has been serving as a messenger for the past 6 months under the pilot program that our Chief Clerk has implemented here some time ago, and you have seen Ryan around the House here and doing some messenger-type work and I just appreciate what he has done the past number of months. And also with him is Sharyn Leshner, who has been helping him along the way as well. But unfortunately, Ryan is going to be leaving. Today is his last day, and I just want us to honor Ryan for the good work that he has done for the past 6 months. So, Ryan, if you would stand and wave to everybody.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Ryan, thanks so much for your service to the House of Representatives, and thank you, Representative Zimmerman.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Culver has some guests with us, in the rear of the House: Gabriella Sloan, Natalie Brosius, Qyn Witmer, and Gabriela Sanchez. Please stand. They are with Girl Scout Troop 60079 of Northumberland County, and they are guests of Representative Lynda Culver. We will have them down once we take our break for a photo with the Representative.

Representative Greg Rothman's daughter, Mia, is here. Where is she? Mia, how are you? She is here with her friend, Samantha, Samantha Krebs. They go to Cumberland Valley High School. Great to have you here today, young ladies. Thank you for being with us.

In the gallery, please welcome Tom Vessels. Tom, please stand. I see him. He is interning in Representative Dean's district office and is a senior at Penn State Abington. Great to have you here today, sir.

In the gallery, a guest of Representative Sheryl Delozier, Charlotte Taylor. Please stand. She is a junior at Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School. Welcome.

Now to the left, we have a very important guest. Please come on up front. You may come up to the rostrum. This is a guest of Representative Ryan Mackenzie and Representative Vanessa Brown. This good gentleman is Delwin Fiddler, Jr. He is a Native American performing artist. He is going to be performing today in the main rotunda at 1:30 this afternoon. So please, you will see his performance at 1:30 this afternoon in the main rotunda, and he has actually had the honor of performing for both President George W. Bush and President Obama. So he has performed for both President Barack Obama and for George W. Bush. So, sir, thank you for being with us today. That is 1:30 p.m. in the rotunda today. Thank you.

Representative Judy Ward is recognized to speak – I apologize. I will get right to Representative Ward in just a second.

Here today, in the gallery, are guests of Representative Joanna McClinton, from the Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School. Would you please rise. Oh, there, they have a whole group. Oh, that is great. Great to see you today. At the break just please come down to the floor and we will make sure that we have a photo with you and Representative McClinton and we will get you to see the floor. So that is from the Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School and we are so glad to have you, students.

STATEMENT BY MRS. WARD

The SPEAKER. Representative Judy Ward is recognized to speak on HR 674 and HR 675, and she has some guests to introduce as well.

Mrs. WARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good afternoon. Thank you so much, colleagues, for your affirmative vote on HR 674 and HR 675. HR 674 recognizes "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week," which was February 11 through 17, and HR 675 recognizes "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week," which is this week, March 11 through 17.

Cardiac and pulmonary rehab programs are extremely important. They are medically supervised exercise and education programs for individuals who have had cardiac or pulmonary events or disease. Cardiac/pulmonary rehab professionals are caring and trained individuals who truly care about their patients and want to optimize their recovery from these unfortunate events. How do I know so much about this? I was a cardiac rehabilitation nurse for about 17 years and it was an absolute joy to me.

I have with me today members from the Tri-State Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Please stand when I recognize your name: Nadine Greco from Wayne Memorial Hospital; Pat Comoss, Nursing Enrichment Consultants, who was my mentor in the cardiac rehab arena; Beth Banks from J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital; Jill Fox and Kate Clark from Somerset Hospital. Thank you so much for your dedication to our patients.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Ward.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROTHMAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Patty Kim and Representative Greg Rothman have some guests to introduce and some remarks on HR 717.

You may please take the rostrum, Representative Kim.

You may proceed, Representative Rothman.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank my colleagues and Representative Kim for supporting our resolution to honor D&H Distributing on their 100th birthday.

D&H Distributing was originally founded in 1918 just about 2 miles up the road here from where we are, as Economy Tire and Rubber, by David Schwab and Harry Spector. In 1926 they started distributing crystal radios and started to get into the technology distribution. In 1929, after World War II, they became huge distributors of kitchen appliances and the company started to grow. In 1973 D&H established its Electronics Specialty Products Division and shortly thereafter started distributing the video game that you may all remember called Atari. By the 1980s D&H was distributing products for Texas Instruments, Packard Bell, Commodore Computers, and Panasonic. By the 1980s they expanded warehouses in Chicago, Boston, and Dallas, Texas. And then, in the early 2000s, they started distributing for all the IT (information technology) manufacturers, such as Microsoft, Cisco, and Lenovo. And in 2007 they actually expanded outside of the United States and opened a headquarters in Ontario.

D&H Distributing, which employs over 1200 people, including 850 in the Harrisburg area, is currently ranked by Forbes Magazine as the 113th largest privately held company in the United States of America. Consider that for a second. They are nearly in the top 100 of privately held companies in the United States of America, and they have been on that list since 2009 and continue to move up. The copresidents of the company are Michael and Dan Schwab, and these two men have extraordinary passion, work ethic, and also dynamic visions to keep a company going that was started by their grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, we are honored today by the presence of my good friend and great, dynamic businessman, Dan Schwab, copresident of D&H; his beautiful and equally dynamic wife, Patty; and copresident, Michael Schwab's son, Brandon.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, you often hear me talk about job creators and how the private sector is the engine of our economy, both in Pennsylvania and the United States, about the risk-takers who hire people and take risks and employ good, family-sustaining jobs so that this economy can continue to boom, and we are today honoring one of those companies. It is celebrating its 100th anniversary. So thank you for joining me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of D&H Distributing.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Rothman and Representative Kim.

Members, at this time Representative Matt Dowling is recognized on unanimous consent.

We will come back to that shortly.

At this time we are going to take caucus announcements. When we come back onto the floor, we will finish – we will do our second and third considerations, and anybody else that wishes to speak on any of the uncontested resolutions, we will be doing that when we come back to the floor.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Rob Kauffman, for a committee announcement.

Mr. KAUFFMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Immediately at the break the House Labor and Industry Committee will conduct a short meeting – and I accentuate the word "short" meeting – in G-50, Irvis Office Building. So immediately at the break. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Labor and Industry Committee will conduct a short meeting in G-50, Irvis Office Building, immediately at the break.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler, the majority whip, is recognized for announcements.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an immediate meeting of the Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room.

The SPEAKER. There will be an immediate meeting of the Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12:30. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 1 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 12:30. Democrats will caucus at 12:30.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time the House will stand in recess until 1 p.m. The House will stand in recess until 1 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 2017, PN 2998

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 754, PN 3134

By Rep. KAUFFMAN

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the long-term workforce and workforce training needs of the Commonwealth's health care sector.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. PYLE called up **HR 758, PN 3169**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 8, 2018, as "World Kidney Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

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

Davis, T.	Hill	Nelson	Walsh
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Ward
Day	James	O'Brien	Warner
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Warren
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Watson
DeLissio	Kaufert	Pashinski	Wentling
Delozier	Kauffman	Peifer	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca	Wheeland
Dermody	Keefer	Pickett	White
Diamond	Keller, F.	Pyle	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	
Dowling	Kim	Quinn, M.	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kinsey	Rabb	Speaker
Dunbar	Kirkland		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Christiana	Maher	Ortitay	Solomon
Fabrizio	Marsico	Reed	Stephens
Gabler	Miccarelli	Saccone	Vitali

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. RYAN called up **HR 704, PN 3048**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the National Federation of Independent Business on May 20, 2018.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—168

Barbin	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Barrar	Evans	Kulik	Reese
Benninghoff	Everett	Lawrence	Roae
Bernstine	Farry	Lewis	Roe
Bizzarro	Fee	Longietti	Roebuck
Bloom	Flynn	Mackenzie	Rothman
Boback	Frankel	Mako	Rozzi
Boyle	Freeman	Maloney	Ryan
Brown, R.	Fritz	Markosek	Sainato
Burns	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Gillen	Masser	Sankey
Carroll	Gillespie	Matzie	Santora
Causar	Godshall	McGinnis	Saylor
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Comitta	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Grove	Mentzer	Schweyer
Cook	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Corr	Hanna	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harkins	Miller, B.	Sonney
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Diamond	Keefer	Pickett	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Pyle	Wheeland
Dowling	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	White
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
Dunbar	Kim	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Dush	Kinsey	Rader	
Ellis	Kirkland	Rapp	Turzai,
Emrick	Klunk	Ravenstahl	Speaker
English	Knowles		

NAYS—20

Bradford	Cruz	Gainey	McClinton
Briggs	Davis, A.	Harris, J.	Miller, D.
Brown, V.	Dawkins	Krueger	Rabb
Bullock	Donatucci	Madden	Sturla
Cephas	Fitzgerald	McCarter	Warren

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Christiana	Maher	Ortitay	Solomon
Fabrizio	Marsico	Reed	Stephens
Gabler	Miccarelli	Saccone	Vitali

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Dowling is recognized on unanimous consent. Before he speaks, I would ask all members to please take their seats. Representative, you will just give us a moment. I would ask all members to please take your seats. All members, please take your seats. All members, please come onto the House floor. I am going to close the doors of the House here. This is a very somber message with respect to a tragedy that occurred in one of our counties. So we are going to wait for about another minute or so. All members, if you could come to the House floor. Members, please come onto the House floor. We are going to close the doors of the House.

STATEMENT BY MR. DOWLING

The SPEAKER. Representative Dowling, you may proceed.

Mr. DOWLING. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am joined today by Representative Ryan Warner, who also serves the northern half of Fayette County.

On Thursday, February 15, an EF1 tornado ripped through the city of Uniontown and North Union Township, with little to no warning, causing great damage to the area and the community affected. This past week Gov. Tom Wolf requested that the U.S. Small Business Administration declare a disaster in Fayette County and Uniontown for those businesses and homes that suffered significant wind, flood, and in some cases, mudslide damage from the tornado and storms that impacted the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania between February 15 and the 17, 2018. A detailed damage assessment shows that over 38 of the homes and businesses that were involved had uninsured losses that exceeded 40 percent of their predisaster fair market value.

I want to thank Governor Wolf for his action and for helping us to take the next step in aiding those who have been affected by this tragic storm. I also thank my colleagues here in the General Assembly for their concern and support for my constituents who were affected and displaced by this natural disaster.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Dowling and Representative Warner.

Godspeed to the residents of Fayette County.

We will open the doors of the House.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2017, PN 2998**, entitled:

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

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?

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes, Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. On the bill?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, you may.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, many members in this House support this bill, will support this concept, but what will happen this year in this budget because of this legislation is we will be short, probably cost us \$150 million to \$200 million.

Now, we talked yesterday a little bit, there was a comment about we need to in this budget pay for rape kits because of the backlog we have, and if we want to pay for things like rape kits, we have got to pay for them in this year's budget. This budget – this bill, rather, will cost our budget \$150 million, and all of us in here should understand that if we vote "yes," we need to be willing to pay for it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative George Dunbar, on the bill.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In regards to any revenue loss with this bill, there is no revenue loss with this bill. I want to make that perfectly clear. There is no revenue loss with this bill that will affect this year's budget.

The fiscal note that we have attached to this bill says \$8 million this year, \$26 million next year, which eventually will reverse out over the life of assets. This is a revenue-neutral bill. I cannot be any more clearer than that.

What the speaker prior to me was referring to is essentially a Tax Bulletin that the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue put out that this allowed depreciation on any assets at all if you took bonus depreciation. That is not the law. That is not any revenue that was projected in any of the Governor's budget projections. Since the Governor never projected this revenue, we cannot lose it. You cannot lose revenue that you do not have to begin with.

So I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Eli Evankovich.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not mean to repeat what any of the prior speakers have said. I think it is important for both the membership and the public to understand that this will not affect this year's budget based on the budget projections that were made, but also just some brief editorializing on these terms like "depreciation."

Mr. Speaker, when the public hears words like "depreciation" and "write-off," I think a lot of times it is hard to understand really what is at play here. When people say "write-off" or "depreciation," understand that if this bill does not become law, when businesses make expenditures, when they spend money on things that are assets – so if they spend money on vehicles, if they spend money on buildings, if they spend money on equipment – ordinarily we think that a business' calculated profit by their income minus their expenses or by their revenue minus their expenses and that is their income and then they pay tax on that income. If this bill does not become law, the expenditures that they make on equipment and assets will be taxed as income. In other words, if a company spends a million dollars in Pennsylvania investing to try to buy assets and make money on those assets and employ people on those assets, if this bill does not become law, they will be charged the corporate net income tax on that asset.

In other words, we need to be sure that we do not confuse, we do not confuse the issue that this is somehow a giveaway to the business community. This is not a giveaway to the business community. What this is is it allows them to treat expenses as expenses.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Markosek.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HB 2017. Some of the things that have been said, particularly by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, are not necessarily untrue. This is revenue-neutral, but over a number of years. What this bill does is pretty much front-end loads the deductions. Obviously, the business community would want that because you get more deductions up front, but then in future years you get less.

So what we were hoping to do, I think, with the budget this year, and certainly the administration, is to kind of phase this in so that it would be a smooth deduction over a number of years rather than a front-end load, which obviously the business community wants. I think most of us want to see the business community do well, certainly, in Pennsylvania. But there is a cost, there is a cost to doing this in this year's budget, because the way this bill is structured, the deductions are front-end loaded. So that is why I am opposed to it, not because I am opposed to what it actually does, but it is not necessarily

budget-friendly for this year. We have struck somewhat of a balance based on last year's budget moving into this year that I think a lot of things are looking good for us, but this would throw off the current balance that we have in the budget by at least \$100 million and perhaps over \$100 million.

There is another way we can do this, and I would ask that we vote this down and we will negotiate in the budget a fair way to handle these deductions. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Keith Greiner.

Mr. GREINER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to follow up and I want to clarify one thing, this bill does not front-end the deductions. What has been going on in this Commonwealth is depreciation has always been allowed. You have been able to depreciate an asset – if it is a 5-year asset, you are allowed to do it over a 5-year period. The law is still not going to allow for the 100-percent deduction, but it is going to allow for a deduction across the board. I am telling you, we would be the only State in the Union that would disallow a depreciation deduction for something like this and it would be job killing, absolutely job killing.

Here is the flip side. Even if we take the bonus depreciation, if we would be allowed to do so, it would encourage investment in economic growth across the board with all businesses, particularly agriculture. And what that does is it spurs on people to spend money and it allows businesses to hire more people and create economic growth, and the reality of that is it brings in more revenues because there are more sales.

So I just want to clarify that, that it is that revenue ruling that was made that just was a game changer and created a tax increase on our businesses without us even having a decision in the process. So I just wanted to clarify that, and I respectfully ask for support of HB 2017. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Peifer, on the bill.

Representative Frank Ryan, can you just wait; I want to see – you are the prime sponsor – Representative Ryan, I just want to see if anybody else wants to speak on the bill before you speak.

Anybody else?

Representative Frank Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.

I, obviously, as the maker of the bill ask you to support the bill. But something as innocuous as depreciation is something that has a completely profound impact on our Commonwealth. When you look at Amazon about ready to make a decision, when you look at Apple about ready to make a decision, CenturyLink, and other organizations, the very benefit to working families of creating a climate in the Commonwealth that is supportive of more business investment is something we should be encouraging.

There is no change in revenue to the Commonwealth under this HB 2017. This is not front-end loaded. But if I might just quote for you a quote from February 20, 2018, by the Secretary of Revenue, which he stated the following, that no other State eliminates the ability for cost recovery of disallowed bonus depreciation. And additionally, he said that the bulletin was issued to provide quick guidance to taxpayers and to buy time for the legislature to act and to consider what to do and fix the statute.

Mr. Speaker, I have gotten a tremendous amount of calls from members of the opposite side of the aisle and they have been very supportive of this bill. But I would tell you, we need to send a message loud and clear to those organizations that we are hoping will locate in Pennsylvania that we want them to

locate here. The people that are currently located in the Commonwealth, it is a gotcha moment. We have put them between a rock and a hard place, and today is our time to change. But please make no bones about it, when we put our businesses and our employees under the gun for a provision that could harm them, we are making this State significantly less likely to survive.

So I ask you for a "yes" vote on HB 2017.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Mike Peifer, on the bill.

Mr. PEIFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Very simply, we have businesses out there and planners out there that really need to be able to deduct their capital assets, and they will get that deduction over time. This just gives them a little bit more incentive to go out and purchase that asset sooner so they can deduct it from their income more quickly on their income statement.

So I would actually ask the members for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2017 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—183

Barbin	Emrick	Klunk	Rapp
Barrar	English	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Kortz	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Evans	Krueger	Reese
Bloom	Everett	Kulik	Roae
Boback	Farry	Lawrence	Roe
Boyle	Fee	Lewis	Roebuck
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Caltagirone	Galloway	Masser	Santora
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Causer	Gillespie	McClinton	Schemel
Cephas	Godshall	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Charlton	Goodman	McNeill	Schweyer
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Cruz	Harris, J.	Moul	Thomas
Culver	Heffley	Mullery	Tobash
Cutler	Helm	Murt	Toepel
Daley	Hennessey	Mustio	Toohil
Davis, A.	Hickernell	Neilson	Topper
Davis, T.	Hill	Nelson	Vazquez
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Walsh
Day	James	O'Brien	Ward
Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Warner
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Warren
DeLissio	Kaufer	Pashinski	Watson
Delozier	Kauffman	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Kavulich	Petrarca	Wheatley
Diamond	Keefer	Pickett	Wheeland
DiGirolo	Keller, F.	Pyle	White
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Youngblood
Dowling	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kim	Quinn, M.	
Dunbar	Kinsey	Rabb	Turzai,
Dush	Kirkland	Rader	Speaker
Ellis			

NAYS—4

Costa, D.	Dermody	Markosek	McCarter
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NOT VOTING—1

Davidson

EXCUSED—12

Bernstine	Maher	Ortitay	Solomon
Fabrizio	Marsico	Reed	Stephens
Gabler	Miccarelli	Saccone	Vitali

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.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1527, PN 2913**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 877, PN 1458**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. Now, there were three amendments that were filed by Representative Barrar: 5793, 5796, and 5808. My understanding is, all three have been withdrawn. Representative Barrar, is that correct? On SB 877 all three amendments have been withdrawn.

I see no further amendments on this bill.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 878, PN 1459**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Barrar I see has filed three amendments. I believe it is 5786. Is that correct? Am I reading that number right? Yeah. Amendments 5786, 5795, and 5807. My understanding, Representative Barrar, is all three have been withdrawn. Okay. So all three amendments are withdrawn from SB 878, PN 1459.

I see no further amendments on that bill.

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Marcia Hahn, I think, wanted to submit remarks for the record on HR 678. Representative Hahn, you may just get on the record. Please tell us what the resolution was about and just a brief summary, and then we will submit the remaining remarks for the record.

Ms. HAHN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I want to thank the members for supporting HR 678, which designates the week of February 11 to 17 as "Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Awareness Week" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I will submit the rest of the remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Hahn.

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

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a class of diseases that involves the heart or blood vessels, such as angina, heart attack, stroke, and heart failure to name a few. CVD is the nation's leading cause of death and disability, with more than 1 million Americans suffering a new or recurrent coronary attack each year. It is also the leading cause of death associated with diabetes. Still, it is estimated that 90 percent of CVD is preventable.

If you have type 2 diabetes, you have a 2 to 4 times greater risk for developing cardiovascular disease. Sadly, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death associated with diabetes. In fact, two out of three deaths in people with type 2 diabetes are attributed to cardiovascular disease.

With such a high percentage of CVD being preventable, it is not difficult to avoid serious consequences through regular checkups and lifestyle changes.

I applaud my colleagues for passing this legislation in recognition of a disease that is the leading cause of death around the world.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2034, PN 2936**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. Yes; I believe it deals with an act, Agricultural Liming Materials Act, and it provides for labeling issues.

There is an amendment to that bill filed by the maker of the bill.

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

Mr. **MARSHALL** offered the following amendment
No. **A05714**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by striking out "minimum"
Amend Bill, page 2, line 19, by inserting after "and" where it occurs the second time
the maximum percentage of

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Marshall to describe the amendment for us, to tell us about the amendment, amendment 5714.

Mr. MARSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 05714 is a technical amendment. It corrects a drafting error. I am asking the members to please approve the amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

Barbin	Dush	Klunk	Rader
Barrar	Ellis	Knowles	Rapp
Benninghoff	Emrick	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	English	Krueger	Readshaw
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Boback	Evans	Lawrence	Roae
Boyle	Everett	Lewis	Roe
Bradford	Farry	Longietti	Roebuck
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Cephas	Gillen	McCarter	Schemel
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Dean	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Warren
Deasy	Kampf	Oberlander	Watson
DeLissio	Kaufar	Pashinski	Wentling
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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. I do not see any other amendments on this bill.

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 584, PN 2817**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing microenterprise loan programs and abating real property assessment.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **RABB** offered the following amendment No. **A06048**:

Amend Bill, page 35, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY" and inserting

start-up entrepreneur

Amend Bill, page 35, line 6, by inserting after "EMPLOYEES" who are residents of this Commonwealth

Amend Bill, page 35, line 22, by inserting after "INDIVIDUAL" who is a resident of this Commonwealth

Amend Bill, page 35, lines 22 and 23, by striking out "LIMITED" in line 22 and all of line 23 and inserting

or worker cooperative corporation formed or incorporated within this Commonwealth and the owners of which partnership or worker cooperative corporation are residents of this Commonwealth, a single-member limited liability company incorporated in this Commonwealth, the owner of which is a resident of this Commonwealth. The term does not include:

(1) A worker cooperative corporation incorporated within this Commonwealth, the owners of which do not have a controlling ownership interest in the worker cooperative corporation.

(2) A single-member limited liability company incorporated within this Commonwealth, the single-member of which is another limited liability company or other business entity.

Amend Bill, page 36, line 7, by inserting after "ASSIST" start-up entrepreneurs and, to the extent possible,

Amend Bill, page 36, line 16, by striking out "OF" and inserting owned by

Amend Bill, page 36, line 16, by inserting after "INDIVIDUALS"

who are residents of this Commonwealth

Amend Bill, page 36, lines 19 and 20, by striking out all of line 19 and "(4)" in line 20 and inserting

(3)

Amend Bill, page 36, line 23, by striking out "(5)" and inserting

(4)

Amend Bill, page 38, line 17, by striking out "AUTHORITY" and inserting

administrative entity

Amend Bill, page 38, line 24, by striking out "AUTHORITY" and inserting

administrative entity
 Amend Bill, page 40, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting
(b) Training:—
(1) For the purpose of reducing the financial
 Amend Bill, page 40, lines 18 and 19, by striking "SUCCEED." in line 18 and "A" in line 19 and inserting
succeed.
(2) A
 Amend Bill, page 40, by inserting between lines 21 and 22
(3) If the loan applicant is a worker cooperative
corporation, all owners of the worker cooperative corporation
must complete the business courses and workshops under
paragraph (2).
 Amend Bill, page 41, line 14, by inserting after "INCOME"
and located in this Commonwealth
 Amend Bill, page 42, line 5, by striking out "AUTHORITY" and inserting
administrative entity

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

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

Mr. RABB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment makes the following changes to the bill: It expands the types of businesses that would qualify as startup entrepreneurs under the act and therefore qualify to participate in the program to include worker cooperative corporations and single-member LLCs (limited liability companies). It provides that the sole owner of a single-member LLC cannot be another LLC or other business entity. It stipulates that all business entities seeking to participate must have been formed or incorporated within the Commonwealth. It stipulates that the requisite number of employees, one to five, of a business entity seeking assistance under the program must be residents of Pennsylvania. It standardizes terms and makes other editorial changes.

And I respectfully request the support of the House for this amendment.

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

Mr. GILLESPIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

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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. I do not see any other amendments on this bill.

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 2049, PN 3127**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. I do not see any amendments to this bill.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 994, PN 2909**, entitled:

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

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

The SPEAKER. There are two amendments filed to this. They are 5981 and 5982. Both are being ruled out of order by the Chair.

I do not see any further amendments with respect to this.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1851, PN 2991**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. I do not see any amendments filed to that bill.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. PEIFER called up **HR 291, PN 2995**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Independent Fiscal Office, to commence a study to investigate the feasibility and potential cost savings associated with the replacement of local earned income tax collection methods by local taxing committees with a Statewide collection method domiciled in the Department of Revenue.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Now, there are two amendments. There are actually four amendments filed. One is from Representative Peifer himself at 5939. Then Representative Daley has three amendments: 5772, 5774, and 5934. My understanding is, amendments 5774 and 5934 will be withdrawn. Is that accurate, Representative? Yes. So 5774 and 5934 are withdrawn.

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

Mr. PEIFER offered the following amendment No. **A05939**:

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 8 and 9, by striking out "
(1)"
Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 11 through 14, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

WHEREAS, Inefficiencies continue to plague the local tax collection process to the detriment of school districts and municipalities in this Commonwealth; and

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

The SPEAKER. We are going to turn to Representative Peifer. The first amendment we are going to do is 5939. He will explain the underlying resolution and the amendment that he seeks to put to the resolution. Amendment 5939, he will explain the resolution and the amendment to the resolution.

Mr. PEIFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Very simply, the resolution just simply asks for a study of the process in which we collect local income tax. Back in 2008 Act 32 was passed where we consolidated some of this process at the local level. This study will just take a look and see if we can do it at the State level here in Harrisburg.

I am offering amendment 5939. Very simply, it is technical in nature and I believe it is agreed to.

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

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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 adopt the resolution as amended?

Ms. DALEY offered the following amendment No. **A05772**:

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "Office" with input from counties, municipalities and school districts in this Commonwealth

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 7, by inserting after "Office" with input from counties, municipalities and school districts in this Commonwealth

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Daley, on the amendment.
Ms. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment, and what it does is it includes a provision to receive input from counties, municipalities, and school districts within the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. Representative Peifer, on the amendment.
Mr. PEIFER. Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment.
The SPEAKER. Thank you.

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

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

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

The SPEAKER. Members, we can proceed to vote on this resolution right now because it is a resolution, not a bill, and it has been amended. It is HR 291. Now, while the printer's number in front of us at 2995 will not be the accurate reflection of where the resolution is given amendments 5939 and 5772, we can vote on the House resolution and we will do so at this time.

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

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative McCarter is recognized to submit remarks for the record.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On HR 720 I would like to submit remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Thank you.

Do you want to state what the resolution was just for the record, sir?

Mr. McCARTER. HR 720 on Sunshine Week.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

Sunshine Week debuted in 2005 as a platform for promoting the importance of open government and freedom of information – two American ideals that have been critical since long before anyone in this room entered government or was even born. Mr. Speaker, these ideals were important when then Rep. James Madison, whose birthday we are celebrating this week, proposed the Bill of Rights and codified, into law, the rights of free speech and freedom of the press that we are celebrating today. And they were important as we matured as a nation, serving as foundational principles and the basis for our national identity.

But I would suggest that they have never been as important as they are today: Mr. Speaker, when our fractured media landscape allows us to read only the reporting that sits well with us and serves to reaffirm our ideologies, assumptions, and prejudices. When the money generated by news audiences flows mostly to Google and Facebook, but not the reporters and publishers who produce excellent – and costly – fact-based journalism. When we have a leader whose biting, emotional indictments of the free press are an almost daily occurrence. And when it is not only the press being challenged, it is the truth itself. Twitter, the President's medium of choice, was recently found to spread "fake news" farther, faster, deeper, and more broadly than the truth. In fact, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that false information reaches 35 percent more people, on average, than true news. This is terrifying. It is incredibly destructive.

Mr. Speaker, our democracy depends not just on a free and vital press, it depends on an informed public. The transparency that journalism demands makes government work better. It decreases the risk of corruption and ultimately makes our nation safer. It is our greatest bulwark against authoritarianism.

The late John Seigenthaler, both a journalist, and, briefly, a political figure, said, our "First Amendment freedoms are" never safe, "never secured, but are always in the process of being made" safe and "secure." We in government have to make sure that the process continues. We have to bring the sunshine. Not just this week but always.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, there are no further votes, but we are going to still be on the House floor. There are a number of members that wish to speak on their resolutions that had been passed this week. And so any member that wishes to stay to speak on the record on resolutions, we will stay as long as necessary. There are no further votes. I will be doing housekeeping, however, also at the end of this.

I know today I have listed these members and they can line up: Representative Ryan on HR 704; Representative Driscoll, I believe yours is 786. If it is 706, correct me if I am wrong on that. Representatives Dean, Comitta, and Boback are recognized on HR 725; Representatives Dean, Petrarca, and Frankel will be recognized on HR 724; Representative McClinton will be recognized on HRs 732 and 742; Representative Matzie will be recognized on HR 743; and Representative Pickett will be recognized on HR 741. I also believe that from yesterday Representative Jordan Harris will be recognized on HR 673. And I have even some from earlier in the week: Representative Boback on HR 735, Representative Madden on HR 710, Representative Benninghoff on HR 723, and Representative Wheatley for HR 663 and HR 749.

Let me begin with Representative Frank Ryan.

And just if all the members could be prepared, I am going to just go in that order. Be prepared to give remarks.

I would ask people to clear the well of the House so that our members can speak. We would also appreciate if members would stay and listen to the remarks on the resolutions. We will not conclude the day until we get through everybody's remarks.

STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.

And to the members of the House, I thank you tremendously for your support of the very worthwhile organization of the National Federation of Independent Business. It represents over 325,000 small businesses in all 50 States and Washington, DC. What the NFIB does – and I am a very proud member – what it does is it helps level the playing field so that small businesses, which are the primary job creators in the United States and especially as well in the Commonwealth, have the same type of equal footing on the commerce field that others enjoy as they get larger in size. Now, you cannot become a large business without having passed through the small business realm, and I only remind everyone that at one point in time IBM was a small business, Apple was a small business, Microsoft was.

In Pennsylvania, NFIB represents 15,000 members in every area of the Commonwealth and virtually every industry; 99.6 percent of the Pennsylvania members are small businesses and we employ about half of the private-sector workforce. Small businesses create two-thirds of new jobs.

We are in an era where the labor force participation rate is extremely low in the nation. It has been the lowest in almost 15 to 20 years and it has been on a rapid decline during that

period of time. This is an opportunity with small businesses to join forces with young workers to help create an opportunity and an ability for those young workers to get the experience they need to join the workforce of the future as well as to stay with those small businesses.

I hear a constant lament from businesses throughout the world that they are having a difficult time getting workers with experience. They are finding it extraordinarily difficult to have workers who come to the workforce and understand the level of complexity of what it means to show up for work on time, to understand what it means to make a contribution to a team. And small businesses in the NFIB are the prime sponsors of that type of capability.

The overwhelming support you provided us today to the NFIB on its 75th anniversary is a real telling tribute to such a great organization. And thank you again for your wonderful support, Mr. Speaker. Thank you so much.

STATEMENT BY MR. MATZIE

The SPEAKER. Representative Matzie, on HR 743.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I thank the members for their support of HR 743, my resolution designating April as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Five hundred amputations occur each day in our country, yet the general public is largely unaware of the physical, emotional, and financial challenges faced by amputees and their families. This resolution seeks to raise public awareness of their plight.

I speak to you from the heart on this matter, as many of you know, and for the newer members that do not know, my daughter is a congenital amputee, and therefore, this is a resolution that is close to my heart. She is 16 and she is perfect in every way.

A lot of folks have recently come to know Shaquem Griffin, who played football and was not invited to the NFL combine and later earned his way to the combine and was named one of the top players at the NFL combine. He, too, does not have a hand and will be drafted most likely in the upper rounds of the NFL draft coming up in April.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. MATZIE. So people can do things that you may not think they can do unless maybe you know them or know of them, and I just want to bring that awareness to you, and I will submit the remainder of my remarks for the record.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Matzie.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I ask for support for HR 743, my resolution designating April as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Five hundred amputations occur each day in our country, yet the general public is largely unaware of the physical, emotional, and financial challenges faced by amputees and their families. This resolution seeks to raise public awareness of their plight.

I would like to share with you some limb-loss statistics from the Amputee Coalition of America:

1. There are nearly 2 million people living with limb loss in the United States.

2. Among those living with limb loss, the main causes are vascular disease (including diabetes and peripheral arterial disease) at 54 percent, trauma at 45 percent, and cancer at less than 2 percent.

3. Approximately 185,000 amputations occur in the United States each year.

4. African-Americans are four times more likely to have an amputation than White Americans.

5. Nearly half of the individuals who have an amputation due to vascular disease will die within 5 years. This is higher than the 5-year mortality rates for breast cancer, colon cancer, and prostate cancer.

6. Every year more than 1,000 babies are born with a limb difference.

I am seeking your support for this resolution because more and more Americans will be living with amputation in the years to come.

1. It is projected that the amputee population will more than double by the year 2050 to 3.6 million.

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

Sadly, many individuals face challenges in getting appropriate medical and prosthetic care paid for. They regularly face insufficient coverage and/or long paperwork battles to get the appropriate device for their needs or are simply denied. Access to appropriate care is vital for each of them to reach their full potential.

Please join me in casting a "yes" vote for HR 743. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. DRISCOLL

The SPEAKER. Representative Driscoll.

Mr. DRISCOLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to thank my cosponsors, Representative Tim Hennessey, Representative Kevin Boyle, and Representative Marty Flynn.

Since the founding of this great nation, American citizens of Irish descent have been responsible for many significant contributions, both within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States. Their historical contributions include military service, as many soldiers of Irish descent fought under Gen. George Washington in the Continental Army and served in every major conflict involving the United States. The Irish led union efforts and displayed their inherent power of organizing to add quality to the land they adopted.

But one of the most important cultural contributions still alive today is St. Patrick's Day. It began as a religious feast day in the 17th century and has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe celebrating Irish culture with parades, special food, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green.

Today Pennsylvania hosts some of the oldest and largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the country. These include the city of Philadelphia, where the parade has taken place since 1771, and of course, the city of Scranton, which hosts the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the nation.

I thank my colleagues for recognizing and celebrating the Pennsylvanians of Irish heritage who continue to thrive and excel today in many spheres of human endeavor including, but not limited to, academia, business, literature, science, and politics. Regardless of your ethnicity or heritage, all Pennsylvanians are urged to be Irish for the day in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, which is observed annually on the date of March 17. We hope that our colleagues and neighbors will join us in one of the many parades and events taking place across the State in 2018.

And lastly, Mr. Speaker, my annual appeal is that I ask my colleagues and those in leadership to continue to refer to the day as "St. Patrick's Day," not "Pat's" and "Paddy's," but our patron saint, St. Patrick.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Hey, as someone who is half Irish, my mom was Coyne and her mom was Fitzhenry.

Thank you for the resolution.

STATEMENT BY MRS. COMITTA

The SPEAKER. Representative Karen Boback is recognized. And Representative Boback is with Representative Dean and Representative Comitta, and this is on HR 725. So whatever order.

Representative Comitta, you may go first.

Mrs. COMITTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Dean is not able to be here. We thank her and I thank my colleague, Representative Boback, for supporting and all my colleagues for supporting HR 725, which names "Pennsylvania Female Veterans Day" as March 28, 2018. This resolution honors female veterans who have been serving our country as far back as the Revolutionary War.

Pennsylvania is home to the eighth highest number of women veterans, at just about over 60,000. Across the United States, more than 1.8 million women have answered the call to fight for their nation. They are, of course, our sisters, our daughters, our grandmothers, and mothers as well.

In the military, like anywhere, we find women making a difference. Their history would be a hard-fought one. Only allowed to serve in an official capacity as recently as 100 years ago, women were still always on the battlegrounds of our nation's most bloody conflicts, including during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Spanish-American War. Many healed wounds and fed male soldiers. Some even disguised themselves to fight on the battlefield.

Despite their contributions, it was not until World War I that they were allowed to officially enlist in special women's corps, and it was not even until just 3 years ago that they were finally awarded the right to sign on for all combat roles offered in all branches of the U.S. military. Talk about a long fight for a group of women who just wanted to fight for our country.

But their fight reminds us that we as legislators need to do more to provide for these women. We can and we must do better to provide sufficient health care for our women veterans. In the State legislature right now, we are fighting for a women's veterans' health-care task force. The goal of this task force would be to study the health issues facing women veterans and make policy recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. For instance, we know women often present symptoms differently than men for many issues, including PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). We need to understand these differences in order to better serve our women veterans here in the Commonwealth.

Just as the fight for women's rights is not over, the fight for women's equal treatment in the military has just begun. We have come a long way but still have a long way to go. We stand in solidarity with our female veterans and sincerely thank them for their courage, their sacrifice, and their dedication. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MS. BOBACK

The SPEAKER. Representative Karen Boback.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The United States military continues to evolve recognizing the value of women in service. In the last two decades we have witnessed the first women to graduate from the Virginia Military Institute and The Citadel, the first women fighter pilots flying combat missions in Iraq, the first woman to command a Navy warship, the first African-American woman to be promoted to brigadier general, the first woman to be promoted to an Army four-star general, and the first woman to be awarded a Silver Star for combat action.

Thankfully, female veterans are finally getting some of the recognition they deserve, but your support of this resolution will ensure that we are taking another small step toward recognizing Pennsylvania's outstanding female veterans. As a member of the Governor's Pennsylvania Commission for Women, I thank you all for your support of this incredibly important cause. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER. Representative Joanna McClinton and she will be speaking on HR 732 and HR 742.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to all of my colleagues for supporting HR 732, designating March 19, 2018, as "Celebrating Women in Public Office Day" right here in Pennsylvania.

As you all know, March is Women's History Month, when we recognize the significant contributions of the women of all races, all ethnicities, and all backgrounds that have made contributions to the world. And while we celebrate all the progress women have made, we still have a long way to go.

Women are a majority of the population, and yet nearly 100 years after we gained the right to vote through the 19th Amendment, we are seriously underrepresented, not only in the United States Congress but in many States, unfortunately including right here in Pennsylvania. In this legislature, women hold just 20 percent of the House of Representatives seats and 14 percent of the Senate seats. In the House of Representatives that we are currently in right now, women of color only hold 5 percent of the seats, and right now in the Pennsylvania Senate, women of color hold zero percentage of the seats. A creative lawyer might make a case for taxation without representation.

I think someday our grandchildren will look back and wonder why our society would fall short and not allow women with such talents and abilities in the same way that we look back and wonder why women were not even allowed to vote.

So I would like to thank all of my colleagues for joining me in recognizing some of these fundamental truths: Women play an important and critical role in the vitality and diversity of our communities and we are essential to ensuring that this Commonwealth is well represented; recognizing women in public office brings awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work and inspires other young women to serve their communities.

Before I wrap up, I would like to highlight one of the first women – well, the first woman of color that ever took office right here in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Her name was Crystal Bird Fauset. She served in this State House from 1938 until 1941 in the 18th Legislative District of Pennsylvania. And then I think about the first woman of color to serve in the Pennsylvania Senate. That would be State Senator Roxanne Jones, the late great. She served from 1984 until the midnineties.

It is through resolutions like this one, the House of Representatives notes the positive perspective a woman's point of view brings into politics and government, and it is committed to encouraging women to participate in the process. Thank you all for your support.

The SPEAKER. Representative, on another resolution.

And then Representative Pickett will be next.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to the fellow House members for joining me in supporting HR 742, observing "World Water Day." This year's observance focuses on the theme "Nature for Water," exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century. The central message of this year's celebration is an emphasis on nature-based solutions. These solutions include planting trees to replenish forests; reconnecting rivers to floodplains; and restoring wetlands, forests, and grasslands. These are sustainable and cost-effective ways to rebalance the water cycle, mitigate the effects of climate change, and improve human health and livelihoods.

Here in Pennsylvania we have a right to clean air and pure water. It is included in our State Constitution. But we as legislators have a continuing duty to make sure that the Department of Environmental Protection has enough funding to protect these basic rights. They are necessities for life.

In Washington, DC, the President and the United States Congress, they both share a similar duty to make sure that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has enough funding to do its vital work. Federal protections and enforcement are so important because pollution does not respect State borders.

As it does every year, the observance of "World Water Day" reminds us that putting rights into a Constitution is only the beginning. To adapt a saying from one of this country's founders, as with freedom, the price of clean water is an eternal vigilance. Let us all work together – State and local authorities, industries, agriculture sectors, community leaders; let us work to make sure there is equal access to clean and safe water for all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleagues.

STATEMENT BY MS. PICKETT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tina Pickett.

Ms. PICKETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak today on HR 741, declaring March 14 as "Brain Injury Awareness Day" and March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month."

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to say these few words about a condition that is increasingly affecting Pennsylvanians all of ages, brain injury. From a professional athlete getting knocked around on a football or soccer field to a young child fighting a high fever, to an adolescent falling off a

bicycle or someone of any age suffering a stroke, the injuries suffered from these situations can have lifelong and life-altering consequences.

Brain injury kills brain cells and disrupts neural pathways. That can affect the way a person thinks, feels, or acts. It also is the leading cause of disability and death from birth through age 40.

An estimated 3 1/2 million children and adults sustain an acquired brain injury, or an ABI, each year and more than 12 million Americans are currently living with an ABI. That is on top of the nearly 2 1/2 million children and adults who suffer traumatic brain injuries, or TBI, in the United States each year and approximately 5 1/2 million Americans currently living with TBI-related disabilities.

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania states that 2,223 Pennsylvanians die each year from brain-related injury. More than 10,000 people are hospitalized each year, with more than 8600 suffering long-term or lifetime disability, and more than 245,000 State residents currently live with a brain injury.

One of the most frustrating parts about acquired or traumatic brain injury is that we just do not know what the effects are until sometime later. They can be hours, days, or even years later. We know that a lot of increasing attention has been paid to athletes of all ages, but traumatic brain injury is one of the most common injuries suffered by our military troops.

Every one of us, every one of our families has the potential to suffer brain injury and it can be frightening. That is why it is so important to raise awareness. Raising awareness about acquired or traumatic brain injury can help prevent brain injuries by encouraging people to protect themselves with helmets or by knowing what to do when brain injury occurs. Sometimes the best thing you can do is to seek medical treatment right away. Do not wait. Without prompt and proper treatment of brain injuries, symptoms easily can be missed. A person can be underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed. This results sometimes in even greater injury.

We are very fortunate that here in Pennsylvania we have a number of leading research centers and dedicated organizations. They are devoted to brain injury. They work every day on research and to find ways to lessen the impact of brain injury or to look for ways for physicians, trainers, and other health-care workers to determine the sometimes very subtle symptoms of brain injury.

Since awareness is critical to more positive outcomes in cases with traumatic brain injury, I have introduced HR 741 to recognize March 2018 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. But I am also calling on all of you for your help as well. Raise awareness with your families, your friends, your loved ones. Let them know how serious traumatic brain injury is and take steps every day to protect yourself.

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Steve Kinsey.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank my colleagues for supporting HR 707, which designates March 2018 as "Disabilities Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. In our Commonwealth alone, there are more than 1.8 million people under the age of 65 living with a

disability and nearly 56.7 million individuals across the country. That is one out of five Americans. Those few statistics leave little doubt that all of us know someone who is living with a disability, whether it is a loved one, a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or a constituent.

Although individuals with disabilities are provided protection under Federal law and State law, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955, discriminatory practices still persist in areas like housing, employment, and public accommodations. The purpose of my resolution is to recognize the prevalence of inequalities within our society regarding the treatment of individuals with disabilities as well as to acknowledge the efforts made throughout history to institute civil protections for all Americans. As leaders, we need to take a hard look as to why these injustices are ongoing and acknowledge the fact that it is not acceptable. We can do that by assuring people with disabilities are provided with dignity, respect, and accommodations that they deserve. It is paramount that we encourage all Pennsylvanians to become aware of these challenges and turn into advocates by ensuring fairness for all people.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I want to thank my colleagues for their support on HR 707.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Kinsey.

STATEMENT BY MR. DUSH

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to be the prime sponsor of HB 1881, honoring and remembering Spc. Christine L. Mayes. We are honoring her through the dedication of a bridge crossing Mahoning Creek in Indiana County.

Specialist Mayes grew up in Rochester Mills and was a graduate of Marion Center High School. After graduating, she enlisted in active duty and served for 3 years in Germany. Immediately after her service in Germany, she returned home to Rochester Mills where she enlisted in the Army Reserves, serving with the 14th Quartermaster Detachment of the 99th Army Reserve Command in Greensburg.

Her unit was deployed to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. On February 25, 1991, only 3 days before the end of the Persian Gulf war, Army Specialist Mayes was fatally wounded by a scud missile attack. The attack took the lives of 28 of her fellow soldiers and wounded 99 more.

Like Specialist Mayes' family, February 25, 1991, is a day I will never forget. I just left active duty in the military and I was on my way out to do a surveillance when I got the call. I had 44-man teams from Vandenberg and Dover Air Force Base that I was intimately involved with and knew members. I immediately turned and went down to Dover because nobody knew when it was or who got hit. I found out there were Air Force security police – that struck home – and then found out it was the unit out of Pittsburgh, in Greensburg. We had Air National Guard from Pittsburgh and the Army specialists and the Army units out of Greensburg.

Pennsylvania gives and gives and gives the blood of its soldiers and airmen, marines. This is a fitting dedication and a fitting honor to somebody who had already served her commitment once, came back, and repeated her commitment and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Specialist Mayes was awarded the Purple Heart, the Liberation of Kuwait Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and multiple military merits.

Therefore, it is my privilege to stand before you today to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman who courageously fulfilled her duties and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedom.

I thank the members for their unanimous support on this bill.

And, Christine, your bravery and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Dush.

Are there any other members that wish to speak on any other House resolutions?

STATEMENT BY MR. BENNINGHOFF

The SPEAKER. Representative Kerry Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know the hour is late, but I would be remiss to not take a few moments to give a great shout-out to our young students at Penn State University and all the campuses across this Commonwealth who participated in the 2018 dance marathon.

As you know, this is a totally student-run, for the most part, dance marathon, one of the largest in the world, and they have raised millions of dollars since its inception in 1977. That total is actually more than \$147 million in that time period.

I just want to honor them with this resolution, honoring that in THON 2018 these brave young students who also oftentimes volunteer their time at Hershey Medical Center to be with these young children, to be their sponsors and to be their guides when they come to THON, not only giving their time, talent, but money to raise for the children's research here at Penn State University and the great work that gets done at Hershey Medical Center.

So in their honor, Mr. Speaker, THON 2018 – "Discovering Tomorrow's Wonder" was the theme – revealed that the total fundraising came to \$10,151,663, a tremendous feat, and a great shout-out to them.

I appreciate your time to the members and Speaker for letting us honor them, and I encourage them to continue this great work helping the young children afflicted with cancer in the State of Pennsylvania. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Kerry Benninghoff.

Do any other members wish to speak?

We are going to do housekeeping.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

HB 584;
HB 994;
HB 1527;
HB 1851;
HB 2034;
HB 2049;
SB 877; and
SB 878.

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 973;
HB 1412;
HB 1419;
HB 1446;
HB 1885;
HB 1886;
HB 2018;
HB 2067;
HB 2096;
SB 108;
SB 180;
SB 837; and
SB 844.

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 1933, PN 2738**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting certain benefit packages for children's health care and medical assistance to include gender or sex reassignment surgery or gender or sex transition services.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1933 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 1933 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 1741, PN 2338**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for authority to issue liquor licenses to hotels, restaurants and clubs, for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensees, for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales and for premises to be vacated by patrons.

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 1741 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 1741 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 Harry Lewis moves that the House be adjourned until Monday, April 9, 2018, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:17 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.