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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer today will be offered by Pastor Troy Howell. He is at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Troy actually worked for us in the House of Representatives prior to going to the ministry.

Thank you, Reverend.

REV. TROY HOWELL, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us be in a spirit of prayer.

Creator God, we thank You for the gift of this day and for the breath of life that You give us without our earning and without our asking. We thank You, God, for the gift of intellect, for the human spirit, and especially, as we stand in this hall, for the spirit of William Penn and those who have gone before us envisioning a commonwealth, a commonweal, of innovation, of unity amidst diversity.

As we gather this day, Lord, I pray Your blessings upon those representing their districts today; the men, women, children, teens in those districts; and for the future of this Commonwealth and this nation. We pray a blessing upon our troops serving here and abroad on behalf of the United States, and for all serving in humanitarian relief places here and around the world.

We surrender these moments into Your care and invite Your wisdom and Your will to be our guide and our stay. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 6, 2018, will be postponed until printed.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

HB 1531, PN 3660 (Amended) By Rep. METCALFE

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for public notice and providing for notification of agency business required and exceptions.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 948, PN 3586 By Rep. CAUSER

A Resolution requesting the Auditor General to conduct a financial audit of nonpoint source program projects approved by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 967 By Representatives HEFFLEY, RYAN, ROTHMAN, BOBACK, READSHAW, CAUSER, WATSON, COX, WARD, GOODMAN and BRADFORD

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the distribution of State highway maintenance funds to determine if the current funding is fairly shared among each of the 11 PennDOT Districts and whether the funding formula requires adjustments.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 7, 2018.

No. 969 By Representatives SCHLEGEL CULVER, SOLOMON, PICKETT, LONGIETTI, NEILSON, DRISCOLL, JAMES, RYAN, DAY, YOUNGBLOOD, KAUFFMAN, DAVIS, D. MILLER, HILL-EVANS, BARRAR, J. McNEILL, SAYLOR, WATSON, MILLARD, THOMAS, DEAN, STAATS, ROEBUCK, GILLEN, DELOZIER and D. COSTA

A Resolution urging the Secretary of Health to designate Alzheimer's disease and other dementia disorders as a public health issue.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 8, 2018.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2212 By Representatives HEFFLEY, PICKETT, DAVIS, McGINNIS, HENNESSEY, OBERLANDER, WARD, HAGGERTY, FLYNN, NEILSON, MENTZER, TOEPEL, CRUZ, DEASY, KAUFFMAN, J. McNEILL, DRISCOLL, GROVE, HILL-EVANS, SAYLOR, HICKERNELL, COX, KEEFER, DeLUCA, FARRY, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROTHMAN, HANNA, KLUNK, LONGIETTI, CHARLTON, BARRAR, PEIFER, QUIGLEY, MATZIE, KORTZ, HELM, MEHAFFIE, B. O'NEILL, GREINER, RAVENSTAHL and FRITZ

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

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 7, 2018.

No. 2332 By Representatives NEILSON and SAMUELSON

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for legislative districts and for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 7, 2018.

No. 2352 By Representative CONKLIN

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in election districts and polling places, further providing for district boundaries; providing for congressional redistricting process; and establishing a congressional redistricting commission.

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 7, 2018.

No. 2365 By Representative DALEY

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

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 7, 2018.

No. 2368 By Representative SIMS

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the Legislature, further providing for Legislative Reapportionment Commission; and providing for the Legislative Districting Commission, for legislative redistricting, for Congressional Districting Commission and for congressional redistricting.

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 7, 2018.

No. 2379 By Representative DAVIS

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deleting provisions relating to the Legislative Reapportionment Commission; and providing for the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 7, 2018.

No. 2402 By Representatives SAMUELSON, ROE, DeLISSIO, SCHLOSSBERG, DAVIS, VITALI, SIMMONS, RAVENSTAHL, DAWKINS, McCARTER, GILLEN, GOODMAN, COMITTA, J. HARRIS, THOMAS, SCHWEYER, SIMS, SOLOMON, DiGIROLAMO, VAZQUEZ, BOYLE, GALLOWAY, MADDEN, DRISCOLL, KINSEY, HANNA, McGINNIS, NEILSON, KIM, MULLERY, FREEMAN, J. McNEILL, MURT, FRANKEL, FITZGERALD, CONKLIN, BRIGGS, P. COSTA, YOUNGBLOOD, DAVIDSON, D. COSTA, CALTAGIRONE, A. DAVIS, DEAN, BULLOCK, CRUZ, DALEY, DONATUCCI, KIRKLAND, KRUEGER-BRANEKY, READSHAW, DEASY, BARBIN, MATZIE, KULIK, RABB, McCLINTON, FABRIZIO, GAINEY, D. MILLER, KAMPF, DeLUCA, MARKOSEK, STURLA, SNYDER, PASHINSKI, ROEBUCK, WARREN, W. KELLER, IRVIN, O'BRIEN, BIZZARRO, FLYNN, MEHAFFIE, M. QUINN, STEPHENS, TOOIL, SCHEMEL, BERNSTINE, MALONEY, CORBIN, KAUFER, KAVULICH, NESBIT, WATSON, CHARLTON, BARRAR, ROZZI, HILL-EVANS, MICCARELLI, A. HARRIS, TAI, CEPHAS, HAGGERTY, HARKINS, HELM and FARRY

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on RULES, June 7, 2018.

No. 2460 By Representatives MURT, BULLOCK, BERNSTINE, DAVIS, DEAN, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, EVERETT, HILL-EVANS, KAUFER, KAUFFMAN, KULIK, J. McNEILL, MILLARD, O'BRIEN, SCHLOSSBERG, YOUNGBLOOD, ROEBUCK, WATSON, FITZGERALD, CORR, GALLOWAY, HARPER, ROTHMAN, GILLEN, MASSER, BOBACK, W. KELLER, HARKINS and COOK

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, providing for the offense of female mutilation.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 7, 2018.

No. 2473 By Representatives GODSHALL, DAY, DELOZIER, DeLUCA, HAHN, HELM, KEEFER and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, establishing a Taxicab Medallion Account and Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund; and further providing for budget and assessments and for funds.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, June 7, 2018.

No. 2474 By Representative STEPHENS

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, providing for prevention of workplace violence.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 8, 2018.

No. 2476 By Representatives REED, BARRAR, ROTHMAN, RYAN, M. K. KELLER, READSHAW, TOPPER, THOMAS, METCALFE, HAGGERTY, SNYDER, ENGLISH, MARSHALL, COX, STAATS, BURNS, GROVE, MILLARD, SAYLOR, OBERLANDER, HILL-EVANS, WARD, DeLUCA, SANKEY, A. HARRIS, GOODMAN, LAWRENCE, WATSON, GILLEN, DOWLING and WARNER

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in obstructing governmental operations, further providing for weapons or implements for escape; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for contraband prohibited.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 8, 2018.

No. 2477 By Representatives WATSON and MARSICO

An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in academic clinical research centers, further providing for chapter heading, providing for legislative findings and declaration of policy, further providing for definitions, providing for academic clinical research centers, further providing for clinical registrants and for research study and providing for temporary regulations.

Referred to Committee on CHILDREN AND YOUTH, June 11, 2018.

No. 2478 By Representatives BARRAR, SAINATO, P. COSTA, DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, B. O'NEILL, PETRARCA, SANKEY, STURLA, THOMAS and WARNER

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in administration, further providing for records and confidentiality of information; in application and licensure, further providing for establishment licenses, for license or permit prohibition, for issuance and renewal and for conditional licenses; in operation, further providing for video gaming limitations, providing for hours of operation and further providing for terminal placement agreements; in enforcement, further providing for investigations and enforcement; and, in revenues, further providing for taxes and assessments, for distribution of local share, for regulatory assessments and for transfers from Video Gaming Fund, and establishing the Fire and Emergency Services Grant Fund, the Veterans' Service Officer Grant Fund and the Veterans' Assistance Fund.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, June 11, 2018.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 922, PN 1762

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 8, 2018.

SB 947, PN 1330

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2018.

SB 948, PN 1331

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2018.

SB 949, PN 1332

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2018.

SB 1003, PN 1783

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, June 8, 2018.

SB 1037, PN 1781

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2018.

SB 1127, PN 1827

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 8, 2018.

SB 1142, PN 1828

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 8, 2018.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 653, PN 3613**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 352, PN 364**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 352, PN 364

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

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

The SPEAKER. Members, please come to the House floor. We have three championship teams that are with us today, and I would like all members to come in and take their seats.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the well of the House, the Chair welcomes guest page Chase Evans. Chase attends Brookville High School. If you are driving, I think, on I-80, you see the high school, right, Chase, right from there? Chase is here with his parents, Ken and Terri; his sister, Aubree; and his brother, Nicolas, and they are seated in the rear of the House. Where are they? Will you please stand. Great to have you here today. Remain standing. It is great to have you here today. Thanks for coming down from Brookville. They are the guests of Representative Cris Dush. Great to have you.

In the rear of the House, Danielle Chamberlain and son, Drew Chamberlain; also Deb McClarigan and her grandson, Jeremy Lueders. These are guests of Representative Steve Barrar. Great to have you here today. Thank you for being with us.

And I am going to recognize, before we do the championship teams, Representative Bernie O'Neill, on unanimous consent. He has some special guests with us. All members, please take your seats. Let us extend courtesy to our colleague who has some special guests to introduce to us. Please close the doors of the House, as Representative O'Neill speaks.

STATEMENT BY MR. O'NEILL

The SPEAKER. Representative O'Neill.

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

Mr. Speaker, today we have 20 college students here who are interning this summer with the Pennsylvania Treasury Department. These students are attending various colleges across the Commonwealth, including Penn State University, Shippensburg, West Chester, Millersville, Temple, Carnegie Mellon, the University of Pittsburgh, Slippery Rock, Duquesne, Gettysburg College, and Binghamton University in New York. They are majoring in subjects that range from accounting and finance to homeland security, political science, business, and economics. I would like to welcome them to the House and introduce them to you, as they will be spending the summer working for the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. Hey, as the good gentleman introduces you, please stand. Please stand as the Representative introduces you.

Mr. O'NEILL. They are in the back, and before I begin, I want to apologize for some of the readings of the names. I spoke to them prior to that and already gave them my personal apologies.

The first student we have is Eyram Amegashie, and I apologize if I pronounced it incorrectly. Please rise. She is a senior at Penn State University majoring in accounting.

Our second student is Andrew Bogdanovich. He is a sophomore at Penn State, also majoring in accounting.

The SPEAKER. Please suspend, just for a moment.

Members, please take your seats. These students have come from all over the Commonwealth. They are interning in the Treasurer's Office. Chairman O'Neill is reading each of the individual's names, and we would like to accord them the respect they deserve.

Also, once you stand, guests, please remain standing. If you have been called on, just remain standing until everybody has stood. Good.

Chairman O'Neill.

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

Our third student is Dante Bressi from Shippensburg University, who is a junior majoring in finance.

Our next student is Matthew Canis. He is from West Chester University, a sophomore majoring in finance. Now we have Thomas Creighton, who is from Gettysburg College. He is a freshman majoring in mathematics and economics.

Our next student is Codi Davis from the University of Pittsburgh, who is a junior majoring in informational science.

Next is Kayla Holl from West Chester University, and she is a sophomore studying finance and economics.

Our next student is Peter Landis from Millersville University, and he is a junior studying business/informational systems.

Our next student is Elysse Mellott, and she is a sophomore from West Chester University studying psychology.

Our next student is John Munley, and John is from Binghamton University, and he is a junior studying financial economics.

Our next student is Kayla Young from Millersville University. She is a freshman and she is studying marketing and Spanish.

Our next one is Anirudh – here is another one I messed up and I apologize – Narayanan. He is a freshman studying economics and he is from Carnegie Mellon.

Our next student is Manthan Patel from Penn State University, a junior studying economics.

And then we have Randy Nguyen, who is a senior at Penn State University studying accounting.

And the next student is Hoang Nguyen – I hope I pronounce it properly – from Penn State University, a senior studying accounting and finance.

And then our next is Evan Martin, a junior from Temple University studying economics.

Then we have Ashlyn Bloor from Slippery Rock University, a freshman studying political science.

And then, lastly, we have Sydney Brougner from Penn State University, who is a sophomore studying accounting/systems and management and marketing.

We want to welcome them all who are interning, again, this year for the Treasury, and I just wish everybody in the House would give them a nice House welcome. Thank you.

Again, I apologize for the names.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman O'Neill, and welcome.

At this time I am going to call up Representative Harry Lewis to the rostrum, if we could clear the rostrum for Representative Lewis. Can we bring both the boys and girls relay teams from Bishop Shanahan High School to the rostrum here? Can we bring both of them? If there are too many, then the captains up here and the others in the well of the House.

The girls team, please come on down at this time, and then we will have the boys waiting in the wings.

COATESVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Lewis, the floor is yours.
Mr. LEWIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I would like to recognize two teams of State champions from the 74th Legislative District. Their wins represent more than simple athletic ability. Instead, their wins speak to both training and hard work in pursuit of excellence. The success these young men and women are enjoying now—

The SPEAKER. Representative Lewis, just suspend for a second.

Members, if you could please take your seats. All of us have had folks that have traveled a significant distance. These two championship relay teams have traveled some distance. If there is any need for a conversation, please take it off the House floor. All members, please take your seats.

You may proceed, sir.

Mr. LEWIS. Thank you.

The success these young men and women are enjoying now can inspire each of us and serve as a reminder of all that can be accomplished with dedication and hard work.

First is the women's track and field team from Coatesville High School. For those who do not know, that is my former high school that I was one of the administrators. Sammie Miller, Patty Rokins, Arianna Eberly, and Porsha Miles won the 1600-meter relay at the Pennsylvania State Track and Field Championships at Shippensburg. Not only was their time of 3:46.92 a school record, it is also one of the fastest times in Pennsylvania State history. All of these young women are juniors. We can look forward to what they will accomplish in the next track year.

With them today we have Coach Andrew, and I will call your names again. Raise your hands, ladies, so you can be recognized: Sammie Miller, Patty Rokins, Arianna Eberly, and Porsha Miles. Let us give these ladies a great round of applause.

Also accompanying these young ladies we have the superintendent of Coatesville schools, if she would stand; we have the athletic director in Coatesville; the principal, Michele Snyder; and some parents. We have Mrs. Eberly, one of the coaches and also the mother of Miss Eberly. Please stand. Let us give them a round of applause. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. We are going to take some photos. Outstanding. We appreciate your taking the time to be with us, young ladies.

So, members, this team here – we were relayed a little bit ago – no pun intended – incorrect information –but this team is from Coatesville High School, the girls relay team, 4-by-400 champs, and each one of these young ladies is a junior, so I am suspecting they are going to be back here next year. Keep up the great work. Thanks for being here.

Representative Lewis is now going to have the Bishop Shanahan High School boys relay team, I believe, and we will get the team up here, and then the floor is yours, Representative Lewis.

All members, please take your seats. These young people have traveled some distance to be with us.

BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Lewis, you may proceed.
Mr. LEWIS. Once again, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am also pleased to commend the Bishop Shanahan High School Boys Track Team. What a team it is and what a successful team in this past year. The team operates under the guidance of head coach Peter Uhlman and assistant coach Louis Corominas. It consists of Andrew Puz – those who are present today – Logan Yoquinto, and Rick Zink, who are representing this team today. Together, these young men won first place in the Class AAA boys 1600-meter relay event during the 2018 PIAA State Track and Field Championships. The team also won first place in the Class AAA boys team rankings during the championships.

Let us also take a moment to recognize a member of the team who took another win: Rick Zink won first place in the 400-meter dash during the championship, claiming the gold medal with a time of 47.92 seconds. Not bad and it is also one of the fastest times that has been run in the country this year by an east coast athlete.

Please join me in recognizing the dedication and impressive athleticism of these athletes and the support of their coaches and families. Let us give them a round of applause.

The SPEAKER. All right. The State championship track team and also the 400-meter individual champion as well. Amazing.

Representative Tarah Toohil is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to another one of our championship teams. So I am asking everybody to please take their seats. Close the doors of the House. We will let our guests exit, if they are exiting at this time.

Will the rest of the team please come down to the well of the House.

This championship team has traveled almost 2 hours to be with us today one way, almost a 4-hour round trip, and Representative Tarah Toohil will be presenting these champions to us.

HAZLETON AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Toohil, the floor is yours.
Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am extremely proud today to honor a very special group of young men. The Hazleton Area High School Cougars Boys Varsity Basketball Team is here with us. This team won the 2017-2018 PIAA District II/IV Subregional Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship and advanced to play Lincoln, after defeating Abington in the PIAA Class 6A semifinals in an overtime thriller back in March. The Cougars finished their outstanding season with a record of 26 and 2.

Please hold your applause until the end, as I am going to introduce the team and their coaches who have joined us today. On the rostrum, we have esteemed head coach Michael Joseph, assistant coach Nathan DeBalko and assistant coach Carlos Rivas, as well as team captains Joey Gula and Josh Samec. The

other members of the team are with us in the well of the House. If they can raise their hands when I say their names. We have senior Adrian Otero. Adrian is actually leaving us in Pennsylvania and going on a football scholarship to Maine. We have Scott Shamany, who is a graduating senior and he is going to stay here at Penn State. We have juniors Alex D'Angelo, Kyle Franek, Ramddy Melendez, Jecxander Moronta, Nik Norman, and Warren Seigendall; and we have sophomore Andrew Vayda. Unfortunately, three players were unable to be with us today; they are back in the classroom: Da'Mir Faison, Jeffrey Planutis, and Ryan Wolk.

These athletes are very gifted and talented. As I said, we have one going on a football scholarship, we have one going to Brown University for track and field, and also Josh Samec is going on a basketball scholarship. So he is going to continue his basketball career at West Chester.

These coaches have guided these fine athletes to do their best, game after game. Coach Joseph is in his 12th year leading the team. He is an alumnus of Hazleton Area High School and a former player. As Coach Joseph put it, the energy and excitement in the school and in the community gave him chills.

Well, team, as we sat with our family in the stands during many of your games, your coach's words are right on point. These players are honor-roll students, homegrown kids who have come up through this program, and they have taken Hazleton basketball to a whole new level. What this team accomplished is a historic level of achievement. This team plays the right way. They share the ball, playing as one, and they have great joy in seeing others succeed.

As our team advanced, I have to note, they helped to unite a community that can be very divided. Our ethnically diverse community, young and old, and people from all socioeconomic backgrounds fought to come and see the Hazleton Area Cougars. We also had our own television controversy when the PIAA was not going to allow our local channels to play these championship games, and we were able to work to make sure the people at home got to see everything on television. We were glad to see you win.

To our seniors, we want to say best wishes in all of your college academic pursuits, all the sports you are playing and your academics.

And to my colleagues, I would ask you to please join me in another round of applause to congratulate this fantastic team. Go Cougars.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations to each and every one of these champion players. Just an honor to have you here today. Thanks for making the trip.

We are going to take leaves of absence and a master roll call vote.

We have an announcement. We are going to be at ease. We are not breaking yet. We are just going to be at ease for Rules and Appropriations Committee meetings.

Let us vote on the master roll, and then we will do the announcements.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Tim HENNESSEY has requested to be placed on leave for the day. Representatives Duane MILNE and Zachary MAKO have both requested to be placed on leave for the week. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representatives Flo FABRIZIO, Donna BULLOCK, Angel CRUZ, Maureen MADDEN, Mike O'BRIEN, and Curtis THOMAS have requested to be placed on leave for today. Without objection, that will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We are now proceeding with the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—193

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bullock	Gabler	Mako	O'Brien
Cruz	Hennessey	Milne	Thomas
Fabrizio	Madden		

LEAVES ADDED—4

Bradford	Costa, P.	Mustio	Pyle
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LEAVES CANCELED—1

Hennessey

The SPEAKER. There are 193 members present on the floor. We have a quorum.

RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The SPEAKER. Chairman Reed, for a Rules Committee announcement and may be announcing Appropriations as well.

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

There will be an immediate meeting of the House Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room; an immediate meeting of the House Rules Committee in the Appropriations conference room. And then at 1:45 there will be a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room; 1:45, Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. So we are going to stand at ease while Appropriations and Rules meets. We are at ease.

The House will return to order.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

HB 85, PN 3625 By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2052, PN 3593 By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2226, PN 3610 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sale of tobacco and for the offense of use of tobacco in schools.

RULES.

HB 2268, PN 3611 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, expanding the offense of use of tobacco in schools.

RULES.

HB 2321, PN 3495 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

RULES.

HB 2324, PN 3612 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for evidence of victim's sexual conduct.

RULES.

HB 2325, PN 3497 By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, providing for procedures to protect victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism.

RULES.

HB 2327, PN 3499 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in organization meetings and officers of boards of school directors, providing for executive sessions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2420, PN 3516 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286, known as Washington Street, over the Kiskiminetas River, between Saltsburg Borough, Indiana County, and Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, as the First Sergeant Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2425, PN 3541 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1010 over the Conestoga River, Lancaster County, as the Sergeant Melvin R. Wink Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 776, PN 1442 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in Dyslexia and Early Literacy Intervention Pilot Program, further providing for definitions and for establishment of program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 653, PN 3613

By Rep. REED

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in real property, providing for real estate foreclosure of vacant and abandoned property and for sheriff's commission and creditor attorney fees.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. This is a condolence resolution, so I am going to ask the Sergeants at Arms to close the doors of the House. The doors will not be opened again until after the condolence resolution is done.

It is a condolence resolution for a former member. All members and staff need to take their seats. If anybody else needs to step off the floor of the House for a conversation, now is the time to step off. We are going to close the doors of the House, and we cannot open them again until after the condolence resolution is finished.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative Marcy Toepel with respect to the condolence resolution.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to introduce a resolution along with my colleagues, Representative Robert Godshall and Representative Matt Bradford, in remembrance of the life and service of Jay R. Moyer.

Jay represented the 70th Legislative District and was elected to that position in 2006. Jay served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam war, then received his bachelor's in political science from Syracuse University and did postgraduate studies at Temple University.

Jay served in a number of local, county, State, and Federal positions. He served as chair of the Montgomery County Investment Board, county treasurer, area operations director for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Deputy Secretary for Local Government Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, regional representative to Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, and most recently, Small Business Ombudsman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Jay was a lifelong resident of Lower Salford Township and he was committed to his community. He served on the board of supervisors, Souderton Area School Board director, Harleysville Jaycees, and Lions Club, and was the founder and chair of the Lower Salford Youth Association and a board director of the Harleysville Senior Center.

I have known Jay for many years. I first met him when he was serving as treasurer for Montgomery County. Jay was well known throughout the county, but certainly in Lower Salford Township. When I first started to represent Lower Salford, Jay was the first person I called. He went door-to-door with me, and I can tell you that everyone knew either Jay or his wife, or usually both of them. He was a great friend and supporter. Jay was dedicated to his family. Suzette, his wife, was always by his side, and she being no shrinking violet, Suzette was the perfect adviser to Jay on all issues, especially political ones.

I want to thank Suzette and their daughter, Christine Schmidt, along with her husband, Michael, and their children, Abra and Elliott, for being here today as we extend our heartfelt condolences and let you know that we appreciate Jay's service to our country and to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon our Chief Clerk, who will read the official resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Jay R. Moyer, a former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania who served the 70th Legislative District, and who passed away at the age of seventy on February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born in Sellersville on April 20, 1947, to Eileen Enright Moyer and the late Jay Wesley Moyer, Mr. Moyer was a graduate of Syracuse University and Temple University. He served this country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. A former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, he was active in his community and took on many roles, including Chair of the Montgomery County Investment Board, Treasurer of Montgomery County, a member of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and Regional Representative to the Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Education. He also served on the Boards of the Montgomery County Park, the Souderton Area School District and the Harleysville Senior Adult Activities Center and Community Center, and he was past President of the Harleysville Jaycees and Harleysville Lions Club and the founder and Chair of the Lower Salford Youth Association. Mr. Moyer will be remembered as an outstanding citizen who demonstrated unrivaled ability, noble concern for his community and a dynamic record of leadership and service; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Jay R. Moyer; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Suzette Moyer; daughter, Christine Schmidt; mother, Eileen Enright Moyer; grandchildren, Abra and Elliott; and many other family members and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Representative Marcy L. Toepel, Matthew D. Bradford and Robert W. Godshall on March 7, 2018, be transmitted to Suzette Moyer.

Marcy L. Toepel, Sponsor
Matthew D. Bradford, Sponsor
Robert W. Godshall, Sponsor
Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House
ATTEST:
David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the resolution will rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests, I would ask that you please also rise if able.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Jay R. Moyer.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.

Members and guests may be seated.

To Suzette Moyer – Suzette, would you please stand. Suzette, the loving wife of our former colleague, Representative Jay Moyer. Suzette, thank you so much for being with us here today. We are so honored.

Her daughter, Christine, and her husband, Michael, and their children, Abra and Elliott, please stand. We are very honored to have you. Thank you so much for being with us today. May God bless.

I would ask Representative Marcy Toepel and Representative Matt Bradford and any others to please present the condolence resolution with the Chief Clerk to Suzette Moyer.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.
Thank you, members.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 85**, **PN 3625**, entitled:

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

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?

Representative Vitali, on HB 85.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know this bill is the subject of some controversy; various entities have weighed in for and against it. I just wanted to make sure this does not pass by without members taking a knowing vote.

Could the maker of the bill give us a brief explanation of this?

The SPEAKER. Representative Lawrence, I know that is typically done in caucus, but if you will be kind to respond. He says he will.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I apologize. I did not hear the question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. VITALI. Could you explain what this bill does?

Mr. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, the bill, HB 85, which is before the House today, prescribes that school boards would have 180 days to determine whether they would establish a policy to allow parents to opt their students or children out from Keystone

Exams for philosophical reasons. I believe it is a key parental control issue.

Mr. VITALI. Right. Could you tell us the position of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association on this?

Mr. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that this is a bill that empowers school boards. The bill as it is envisioned would give school boards the direct— Mr. Speaker, may I have some order, please?

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to go over the bill for a minute. We are going to go over the bill at this time. We will be back to it shortly. Representative Vitali, you will be called back up. Representative Lawrence, you will be called back up. We are going to go over the bill right now. We are going to go through the other third consideration bills, and then we will come back to any with a discussion.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2052**, **PN 3593**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2052 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Barbin	Emrick	Krueger	Reed
Barrar	English	Kulik	Reese
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Lawrence	Roae
Bernstine	Evans	Lewis	Roe
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Cutler	Helm	Neilson	Tobash
Daley	Hennessey	Nelson	Toepel
Davidson	Hickernell	Nesbit	Toohil
Davis, A.	Hill	O'Neal	Topper
Davis, T.	Irvin	O'Neill	Vazquez
Dawkins	James	Oberlander	Vitali
Day	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Walsh
Dean	Kampf	Owlett	Ward
Deasy	Kaufner	Pashinski	Warner
DeLissio	Kauffman	Peifer	Warren
Delozier	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
DeLuca	Keefer	Pickett	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pyle	Wheatley
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Wheeland
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	White
Donatucci	Kim	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Dowling	Kinsey	Rabb	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Rader	
Dunbar	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Dush	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Ellis	Kortz	Readshaw	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-10

Bullock	Gabler	Milne	O'Brien
Cruz	Madden	Mustio	Thomas
Fabrizio	Mako		

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2327, PN 3499**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in organization meetings and officers of boards of school directors, providing for executive sessions.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Dawkins	James	Oberlander	Vitali
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Deasy	Kaufner	Pashinski	Warner
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-10

Bullock	Gabler	Milne	O'Brien
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2420, PN 3516**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286, known as Washington Street, over the Kiskiminetas River, between Saltsburg Borough, Indiana County, and Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, as the First Sergeant Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge.

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?

Members, please take your seats.

The Chair is going to call on Representative Petrarca, the sponsor of the bill. It is a bill memorializing a bridge for 1st Sgt. Alexander Kelly. So I am asking everybody to be seated as Representative Petrarca will explain the naming of this particular bridge. So I am going to ask everybody to please take your seats.

Representative Petrarca, you may proceed.
Mr. PETRARCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to note today that HB 2420 does designate a portion of State Route 286 between the borough of Saltsburg, Indiana County, and Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, as the bridge to be named for Sergeant Kelly. Sergeant Kelly, who was born in Saltsburg, served with distinction as an American hero when he rose to the rank of sergeant in the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War. He helped fellow soldiers through his bravery and leadership, and it is only fitting that we name this bridge in his remembrance. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on September 29, 1864, during the Battle of Chapin's Farm in Virginia, where he gallantly raised the colors, which had fallen near the enemy lines of abatis, raised them and rallied the men at a time of great confusion and in a place of great danger.

Again, it is fitting that we name this portion of this highway, this bridge, in honor of the sergeant, and I ask for your affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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.

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

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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.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

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Fabrizio	Mako		

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.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 85 CONTINUED

The **SPEAKER**. We are going to return to Representative Lawrence's bill, HB 85.

I am going to ask the clerk to once again read us a summary of the bill. It is page 1 of today's supplemental B House calendar, PN 3625. Please read a summary of that again.

And at this time where we left off was Representative Vitali had asked for interrogation of the prime sponsor. The prime sponsor had agreed.

I am going to ask all members to please take your seats during this question-and-answer about the bill. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Vitali, please proceed.

Mr. VITALI. I have concluded my interrogation.

I just would like to make brief remarks on the bill.

The **SPEAKER**. You may proceed, remarks on the bill.

Mr. VITALI. And in fact, I am going to support the bill. I got up for interrogation because I just did not want this to be one of those bills that was blindly voted on, "yes" or "no."

I will note that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association has some serious concerns with this bill. It is supported by PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association). But I just wanted to make sure that the members were aware that this bill does have strong views on either side of the issue.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**. Representative Bloom, on the bill, sir.

Mr. BLOOM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise reluctantly in opposition to this bill, not because I question the purpose of the bill, which I believe is a valid purpose in making sure that parents do have the right to opt out of certain exams, but because of the potential impact of this bill on other measures that we have established over the last several years to protect the taxpayers of Pennsylvania by bringing accountability to our public education system, and part of that accountability, Mr. Speaker, comes from the testing that takes place in these statewide assessments. They form a key component of the evaluation matrix that we use for evaluating our teachers and then for other laws that are built upon those evaluations.

So for the purpose of protecting the measures we have undertaken over the last several years to bring more accountability to our public schools, I am going to be voting "no" on HB 85.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Lawrence, on the bill.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of HB 85.

Very briefly, this bill, the good gentleman from Delaware County brought up earlier with regard to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, I would propose, Mr. Speaker, that the bill in front of us gives school boards the opportunity to directly speak into this issue. It prescribes that within 180 days of enactment, school boards would have to meet and decide, are we going to allow parents in this district to opt their children, opt their students out from exams for philosophical reasons? Do we want to allow that or not in this district? Now, in the absence of their action, if they fail to take action within 180 days, then the default would be that parents would be able to opt their children, their students, out from testing.

I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that currently parents have this ability but only for religious reasons, and I would submit very humbly, Mr. Speaker, that there is nothing in the Bible with regard to the Keystone Exams. So I say this carefully, but to force people to lie about their religion as a State policy to get their children or their students out of an exam I believe is poor public policy. This bill in front of us would add philosophical reasons to the reasons that a parent could choose to opt their children out of an exam, and if they so choose, then there could not be negative consequences attached to that student, including the withholding of a high school diploma.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, it is time to address this issue. We have addressed this issue in a number of ways over the years, mostly by kind of kicking the can down the road, but it is time to, I believe, kind of go on record and move this ball down the field. I would encourage members to vote in the affirmative.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Typically, we ask members, which is fine, we ask members to allow the prime sponsor to be the last person to speak as well as the respective floor leaders. Representative DeLissio has requested to speak on the bill at this time. I am going to ask Representative Lawrence if he would like to speak for a second time after she speaks or if any other member wishes to speak. So if anybody else wishes to speak on this bill, please let us know.

Representative DeLissio, the floor is yours.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I concur with the remarks of my colleague from Cumberland County. We amended this bill last week to include PSSAs (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) in it as well as any number of other testing elements that are currently in place or may come into place, and the entire system is built around a system of metrics and HB 85 does not address any of that.

So this comes across to me as a bit of a Pandora's box, and for those reasons I will be voting "no" on this bill.

The SPEAKER. I see that Representative Sturla wishes to speak and then Representative McCarter.

Representative Sturla, the floor is yours.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the bill rise for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman has indicated he will so stand.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, you indicated that school districts would have the opportunity to determine whether or not they wanted to allow their parents to opt out. In the case of charter schools, would it be

the charter school itself that made that decision or would it be the school district that granted the charter?

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, actually it would be the decision of a school entity, which is defined in the bill on page 3, lines 18 through 20, and I will just read it: " 'School entity.' A school district, intermediate unit, joint school, area vocational-technical school, charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school." So it would be up to the board or its equivalent of a school entity to make the decision within 180 days for that entity. If they fail to take action within 180 days, then the default would be that parents have the ability to opt their child out of testing for philosophical reasons.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I could on the bill?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, you may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what you have here is individual schools, in particular charter schools, being able to opt out. We know the statistics concerning the performance of charter schools and in particular cyber charter schools where none of them on average perform at the same rate as standard brick-and-mortar schools do. My guess is that should this unfortunate piece of legislation become law, that you would have every one of those that is a failing cyber charter school opting not to have their students and parents participate and in fact encouraging their parents then not to participate so that their test scores did not look as bad and abysmal as they currently do. Mr. Speaker, I think this is just a way to try and hide the reality of some failing schools.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative McCarter, on the bill, please.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, would the maker of the bill please stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman has indicated he will so stand.

Mr. McCARTER. Mr. Speaker, just a question. If I read through as we did the amendment in a sense that the assessment or the definition of "ASSESSMENT" where it states, "A TEST ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE OR ESTABLISHED OR APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION...", including those, and then it goes, on established by "THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT," would that also include, for instance, the measure that we just approved in the House here that has not yet been enacted dealing with a civics exam? Would that also be allowed to be opted out of?

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My understanding of the bill, sir, good sir, that you are referencing is that the way the Senate amended it, you actually do not have to pass it regardless, that particular civics exam. You just get a certificate if you pass it with a perfect score.

Mr. McCARTER. My question, though, was, Mr. Speaker, if parents opted to have their children not take it at all, could they so do that as a result of what we are passing today?

Mr. LAWRENCE. My understanding, Mr. Speaker, is that this bill is specific not to that localized test but it is specific to statewide tests such as PSSA and the Keystone Exams.

Mr. McCARTER. Would it also include, Mr. Speaker, then any other, again as the language states, "...APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION..."? Now, my understanding is, and I am not 100 percent sure of this, but the State Board approves various career education testing that takes place in

school districts. They have to be approved in terms of what the formats are. Would that also be included in this because it is approved by the State Board?

Mr. LAWRENCE. So again, the premise of the underlying bill is that parents should have the ability to make decisions on behalf of their children. This is a parental control issue. It is also a local control issue because school boards have the ability whether to opt in, to speak to the issue as well. So in my view, parents should have the ability – who is in charge of a child's education? I believe it is the parent. Parents know what is best for their children and parents should have the ability to speak into the testing. So if the testing that you are speaking of – and candidly, I am not familiar with whether that complies with this or not – if it is, it is listed in section 2603-B, which I do not have in front of me, but if it does, then parents should have the ability to speak into that.

Mr. McCARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is the end of interrogation. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Carroll.

Mr. CARROLL. If the maker would stand for just a question or two?

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman has indicated he will so stand, and you may proceed.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the school districts and school entities in our Commonwealth have to have a 95-percent participation rate in these tests. Do you share that view?

Mr. LAWRENCE. I am sorry. I did not hear your question.

Mr. CARROLL. It is my understanding that the State plan and the Federal requirements insist on a 95-percent participation rate among the students with respect to PSSAs and other such tests.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I am actually very glad that this question has been asked.

So the bottom line is this: No Child Left Behind, which has subsequently been replaced by ESSA, speaks to this 95-percent participation level. Now, it also speaks to the fact that if you do not make that, then the State gets to speak into what penalties there might be. But regardless of that, the point that I want to make very clearly to this chamber is this: There are a number of States that allow parental opt-out for these types of tests for any reason. The State of Oregon, which is controlled, candidly, by the Democrats with a Democratic Governor, passed legislation about a year ago mandating school districts provide every parent with a paper form, hand them a paper form on how to opt their child out of mandated testing.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. LAWRENCE. No – I am not done answering the question – no State has ever lost a dime in Federal funding. Do not let anyone say otherwise, including the State of Oregon. A number of other States, including California, have opt-out for any reason.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that there are some folks in the chamber that were around when we snubbed our nose at the Federal government with respect to REAL ID, and I was one of the ones that cast a vote—

The SPEAKER. Sir, is this in interrogation?

Mr. CARROLL. No, I think I will end the interrogation.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Then the interrogation is done and you may speak on the bill.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The REAL ID provisions that we rejected during the prior administration, it turns out the Federal government was not

fooling around when it said it wanted folks to have REAL ID, and so we have to go back out to the fact and scramble around with PennDOT and others to try and get it right with respect to compliance with the Federal government.

I actually share the maker's opinion when it comes to standardized testing. I think there is far too much standardized testing. I, for one, would love to see a dial-back of PSSAs in a significant way. But what I am not interested in is having an exercise where we thumb our nose at the Federal government and the penalty that is inflicted on us, because we go well below 95 percent in terms of participation, results in one of two things happening, us coming back later on down the road to try and fix it and undo this or the schools having some detrimental financial impact because of the State's allowance to go below the 95-percent threshold.

So, Mr. Speaker, I share the view, as I said, of the maker with respect to standardized testing. There is too much, especially too much with PSSAs. But I have grave concerns when it comes to the Commonwealth taking the position that seems very, very similar to me with respect to what we did in the world of REAL ID and now here we are with respect to testing. My suspicion is, the Federal government is not fooling around. What they are doing to the State of Utah is real. I would prefer not to join the State of Utah in a wild scramble to save finances and the reputation of our school districts.

So despite my support for reduction in PSSAs and testing generally, I think the smart thing for me and for others is to reject HB 85.

The SPEAKER. We are going to wait until the applause dies down.

Representative Bryan Barbin.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to note for the record, we have a little over 10 percent of our school students in cybers and charters. If the cybers and charters decide under this bill that they are not going to participate anymore, then we do have a problem with the Federal government. I think that those issues need to be resolved. At this point I will be voting "no."

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized?

Representative Kathy Rapp.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this piece of legislation.

I believe it is a piece of legislation that is long overdue, and I do believe that parents have a right in what their students do, what their children do during their school years. And I believe that most districts, classroom teachers already know how students, their students will perform. They already know which students are going to pass the PSSAs, the keystones, whatever test they have in their classroom.

But I have had parents in my office, my district office – I am sure most of my colleagues here have also experienced the same – parents coming in very upset. Their students have suffered from test anxiety. They want to please their teachers. Even good students, Mr. Speaker, they want to please their teachers. They want to do good on these tests. But many students, whether they are good students or not, they suffer from test anxiety. How many years do we have to endure, do our schools have to endure, our students have to endure these testings of what is supposed to be evaluating our school districts? And where is the outcome after all of these years? The outcome I see is more and more parents leaving public education and going to private schools, charter schools, and cyber schools.

I was a strong supporter of the PSSAs, definitely not a supporter of the Keystones being tied to a diploma. I am not supportive of that whatsoever. Schools have always tested and tested the performance of our students with quizzes, chapter tests, finals. I know that the PSSAs and down the road the Keystones, we are really testing the performance of school districts. But this bill is about a parent's rights, Mr. Speaker, and I support the parent having the right to opt out and exempt their children, not the school districts' children, but the children of the parents should have the right to opt out of this testing.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge the support of this legislation.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bernie O'Neill, on the bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support HB 85.

Everyone who has gotten up and spoken on the bill, their points are well taken and very true, and I absolutely agree with everyone.

My issue with this whole thing is we have been talking about Keystone Exams since the day they were enacted, and we have been kicking the can down the road, as Representative Lawrence said earlier. If you remember, they could not get, the administration, under the Rendell administration, could not get this bill or these Keystone Exams passed through the General Assembly, and this House was under Democratic control at that time with a Democratic Governor. So what they did is they went literally behind our backs and got the Board of Education to do this when they opened up the regulations.

So I really think we need to get the ball rolling and discuss this in a fair way, and I think if we pass this bill, although like I said I am in agreement with everybody what they said, it may force to bring people to the table to start discussing this and start talking about the Keystone Exams and testing in general. I really believe we need to get people to the table. So I would encourage a "yes" vote for those reasons alone. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Before the Chair calls on the prime sponsor, does anybody else wish to be recognized?

Representative Aaron Bernstine.

Mr. BERNSTINE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation today.

And I know that many of us in this room have received e-mails from interest groups. But I think it is important to understand that sometimes those interest groups are not always talking directly to their members. So I want to share quickly whom I reached out to. I reached out to numerous superintendents in the 10th Legislative District. Out of those superintendents, 100 percent of them were in support of this legislation. I reached out to educators and teachers. Out of those, 100 percent of them were in support of this legislation. And I did not talk about the legislation, Mr. Speaker, in a way to persuade them. I wanted to understand what their view was in the way that they viewed the piece of legislation. Most importantly, I reached out to several parents, and those parents, 100 percent of them were in support of this legislation.

This is an absolute no-brainer as we continue to talk about eliminating standardized testing from our schools. Let us give these teachers the opportunity to actually teach in school so they no longer have to worry about teaching to a test, these parents the opportunity to get their kids away from this testing culture that we have created here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We know that people in our districts know how to fix our education system. It is not done at the State level. We ought not to even

have the tests to begin with, but if we do, we absolutely should not be forcing them down the throats of students and down the throats of parents.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative John Lawrence, unless anybody else wishes to be recognized.

Representative Lawrence.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the robust floor dialogue on this bill.

I would just like to make a couple points over some things that were said earlier. One of the points that was made by one of the previous speakers was that this bill will kind of mandate certain teachers to encourage certain students to opt out. That is actually specifically addressed in the bill. In line 21 on page 2, it says that a school entity, including the administration, teachers, etc., cannot "...solicit a student or student's parent or guardian to utilize the provisions..." to opt out. It has to be something that the parents approach the district about, and I think that is an important distinction to make.

I would also like to point out, if we had no ability to opt out today, then some of the comments that have been made I think would be more relevant, but the bottom line is that we do have an opt-out procedure today only for religious reasons. So parents who, for whatever reason, feel compelled that they would like to have their child opted out of this testing have to pursue that religious opt-out, and if they do not have a religious reason, they have to make one up. I would suggest that is never a good policy for the State government.

Thirdly, I would like to point out the Keystone mandate, which is not actually directly addressed in this bill but has been brought up several times in the floor debate, is a mandate that was never voted on by this chamber. We did not establish it. It was established by executive fiat during the Rendell administration. In fact, this chamber has voted to push off that mandate multiple times. The Keystone mandate has never actually gone into effect, and I would suggest it never will because we will continue to kick the can down the road in the future. I would suggest it is much better educational policy to establish what the policy should be rather than in a piecemeal fashion as we so typically do on so many issues in this building. We should take a vote on the underlying policy and allow parents to speak into the education of their own children.

Mr. Speaker, again I would just remind the members no State has ever lost a dime in Federal funding because of giving parents the ability to opt their children out of standardized testing.

I appreciate the members' consideration and would encourage an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—154

Barrar	Emrick	Maher	Reed
Benninghoff	English	Maloney	Reese
Bernstine	Evankovich	Markosek	Roae
Bizzarro	Everett	Marshall	Roe
Boback	Farry	Marsico	Roebuck
Boyle	Fee	Masser	Rozzi

Briggs	Fitzgerald	Matzie	Ryan
Brown, R.	Freeman	McGinnis	Saccone
Brown, V.	Fritz	McNeill	Sainato
Burns	Galloway	Mehaffie	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Gillen	Mentzer	Sankey
Causar	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Santora
Charlton	Goodman	Metzgar	Saylor
Christiana	Greiner	Miccarelli	Schlossberg
Comitta	Haggerty	Millard	Schweyer
Conklin	Hahn	Miller, B.	Simmons
Cook	Hanna	Miller, D.	Snyder
Corbin	Harper	Moul	Sonney
Corr	Harris, A.	Mullery	Staats
Costa, D.	Heffley	Murt	Stephens
Cox	Helm	Neilson	Tai
Culver	Hennessey	Nelson	Tallman
Cutler	Hickernell	Nesbit	Taylor
Daley	Hill	O'Neal	Tobash
Davis, A.	Irvin	O'Neill	Toepel
Day	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Toohil
Dean	Kampf	Ortitay	Topper
Deasy	Kaufer	Owlett	Vitali
Delozier	Keefer	Peifer	Walsh
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Ward
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Warner
Diamond	Kim	Pyle	Warren
DiGirolamo	Klunk	Quigley	Wentling
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn, C.	Wheeland
Dowling	Krueger	Quinn, M.	White
Driscoll	Kulik	Rader	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Lawrence	Rapp	
Dush	Lewis	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Ellis	Mackenzie	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—39

Barbin	Evans	Kavulich	Rothman
Bloom	Flynn	Keller, W.	Schemel
Bradford	Frankel	Kinsey	Sims
Carroll	Gainey	Kirkland	Solomon
Cephas	Godshall	Knowles	Sturla
Costa, P.	Grove	Longietti	Vazquez
Davidson	Harkins	McCarter	Watson
Davis, T.	Harris, J.	McClinton	Wheatley
Dawkins	James	Pashinski	Youngblood
DeLissio	Kauffman	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bullock	Gabler	Milne	O'Brien
Cruz	Madden	Mustio	Thomas
Fabrizio	Mako		

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.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum – they have been patiently waiting – these are 2018 House of Representatives Scholarship winners. They include:

Jennifer Boch. She is from Folcroft and attends The Christian Academy. Jennifer plans to attend Wilkes University in the fall. I think her mom is here. Debra is seated in the rear of the House. Mom, come on down, come down here on the left to be seated

with your daughter. They reside in Representative Miccarelli's district. We are very honored to have you here today. Congratulations.

Brendan Zambrano. Brendan, please stand. He is from Stroudsburg and attends Stroudsburg High School. He is planning to attend Temple University in the fall. And his mom, Madeline, is seated in the rear of the House, I believe. Madeline, where are you? Please come on up. Great to see you. We are honored that you could be here. They reside in Representative Maureen Madden's district.

So it is great to have you here today. We are going to get some photos. Thank you for being with us. Congratulations to you both.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. TOOHL called up **HR 950, PN 3589**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up **HR 958, PN 3620**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of August 2018 as "Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Barbin	Emrick	Krueger	Reed
Barrar	English	Kulik	Reese
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Lawrence	Roae
Bernstine	Evans	Lewis	Roe
Bizzarro	Everett	Longietti	Roebuck
Bloom	Farry	Mackenzie	Rothman
Boback	Fee	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Fitzgerald	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Flynn	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Fritz	Masser	Sankey
Burns	Gainey	Matzie	Santora
Caltagirone	Galloway	McCarter	Saylor
Carroll	Gillen	McClinton	Schemel
Causar	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Cephas	Godshall	McNeill	Schweyer
Charlton	Goodman	Mehaffie	Simmons
Christiana	Greiner	Mentzer	Sims
Comitta	Grove	Metcalfe	Snyder
Conklin	Haggerty	Metzgar	Solomon
Cook	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sonney
Corbin	Hanna	Millard	Staats
Corr	Harkins	Miller, B.	Stephens
Costa, D.	Harper	Miller, D.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tai
Cox	Harris, J.	Mullery	Tallman
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Cutler	Helm	Neilson	Tobash
Daley	Hennessey	Nelson	Toepel
Davidson	Hickernell	Nesbit	Toohil
Davis, A.	Hill	O'Neal	Topper
Davis, T.	Irvin	O'Neill	Vazquez

Dawkins	James	Oberlander	Vitali
Day	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Walsh
Dean	Kampf	Owlett	Ward
Deasy	Kaufer	Pashinski	Warner
DeLissio	Kauffman	Peifer	Warren
Delozier	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
DeLuca	Keefer	Pickett	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pyle	Wheatley
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Wheeland
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	White
Donatucci	Kim	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Dowling	Kinsey	Rabb	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Rader	
Dunbar	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Dush	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Ellis	Kortz	Readshaw	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bullock	Gabler	Milne	O'Brien
Cruz	Madden	Mustio	Thomas
Fabrizio	Mako		

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

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 970, PN 3652**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 15, 2018, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. WHITE called up **HR 972, PN 3656**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 10 through 16, 2018, as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BARRAR called up **HR 973, PN 3657**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 23, 2018, as "State Partnership Program with Lithuania Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Barbin	Emrick	Krueger	Reed
Barrar	English	Kulik	Reese
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Lawrence	Roae
Bernstine	Evans	Lewis	Roe
Bizzarro	Everett	Longietti	Roebuck
Bloom	Farry	Mackenzie	Rothman

Boback	Fee	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Fitzgerald	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Flynn	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Frankel	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Freeman	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Fritz	Masser	Sankey
Burns	Gainey	Matzie	Santora
Caltagirone	Galloway	McCarter	Saylor
Carroll	Gillen	McClinton	Schemel
Causar	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Cephas	Godshall	McNeill	Schweyer
Charlton	Goodman	Mehaffie	Simmons
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Cook	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sonney
Corbin	Hanna	Millard	Staats
Corr	Harkins	Miller, B.	Stephens
Costa, D.	Harper	Miller, D.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Moul	Tai
Cox	Harris, J.	Mullery	Tallman
Culver	Heffley	Murt	Taylor
Cutler	Helm	Neilson	Tobash
Daley	Hennessey	Nelson	Toepel
Davidson	Hickernell	Nesbit	Toohil
Davis, A.	Hill	O'Neal	Topper
Davis, T.	Irvin	O'Neill	Vazquez
Dawkins	James	Oberlander	Vitali
Day	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Walsh
Dean	Kampf	Owlett	Ward
Deasy	Kaufer	Pashinski	Warner
DeLissio	Kauffman	Peifer	Warren
Delozier	Kavulich	Petrarca	Watson
DeLuca	Keefer	Pickett	Wentling
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pyle	Wheatley
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Wheeland
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	White
Donatucci	Kim	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Dowling	Kinsey	Rabb	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Kirkland	Rader	
Dunbar	Klunk	Rapp	Turzai,
Dush	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Ellis	Kortz	Readshaw	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Bullock	Gabler	Milne	O'Brien
Cruz	Madden	Mustio	Thomas
Fabrizio	Mako		

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

The SPEAKER. There are some members who wish to speak on those resolutions. We will be doing those when we return to the floor at the end of session.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, the Republican members on the Committee on Committees, we would ask that you please stop by the Speaker's Office when we break. It will just be about a 5-minute meeting.

The Republican members on the Committee on Committees will meet in the Speaker's Office just as we break.

STATEMENT BY MR. METCALFE

The SPEAKER. Representative Metcalfe wishes to be recognized on unanimous consent.

Representative Metcalfe, you may proceed.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in 2016 I was blessed and honored to have the chance to stand on the floor and announce the birth of my first grandchild, Aviana Rose, and now today I am standing to announce the birth of my grandson, Lincoln Daniel. He was born on June 2 to my daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Pawel. My wife and I are excited to be grandparents for a second time and looking forward to spending a lot of time with both of our grandchildren as they grow up, as we are blessed to be able to do that.

But last week I was not here on Monday and Tuesday due to complications that arose for my daughter after giving birth to my grandson, Lincoln Daniel. After he was born – and my daughter expected to have a natural birth and ended up after many hours of labor being told that she had to have an emergency C-section – after the emergency C-section, she had major complications that resulted in her having to undergo about 6 hours of surgery and receive, receive many, many pints of blood through transfusions.

So on Saturday night, last Saturday night, my son-in-law had directed the doctor to call my wife and me as we were just coming home from the hospital, and the doctor was able to give us the good news that my daughter was stable but in the ICU (intensive care unit). We ended up ultimately being able to see her on Sunday. My son-in-law finally got to see her Sunday morning, and she finally was reunited with Lincoln Daniel Sunday evening, after being let out of the ICU Sunday late afternoon, early evening.

So now today they are both home. My daughter came home last week and Lincoln was able to come home with her. They allowed him to stay in the hospital even though he had been discharged prior to her being discharged. He was able to stay there with her and my son-in-law until she was discharged. So they are both home now. My daughter is doing great. A lot of healing ahead, but she is doing very well.

And we are just so, so thankful for God's sovereignty, for His providence in the whole process that the whole family has been through, especially my daughter and Lincoln, because my daughter had chosen this new practice because my daughter recently relocated, she and her family, and my daughter chose this practice for her new doctors. And on that weekend the lead physician for that practice, the lead doctor for that practice was on call, and that doctor had had a similar circumstance that had occurred about 10 years ago and through that developed some new protocols for a situation that might occur like this again, which did 10 years later.

And after all of the surgeries and the surgical team's efforts and the doctors' efforts and the nurses' efforts and the blood bank techs' efforts, many in the hospital were calling my daughter and the baby, referring to my daughter as the miracle mom and my grandson as the miracle baby. So we are thankful to God for not just the miracle of life that we see every day as children are given to us as a gift from God as we know from the Scriptures, but thankful to God for His miracle of providentially providing the resources and the people that were needed at that time they were needed to save my daughter's life after giving birth to Lincoln Daniel, whom we are so grateful for and so blessed today to be able to announce the birth of.

So thank you for this time, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the members listening.

And once again thank you to the hospital's doctors, nurses, and mostly thank you to Almighty God for Lincoln Daniel and my daughter.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative O'Neill, for a committee announcement, I believe.

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

I just want to remind the members of the House Finance Committee that tomorrow morning's meeting at 9 o'clock is canceled and it will be scheduled for a further date. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt.

Mr. MURT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit some remarks for the record. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, you may so do.

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

I want to thank my colleagues for their support in drawing attention to this important issue. Spinal muscular atrophy is a rare genetically inherited disease affecting the area of the nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movement. But it is the leading genetic cause of death for infants and toddlers.

Among autosomal recessive disorders, spinal muscular atrophy is second in birth prevalence only to cystic fibrosis. This rare disorder can interfere with basic life functions, and there is no known cure for this disease.

It is my hope that by passing this resolution we can raise awareness about the consequences of this devastating illness. We must help families understand that 1 in every 50 Americans is a genetic carrier of this disease and it will impact as many as 1 in 10,000 people. Symptoms in the mildest cases include muscle weakness, muscle twitching, and lack of muscle tone. In the most severe cases, this rare disorder interferes with one's ability to sit unsupported and causes breathing and swallowing difficulties. Early detection is the key to managing symptoms and preventing the illness from progressing and interfering with one's basic life functions.

That is why it is so important that we declare August 2018 as "Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Watson, I believe, a committee announcement.

Mrs. WATSON. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

The Children and Youth Committee has a meeting scheduled for 9 o'clock tomorrow. It is an informational meeting. However, please note, Children and Youth members, we will add a second meeting. It will be a voting meeting. It will be at the call of the Chair. We will be in touch to let you know, but there is some information coming to your e-mails this afternoon. So that will be a second meeting tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, at the call of the Chair, and the room number is B-31; different from the morning

meeting. We try to confuse them, Mr. Speaker. But it will be a second meeting and it will be at B-31. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

The Children and Youth Committee will meet at the call of the Chair tomorrow in B-31.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Gene DiGirolamo, for a committee announcement.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A reminder to the members of the Human Services Committee that we have a voting meeting tomorrow, 9 a.m., in G-50 Irvis Office Building. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in G-50 Irvis Office Building.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 3:05. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 4 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 3 o'clock. Democrats will caucus at 3 o'clock. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 4 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 4:30 p.m.; further extended until 4:45 p.m.; further extended until 5 p.m.; further extended until 5:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Jeff PYLE is on leave. Without objection, that will be granted. Representative Paul COSTA has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The Committee on Committees Supplemental Report, filed by Chairman Stan Saylor of the Committee on Committees, reports the following.

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees Supplemental Report

In the House of Representatives
June 11, 2018

RESOLVED, That

Representative Alex Charlton, Delaware County, resigns as a member of the Urban Affairs Committee and is elected a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Representative Matt Dowling, Fayette and Somerset Counties, is elected as a member of the State Government Committee.

Representative Jim Marshall, Beaver and Butler Counties, resigns as a member of the Environmental Resources and Energy and the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees and is elected a member of the Urban Affairs Committee.

Representative Ryan Mackenzie, Berks and Lehigh Counties, resigns as a member of the Insurance Committee and is elected a member of the Consumer Affairs Committee.

Representative Jerry Knowles, Berks, Carbon and Schuylkill Counties, is elected a member of the Liquor Control Committee.

Representative Tim O'Neal, Washington County, is elected a member of the Environmental Resources and Energy, Gaming Oversight, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees.

Representative Clint Owlett, Tioga, Bradford, and Potter Counties, is elected a member of the Insurance, Human Services, and Liquor Control Committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Saylor, Chairman
Committee on Committees

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

COMMITTEE MEETING POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Representative John Maher is recognized for a committee announcement.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow is going to be postponed to see if we can sort out why the administration is opposing what it has proposed.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 653, PN 3613**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in real property, providing for real estate foreclosure of vacant and abandoned property and for sheriff's commission and creditor attorney fees.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Kurt Masser to outline for us the underlying bill and the amendments made to it by the Senate.

Mr. MASSER. The underlying bill reduces the timeframe for bringing foreclosed vacant and abandoned properties to sheriff sale. The Senate amendment is agreed to and tightens the criteria by which a property is declared vacant and abandoned and also extends the effective date of the act to 180 days.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—191

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

Davis, T.	Irvin	O'Neal	Topper
Dawkins	James	O'Neill	Vazquez
Day	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vitali
Dean	Kampf	Ortitay	Walsh
Deasy	Kaufer	Owlett	Ward
DeLissio	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
Delozier	Kavulich	Peifer	Warren
DeLuca	Keefe	Petrarca	Watson
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wentling
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kim	Quinn, M.	White
Dowling	Kinsey	Rabb	Youngblood
Driscoll	Kirkland	Rader	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Klunk	Rapp	
Dush	Knowles	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Ellis	Kortz	Readshaw	Speaker
Emrick			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—12

Bullock	Fabrizio	Mako	O'Brien
Costa, P.	Gabler	Milne	Pyle
Cruz	Madden	Mustio	Thomas

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 653, PN 3613

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in real property, providing for real estate foreclosure of vacant and abandoned property and for sheriff's commission and creditor attorney fees.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2226, PN 3610**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sale of tobacco and for the offense of use of tobacco in schools.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2268, PN 3611**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, expanding the offense of use of tobacco in schools.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D CONTINUED

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2321, PN 3495**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2324, PN 3612**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for evidence of victim's sexual conduct.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2325, PN 3497**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, providing for procedures to protect victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism.

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1011, PN 1824**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for rights of victims of crime.

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

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BILLS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. SB 554 is over for the day. The Speaker is not calling that one up.

SB 1090 is over for the day, not being called up.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. SB 776 is over for the day, not being called up.

We do not have any other votes for this day, but we are going to take some remarks. I believe some members want to speak on resolutions, and then, of course, we have housekeeping announcements as well.

Representative Boback and Representative Hennessey, I know, want to speak on HR 970, and we will do that here in just 5 minutes.

For those staying for the remarks, I would ask you to please take your seats; otherwise, I would ask you to exit from the rear of the floor.

I would ask Representatives Hennessey and Boback to come down to the front.

Representative Martina White wishes to be recognized on HR 972. If she could come down to the front as well.

Members, I would ask you to please be seated.

Representative Boback, the floor is yours.

Members, we do have two members who will be speaking on HR 970, and then a member speaking on HR 972.

Members, please take your seats; otherwise, quickly exit from the back.

STATEMENT BY MS. BOBACK

The SPEAKER. Representative Boback, the floor is yours.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank my colleagues for their support on HR 970 to commemorate June 15, 2018, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in the Commonwealth. Elder abuse comes in many forms, including physical abuse, mental abuse, sexual

abuse, neglect of care, abandonment, and becoming even more common, financial exploitation. We must protect the health, safety, and well-being of the seniors in Pennsylvania.

Financial exploitation is on the rise. It seems senior scams are an everyday news story. Part of our job here is to educate our constituents on elder abuse, and I hope we are all dedicated, especially this month, to do more education and outreach back in our districts and promote and advocate for justice for our senior population.

Mr. Speaker, for those watching at home and for my colleagues here in this chamber, I urge them to advertise and spread the word about the Pennsylvania Elder Abuse Hotline. It is open 24/7. If you or someone you know is being abused, please call 1-800-490-8505 or immediately contact your very well trained local area agency on aging.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to members for your support.

STATEMENT BY MR. HENNESSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Hennessey, on the resolution. Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Before I begin, I just ask those watching on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) to please reach for a pen and paper. Representative Boback just gave you a toll-free number. I will give it to you again at the end of my very brief remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chairman of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee to stand in support of HR 970, promoting elder abuse awareness in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On our Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, our members are dedicated to working with the Department of Aging, the area agencies on aging, 52 of them across the Commonwealth, and the Temple Institute of Protective Services to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our older adults and, further, to protect our residents from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

There are vulnerable seniors out there who, out of the goodness of their hearts, trust the wrong people, those they think are caring for them or looking out for them. They sometimes find later on that was not the case at all. Sometimes it is even a family member or someone very close to the senior. In the Commonwealth, we try to look out for our seniors and protect them from harm, from telephone and Internet scams and from anyone who chooses to take advantage of them.

If you suspect a loved one, neighbor, or friend is in trouble or needs help or could be a victim of abuse, please call the elder abuse hotline. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the number is 1-800-490-8505. Again, 1-800-490-8505.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

STATEMENT BY MS. WHITE

The SPEAKER. Representative Martina White is recognized on HR 972.

Ms. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

From June 10 through 16 we celebrate "State Veterans' Homes Week." According to the Veterans' Administration, our World War II vets are passing away at a rate of more than 300 per day. As of 2017, only 558,000 of the 16 million Americans who

served in World War II are alive. Of the 5.7 million men and women who served during the Korean war, less than half are still with us. While these Americans deserve our honor and respect, it is just as important that we give them our time and care. The stories they have to share are the stories of the American experience and lessons we should take to our hearts in understanding the human cost of war.

HR 972 was introduced to encourage Pennsylvanians to visit these heroes currently being cared for in the State's six veterans' homes. For more than a century, the Commonwealth has tended to the needs of the aging, ill, and injured veterans in these State-supported homes. Under the auspices of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the staff provides personal care, skilled nursing care, domiciliary care, and dementia care to more than 1,500 veterans and their spouses in Erie, Hollidaysburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton, and Spring City. The veterans in these homes have lived lives of honor and sacrifice. We must not let their stories slip away without hearing their historical accounts and sharing them with others. When you do visit them, please thank them for their sacrifices and service and thank the staff and volunteers who provide exceptional care at our veterans' nursing homes every day. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative White.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 2226;
HB 2268;
HB 2321;
HB 2324;
HB 2325; and
SB 1011.

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 1840;
HB 2167;
SB 172; and
SB 764.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1284, PN 3121**, entitled:

An Act providing for the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal within the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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 1284 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 1284 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 1286, PN 1789**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for punitive damages study.

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 1286 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 1286 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 **SB 892, PN 1533**, entitled:

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.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 892 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 892 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up **SR 154, PN 1019**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution disapproving the part of the Real Property Disposition Plan No. 1 of 2013 that provided for the disposition of approximately 198 acres in Shenango Township, Lawrence County.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SR 154 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SR 154 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 Lee James moves that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.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 5:41 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.