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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 12 m., e.d.t.

#### THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HON. FLORINDO J. FABRIZIO

The SPEAKER. As many of you know, we were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our good friend and colleague, Representative Flo Fabrizio. We will be holding a memorial service for Representative Fabrizio tomorrow. However, before we proceed with the prayer, I would ask members and guests to all stand as able for a moment of silence in honor of our good friend and colleague, this very, very gracious public servant.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Florindo J. Fabrizio.)

#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER. As I said, we will be having a memorial service tomorrow.

Now the prayer will be offered by our good friend, Representative Sid Kavulich. Immediately thereafter we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

And at this time, Representative Kavulich.

HON. SID MICHAELS KAVULICH, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Guests, friends, members – members, welcome back – let us bow our heads and pray, and as we do, call to mind Ephesians 4:2. "Be completely humble and gentle. Be patient, bearing with one another in love."

As we begin these final few weeks of our term, for those who will return and for those who will move on to other portions of life, we should all remember what our Father asks of us in or out of this great chamber.

Live with the humility of children. If we exalt ourselves, we will be humbled; if we humble ourselves, we will be exalted. Live in humility; be humble today.

Be gentle. As the spirit calls us to be kind and avoid confrontation, it is never more important than it is here in our daily duties to work towards the resolutions that will benefit those we serve. Be gentle today.

Show patience. Remember that patience is a virtue. Patience is necessary if we are to love one another and work with one another. Be patient today.

Finally, if we are believers, then we are to live with love for each other. We are told in Corinthians that love is kind; it is not proud, does not dishonor others, is not self-seeking, and never fails. Love each other today.

We ask our Father of all creation to fill us with His spirit and gifts, look over us, guide us, and bless us this day and every day of our lives. 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 Thursday, September 13, 2018, will be postponed until printed.

#### JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. We do have the following 2018 Journals in print, and without objection, they will be approved: Monday, February 5, 2018, and Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a Committee on Committees supplemental report. Our chair, Stan Saylor, has provided us this information.

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees  
Supplemental Report

In the House of Representatives  
September 24, 2018

RESOLVED, That

Representative Aaron Bernstine, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence Counties, is elected as a member of the State Government Committee.

Representative Justin Walsh, Westmoreland County, is elected a member of the Health Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stan Saylor, Chairman  
Committee on Committees

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

### RECONSIDERATION MOTION FILED

The SPEAKER. Representative Warren Kampf and Representative Bryan Cutler have moved that the vote by which HB 1037 was defeated on June 25 be reconsidered. It is signed by both of those members. It is a motion to reconsider, and we recognize that that has been filed.

### HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1057** By Representatives KAUFER, COOK, PICKETT, READSHAW, MILLARD, NEILSON, RADER and DALEY

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study for the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a stop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 17, 2018.

**No. 1068** By Representatives SCHLEGEL CULVER, WARD, PICKETT, FARRY and JAMES

A Resolution directing the Department of Labor and Industry to conduct a study of the fire codes and standards adopted and enforced by each municipality in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 19, 2018.

**No. 1072** By Representatives BURNS, MURT, TAI, DALEY, CONKLIN and SCHWEYER

A Resolution requesting that the United States Attorney General conduct a comprehensive, nationwide investigation into child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church and related institutional cover-ups.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 21, 2018.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2640** By Representatives MAKO, WARD, HILL-EVANS, BERNSTINE, ROTHMAN, KEEFER and J. McNEILL

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

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 13, 2018.

**No. 2641** By Representatives STEPHENS, ENGLISH, MURT, RYAN, SNYDER, HILL-EVANS, BERNSTINE, CHARLTON, SCHLOSSBERG, BARRAR, MENTZER, MILLARD, SAYLOR, JOZWIAK and WATSON

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 14, 2018.

**No. 2642** By Representative TOBASH

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 Keystone Exams.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 14, 2018.

**No. 2643** By Representatives MURT, MILLARD, STEPHENS and J. McNEILL

An Act amending the act of October 18, 1988 (P.L.756, No.108), known as the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 14, 2018.

**No. 2644** By Representatives RYAN, BERNSTINE, CORR, COX, DIAMOND, JAMES, J. McNEILL, MILLARD, PICKETT, SAYLOR, STAATS, STEPHENS, TOOHIL, WATSON, DRISCOLL, KAUFER, GROVE, WARNER and DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for collection of tax and for limitations on assessment and collection.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, September 17, 2018.

**No. 2645** By Representatives CONKLIN, MURT, BURNS and HARKINS

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 17, 2018.

**No. 2646** By Representatives CONKLIN, MURT, BURNS and HARKINS

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 17, 2018.

**No. 2647** By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, RYAN, BLOOM, ROTHMAN, CUTLER, MALONEY, FEE, THOMAS, WARD, KEEFER and COX

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, in other pollutions and potential pollution, further providing for potential pollution.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 17, 2018.

**No. 2648** By Representatives WENTLING, BERNSTINE, J. McNEILL, RADER, METCALFE, SAYLOR, SCHEMEL, NELSON, WALSH, B. MILLER, JAMES, SANKEY, CAUSER, ROAE, TURZAI, FRITZ, SACCONI, PHILLIPS-HILL, COOK, MOUL, GODSHALL, JOZWIAK, GROVE, READSHAW, ZIMMERMAN, DAY, M. K. KELLER, WARD, BARBIN, WARNER and PEIFER

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, September 17, 2018.

**No. 2649** By Representatives SCHLEGEL CULVER, FARRY, JAMES and PASHINSKI

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for State Fire Commissioner and for Fire Safety Advisory Committee, providing for fire protection and suppression systems and equipment and for licensure of fire equipment service companies and technicians, imposing penalties and establishing the Fire Equipment and Suppression System Fund.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, September 19, 2018.

**No. 2650** By Representatives GROVE, McGINNIS, BLOOM, ZIMMERMAN, ROTHMAN, KEEFER and COX

An Act amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act, in representation, providing for recertification.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 21, 2018.

**No. 2651** By Representatives BURNS, MURT, DALEY, YOUNGBLOOD, BARRAR, HARKINS, J. McNEILL, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, WATSON, READSHAW, TAI and DeLUCA

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for nondisclosure agreements.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 21, 2018.

**No. 2652** By Representatives BURNS, MURT, DALEY, YOUNGBLOOD, BARRAR, HARKINS, J. McNEILL, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, READSHAW, TAI and DeLUCA

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for nondisclosure agreements.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 21, 2018.

**No. 2653** By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, MARSHALL, McGINNIS, ROTHMAN, RAPP, MALONEY, THOMAS, KEEFER and COX

An Act amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the Storm Water Management Act, further providing for watershed storm water plans and contents.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 21, 2018.

**No. 2654** By Representatives NESBIT, LONGIETTI, JAMES, MILLARD, DALEY, DRISCOLL and CALTAGIRONE

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, September 21, 2018.

**No. 2655** By Representatives BARBIN, DERMODY, READSHAW, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLOSSBERG, CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, HAGGERTY, KIRKLAND, BOBACK, STAATS, WARD, BURNS, WARREN, KINSEY and J. McNEILL

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in provisions relating to abuse of family, providing for senior safety from financial exploitation; providing for immunity to banks under certain circumstances; and imposing powers and duties on Department of Aging.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, September 24, 2018.

**No. 2656** By Representative SCHEMEL

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for courts to be open and suits against the Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 24, 2018.

**No. 2657** By Representatives GILLEN, METZGAR, RYAN, GREINER, COX, JAMES, YOUNGBLOOD, ROE, DUNBAR, READSHAW, ROTHMAN, DRISCOLL, PHILLIPS-HILL, CAUSER, DeLUCA and WARREN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 24, 2018.

**No. 2659** By Representative DiGIROLAMO

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in horse racing, authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Anti-Doping and Drug Testing Standards Compact.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 24, 2018.

**No. 2660** By Representatives ROE, J. McNEILL, BARRAR, WARD, DAVIS, CHARLTON, HILL-EVANS, DeLUCA and WARREN

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in voting procedures, providing for assistance for certain qualified electors.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 24, 2018.

**No. 2661** By Representatives C. QUINN and SOLOMON

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in qualifications of electors, further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries; in party organization, further providing for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; in nomination of candidates, further providing for candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected at primaries and providing for procedure for unenrolled electors to cast primary ballots; and, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 24, 2018.

**No. 2662** By Representatives C. QUINN, BARRAR and CHARLTON

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, further providing for energy efficiency and conservation program.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, September 24, 2018.

## COMMUNICATION FROM DEMOCRATIC LEADER

### OBJECTION TO COMMITTEE REPORT

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a letter from Leader Dermody, the Democratic leader.

The following communication was read:

House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg  
September 24, 2018

The Honorable Mike Turzai, Speaker  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
Room 139 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Speaker Turzai:

Please know that pursuant to Mason's Manual Section 676, I object to the report of the Committee on Labor and Industry containing House Bill 861. As such, I request to be recognized prior to the acceptance of the report pursuant to Rule 10, Mason's Manual Section 132, and the customs and precedents of this House, to debate the validity of the report.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Frank Dermody  
33rd Legislative District  
Democratic Leader

The SPEAKER. So we will not be reporting that until – we will not do that until we give you that opportunity. So we are going to just be moving forward on a lot of other items, but I am in receipt and we certainly will be adhering to calling upon you before we move forward. Thank you.

## BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

**HB 1822, PN 4045** (Amended) By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for suicide prevention in institutions of higher education.

EDUCATION.

**HB 2574, PN 3888** By Rep. HICKERNELL

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, repealing provisions relating to prohibited religious garb, insignia, etc. and penalty.

EDUCATION.

**SB 1095, PN 1994** (Amended) By Rep. HICKERNELL

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 Keystone Exams.

EDUCATION.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED  
FROM COMMITTEE**

**SR 228, PN 1427** By Rep. HICKERNELL

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a Global Education Task Force.

EDUCATION.

**COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Report, Covered Device Recycling Act for 2017.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS**

The SPEAKER. We are also in receipt of the 2017 Annual Report of the Board of Directors of City Trusts Acting for the City of Philadelphia. Thank you.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Brad Roae, if you will please come up to the rostrum. I believe we have some folks from your district to honor, if I am not mistaken.

Representative Roae, I apologize. It is Representative Eric Roe. My apologies.

Representative Roe is coming up at this time. And if Representative Barrar and Representative Comitta could also join us up here, please.

We would like to bring the golf team, the golf championship team up first. If just the golf team could come up first. We will be taking each team separately.

Representative Eric Roe brings us this Unionville High School Boys Golf Team. They are champions. So I am going to ask everybody to please take their seats. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Roe, how far have these teams traveled?

Mr. ROE. Eighty-five miles, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So I am asking all members to please take their seats. They have traveled some distance to be with us. Is the entire golf team here? They need to come up front into the well of the House. Will the whole golf team come up into the well of the House.

**UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
GOLF TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Roe, you may proceed.

Mr. ROE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Barrar, Representative Comitta, and I welcome student athletes from Unionville High School and their coaches, seated in the back of the House and the well of the House and behind me here today. Today I am pleased to present citations to three teams: boys golf, boys tennis, and girls lacrosse. For each team, this marks their first State championship win.

First, I would like to recognize the Unionville High School Boys Golf Team. Representing the team and joining me at the rostrum are Connor Bennink, Richie Kline, Will Bennink, and Jon Passarello. The Unionville High School Golf Team is being honored today upon capturing first place during the 2017 PIAA State Class AAA Boys Golf Team Championships. The Indians had an impressive undefeated season record of 17 wins and won the State title with a score of 292. They further distinguished themselves during the 2017 season by winning first place in the Ches-Mont League Tournament and the District I Team Championships. I wish to congratulate the athletes and coaches of the Unionville High School Golf Team, as well as all those who assisted them, upon their well-deserved recognition and championship win. Fellows, congratulations.

The SPEAKER. What an outstanding accomplishment. Young men, thanks so much for being with us here today with your coaches. Coaches, thank you for mentoring these young guys, not only for high school, but for the rest of their lives. Very, very appreciative.

We are going to take some photos. So we are going to do some photos here and then I will have the whole team gather down there with Representative Roe and Representative Barrar to get some photos too.

While they are taking those photos, if the Unionville High School Girls Lacrosse Team, if you could come up next. All the girls, just come down to the side here and then we will change you shortly. But the girls, if you could come up onto the rostrum, and coaches. Thanks, guys.

**UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Eric Roe, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. ROE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Next I would like to recognize the Unionville High School Girls Lacrosse Team. Representing the team and joining me at the rostrum are Paige Harlan, Megan Kirk, Maggie Lawrence, and Casey Baughan.

The Unionville High School Girls Lacrosse Team is being honored today upon capturing first place during the 2018 PIAA State Class AAA Girls Lacrosse Championships. To their great credit, the Indians amassed a season record of 24 wins and 2 losses and won the State title by defeating Manheim High School by a score of 11 to 6.

I wish to congratulate the athletes and coaches of the Unionville High School Girls Lacrosse Team upon their very well-deserved championship win, and extend very best wishes to them for every future success. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to extend my best wishes, too, on your championship, and I know it took a lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Nobody just wins a State championship. You have to be leaders and real champions, and I just want to welcome you here to the House floor. It is a beautiful place and I hope you enjoy your day here. Congratulations to all of you. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Young ladies, if you will just stay there, we are going to take a photo here on the rostrum, and then the Representatives will come down and take a photo with you on the floor with everybody, okay? Thank you.

Representative Barrar will be leading the effort here with respect to the Unionville High School Boys Tennis Team.

Chairman Barrar, you may proceed.

### **UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Chairman Barrar, you may proceed.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in boot camp there is a saying that the only place success appears before work is in the dictionary. It takes a lot of work to become a State champion, a lot of sacrifice. Today I would like to recognize the Unionville High School Boys Tennis Team. Representing the team and joining me at the rostrum are Tristan Bradley, Ethan Bradley, and Clay Horowitz. The Unionville High School Tennis Team is being honored today upon capturing first place during the 2018 PIAA State Class AAA Tennis Championships. To their credit, the Indians achieved a record of 24 wins and 1 loss, and captured the State title by defeating Great Valley High School by a score of 3 to 0. I would like to congratulate the athletes and coaches of the Unionville High School Tennis Team, as well as those who assisted them, upon their well-deserved recognition. Congratulations, gentlemen; well-deserved victory.

The SPEAKER. This is the third championship team from this esteemed high school. We are so glad to have you here. Thanks so much.

And then, Stephen, have you introduced all the administrators and coaches as well? Can you do that? Let me just get everybody's name.

Mr. Chair.

Mr. BARRAR. Okay, we were able to get the names of the other people up at the rostrum, which we had forgotten earlier, and I apologize. With us today are Mr. Conley, Mr. Crater, and Ms. Largent, who is one of the coaches. Mr. Conley is the principal, and then Mr. Crater is the athletic director. It is great to have you here with us, and congratulations. This is one heck of a school district, when you think you have three State champions up here at one time. So congratulations to Unionville-Chadds Ford.

### **BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**SB 1003, PN 1995** (Amended)

By Rep. PICKETT

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in quality health care accountability and protection, further providing for emergency services.

INSURANCE.

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Warner, please come up to the rostrum, and Representative Matt Dowling.

Members, I am asking you to please take your seats. This team has traveled probably 3 1/2 hours, maybe 4 hours to be with us today. We are so honored to have them, coming from Connellsville Area High School in Fayette County. They have traveled some distance, so I am going to ask all members to please take their seats.

### **CONNELLSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Warner, the floor is yours,

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be in Harrisburg today to pay tribute to the Connellsville Area High School Trap Team, whose members, back in June, were named State champions after winning the Pennsylvania State High School Clay Target League Class A Tournament, with a cumulative score of 473. This is a remarkable accomplishment, as they have only been competing for two seasons as a team.

The members of the team are divided up into classifications – varsity, junior varsity, and novice – and the top shooter scores are collected. The team with the highest cumulative score among its top five shooters is declared the State champion. The Connellsville Falcons beat 17 other teams across the Commonwealth, after taking fifth place during the 2017 season. John Maddas, Leon Mowry III, Michael Wascak, Sydney Smithula, Mariah Mosko, Michael Lancaster, and Garrett Etling were Connellsville's top scorers of the competition. Michael Wascak finished with the best score of the night and was named "High Gun," which is equivalent to an MVP (most valuable player) honor. He and John Maddas were selected to compete on the all-star team.

This trap team consists of 57 members, in which 50 of those members were able to compete in the State championship. I would also like to congratulate head coach Ken Brooks and assistant coaches Dr. Paul Means, John Maddas, Lee DeMarco, John Martin, and Nate Lilley for their part in leading this incredible team to victory during their last season.

As an avid outdoorsman and a chairman of the State Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, I take great pride in congratulating this team on behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and in paying tribute to the members and coaches, as well as all those who assisted them, upon their well-deserved recognition and championship, and acknowledge their investment of skill and effort in competing on a level which demands perfection.

I would like to extend to this team and its coaches best wishes for every future success and personal fulfillment. You have made me extremely proud, you have made your families extremely proud, and most importantly, you have made our community extremely proud. Please join me in a round of applause in honoring these exemplary young athletes in all that they have accomplished.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Go Falcons.

The SPEAKER. The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House. We are going to be having some farewell remarks from some of our members at this time.

### FORMER MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. We have a guest with us today. Representative Hickernell, chair of the Education Committee, brings to us State Representative Scott Boyd and his lovely wife, Nancy. Please stand. Representative Boyd, great friend of many of the folks here.

Representative Boyd led on so many issues that confronted the citizens of Pennsylvania. He served the 43d Legislative District from 2003 until 2013. Representative Boyd, it is great to have you here. Thank you so much, my friend. Thank you.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. BAKER

The SPEAKER. The first of our members who will be providing farewell remarks is our good friend and colleague, Representative Matt Baker, who represented the 68th District of Bradford and Tioga Counties and was first elected in 1992. As many of you know, he was often the Speaker pro tem, but was also an outstanding chair of the Health Committee for this august body.

Well, he moved on with a significant appointment as regional director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Philadelphia. I know he has a number of guests, but especially, he has Brenda with him, his lovely wife, and I will say a few more remarks after Chairman Baker's remarks. But at this time I would like to call up Chairman Baker to the rostrum and welcome him back to this chamber to give his farewell remarks.

Chairman Baker.

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

Before I get started, I would like to preface my remarks by introducing some guests: obviously, my wife, Brenda Baker, seated to the left; next to her is Patience Hill, who served me for many, many years on the Health Committee; and in the back of the House, the rear of the House, we have Dottie and Don Gardiner, please stand; Kim Johns, Susie Youngs, and Seneka Gastrock, all employees in my district office; Whitney Metzler – where is Whitney? There she is – executive director of the Health Committee; Nicole Sidle, research analyst, Health Committee; Hon. Paul Clymer. Paul, good to see you here. Tioga County Commissioner Roger Bunn, Navy veteran. Good to see you, Roger. Bradford County Commissioner Daryl Miller and his wife, Kay. Thank you for coming. Tricia Lehman. Tricia worked for many years for me as my writer. Ron Butler, good friend, golf partner and former president and CEO of Laurel Health. Glad to see you here, Ron.

Bear with me a moment.

Mr. Speaker, what a great honor to return to this most beautiful chamber, and thank you, again, Mr. Speaker – there he is – I really appreciate being back up here. I promise not to be too long for fear my friend, Representative DiGirolamo, may move to recommit or adjourn. No, you are not recognized. Special thanks to Speaker Turzai for the honor of serving as Speaker pro tem for so many years. It has been an incredible honor for me to serve as your pro tem and to have that trust and confidence in

you. I shall never forget that for the rest of my life, so I really appreciate that honor, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Now, at times being up here, it can be rather serious and stoic and tense and difficult, with procedural motions and the different points of opinion, but it is not without its levity and humor from time to time, and the Parliamentarian and I have had a few of those moments together and I just may want to mention a couple of those. And I know Jimmy, the macebearer, has also been here on a few occasions.

So what I would like to do is just mention a couple of matters when I was up here presiding, and I will call them the lost-and-found stories, if you will. And one of the times I was up here I saw a tie, and I thought, gosh, this is a beautiful tie. Who does this tie belong to? And Clancy said, "Well, it was the Speaker's tie and it's been up here for quite a while but I don't think he knows where it is or anything," and I said, "Well, maybe if I wore it the next day, he'll say, 'Gosh, there's my tie I've been looking for,' or he may just say, 'Hey, I've got a tie just like that.'" So the next day I put the tie on, came up, presided, and then when he arrived, sure enough, he says, "Gosh, Matt, I've got a tie just like that and I've been looking for it for so long and I don't know where it is." And Clancy and I tried to be as serious as we could without giving anything away, and we kept it secret for quite a while, but Clancy laughed so long it brought tears to his eyes, and we will never forget that.

And then one other time I found a sock sitting underneath here, and I said to Clancy, "What's this sock doing here?" And there's only one sock lying here and he says, "Well, that's the Speaker's sock," and I said, "Okay. What do I do with it?" And he said, "Just leave it there." No, I did not want to touch that but, you know, I do not know if you are still short a sock or not, Mr. Speaker, but I thought you might like a pair of socks with the U.S. flag and a puppy dog on them. So there is a pair of socks that you might enjoy. And then I often wondered what in the world else is underneath here, that I did not really want to go digging too far and I did not want to let my imagination get carried away, but I thought – this is the last one, Mr. Speaker – but I thought maybe you were lacking something else that was under there. So I did pick up a nice patriotic pair of lounge shorts that I thought maybe you could use, and Dave Reddecliff has shared with me a lot of stories about you over the years and I thought maybe that would come in handy as well. So enjoy that. And here is a tie, too, just in case you lose another tie. I thought you might like to have this tie as well.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Mr. BAKER. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

So yes, it gets serious up here most of the time, but on other occasions we have had a lot of good fun, and I will never forget the memories.

So I promise again, Gene, not to be too long.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, leaders, chairmen, colleagues, and both majority and minority leaders, for this opportunity to give farewell remarks. Mr. Speaker, friends, State Representatives, countrymen, lend me your ears. This will likely be the last time that I will be at this microphone and I will never forget the moments over the last 25 years of serving as Speaker pro tem from this podium for four Republican Speakers. I have made so many honored trips here and I would like to say thanks for the honor of serving, working with my good friend and Parliamentarian, Clancy Myer, who is arguably the most competent, skilled, and experienced Parliamentarian in our

nation. Thank you, Clancy, for over 40 years of service to both Republican and Democrat Speakers, as well as to the members of the House. Thank you very much, Clancy.

And yes, Clancy, I have a pair of socks for you. Clancy has some puppy dogs and I know he goes home, he feeds them, and so I want to give you a pair of socks, and Clancy may be one of the most interesting men in the world, and he is also one of the coolest guys, given his wry sense of humor, and so, Clancy, because you are one of the coolest guys I have ever met, I thought I would get you a pair of sunglasses. You look great, Clancy. It looks wonderful.

And I also want to thank Jimmy Fata, macebearer – Jimmy – for making sure I properly recognized the House members for debate on motions and becoming a closer friend over the last few years as you went through some very, very difficult times and loss. And we had some great dinners and times together, and I have a little gift for you, too, Jimmy. I did not want you to be left out either. So thank you, Jimmy.

I would like to thank Karen Coates, the best chief of staff to the Speaker and House members ever. Karen, what a field marshal, and you are just the absolute best, and I will never forget your interceding in behalf of the oral chemo parity legislation, to get that to home base, and so many other critical, crucial pieces of legislation. Thank you so much. You have been a blessing and a godsend. I really appreciate you.

I have been blessed over the last 25 years of elected service to have great staff here at the Capitol and in my district offices. I am not sure if she is listening, but thank you, Terry Boyer, who was with me in my earlier career, who worked so diligently, often through her lunch hour. To the late Gina Strine, who served faithfully in my Capitol office, but who lost her courageous battle with cancer. To Patience Hill, who lives up to her name and always exhibits the Christian fruits of the spirit daily and prepared the Health Committee agenda, bills, and amendments for our Health Committee members, and also filed related reports and managed my Capitol office. Thank you, Patience. I would like to thank Whitney Metzler, Nicole Sidell, Melanie Brown, Melanie Donnelly, and Elizabeth Yarnell for all the good work they did and we accomplished together over the years, to pass so many bills out of the Health and Human Services Committee, and of late, the Health Committee, that became law in Pennsylvania after we divided the committees. Thank you for attending so many office meetings and working with stakeholders to reach agreement on so many substantive pieces of health-related bills: as I mentioned, oral chemo parity to help cancer patients, pharmacy-related bills, opiate-related bills, Hepatitis C testing law, patient-centered medical home, precursor drug listing law, critical access hospital funding law to help rural hospitals, ambulatory surgical center facilities law, and the combat methamphetamine law, to name a few. Thank you for all the help you gave this staff, as well, working across committees and all my colleagues. I mean, those are just bills you helped me with, but I know there was a multiplier, the fact where you helped so many of the Health Committee members get bills passed through the House and the Senate, both Republican and Democrat.

I would also like to thank my colleagues in the Health Committee that are here this morning, or this afternoon, for all their support and attention to some very important but complicated bills that became law, such as the biosimilar law and others.

Mr. Speaker, if I may take the liberty, I would like to thank the late minority chairman of the Health Committee. You see, when I first wrote my remarks, Chairman Fabrizio was still living and serving in the House, and while he is no longer with us, I believe he would have appreciated the well-deserved recognition, albeit posthumously.

To Representative Florindo Fabrizio, minority chairman of the Health Committee, thank you, sir, for your professionalism, collegiality, and friendship. We have worked so very well together and I was happy when we could advance one of your bills dealing with the ambulatory surgical centers through the committee and House to later become law, and thank you again, staff, for your good work in working across the aisle to make sure that happened.

Flo, thank you, sir, for your courage, your inspiration, and positive attitude as you fought and battled against cancer. Thank you, too, for the great joy of working with your staff on the committee. What a joy. Just a tremendous team on the Health Committee. We are both blessed to have a great staff to work with to pass so many bills over the years, with most in a bipartisan manner. God bless Chairman Fabrizio in tribute and memory of him.

I even dressed up a little bit. It has been 30 years since I had French cuffs and a handkerchief in my pocket, and as all the members know, Flo was arguably the best-dressed member in the House and he always looked sharp and he always inspired people to do their best, and so I am trying too, Flo. Too many to mention, all the good work that we did together. But let us give Flo Fabrizio at least another round of applause for his impactful good work.

To the class elected in 1992 – Chairman Saylor, Chairman Hennessey, the last of the 23 of us that were elected in 1992 – thank you for your friendship.

NERDS. Are all the NERDS here? The northeast Republican delegation. I have no idea who came up with that acronym. I was never comfortable with it, but it works, and so I wanted to especially thank my neighbors in the NERD delegation: Chairman Tina Pickett; my next-door neighbor, Martin Causer. Where is Marty? Here is Marty. Marty has got a contagious smile, does he not? And Garth Everett and Jeff Wheeland, thank you. Thank you for being such good neighbors and part of the NERD group.

Allow me also at this time to acknowledge, thank, and pay tribute to my district office of over 25 years: Dottie Gardiner, Kim Johns, Suzanne Youngs, Seneka Gastrock, and their predecessors, Wendy Nason, Wendy Ribeca, and Rhoda Grabowski – now retired, but who worked faithfully, loyally, and assiduously in helping both myself, but more importantly, our 68th District constituents. I am so thankful for your good and faithful service for so many years and for being ranked number one year after year in our caucus for constituent services to the citizens back home.

You know, I was a former district staffer myself for 12 1/2 years before being elected to office, while I worked in a law firm. Back in those days you could do that. You cannot do that now. So I appreciate all the good work our staff does, not just in the district offices but here in the Capitol in Harrisburg. Thank you so much.

In fact, members, what is very interesting is that when I first announced I was not running for a 14th term, in addition to the heartwarming well wishes I received, I found it very telling and appropriate that so many constituents would ask, "What's going to happen to your great staff? Will Dottie continue to help us in the Troy office? Will Susie, Kim, and Seneka or Patience be okay and keep helping us in the Wellsboro or Harrisburg office?" My point is that what we do here is not always all about you or me. It is really about providing outstanding service to our constituents and the teamwork that is necessary to provide assistance to those whom we serve with respect, dignity, civility, professionalism, maximum accessibility, and with a heart and passion for servant leadership. So it is not really about us, but those 65,000 citizens we serve in the district individually, and the nearly 13 million collectively here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It has been the honor of my life to be a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and work in this beautiful chamber here in the PA House of Representatives for over a quarter of a century, and to work for the House of Representatives for nearly 38 years. So many of you have called, written, or e-mailed me to wish me well and I appreciate that. Thank you so much for your friendship.

Well, I have probably said enough, and if I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. I want to most of all thank my wife – thank you, Brenda – for supporting me all these years – the long nights and weeks away from you, whether in session or late night meetings and weekend events or ceremonies, the missed birthdays or anniversaries or special family functions that I could not attend. Thank you for your steadfast and enduring love despite my absence, and for your shared vision of service to others to help make this State a little better for others and the next generation to follow. Thank you for typing these remarks for me and the dozens of times you helped me prepare remarks or PowerPoint presentations on the weekends, even though you had to create lesson plans or grade papers. Thank you for doing all this while you enter your 30th and final year of teaching English. I have always been blessed by your steadfast love. I have always been blessed by your steadfast love, encouragement, support, wisdom, and positive perspectives. Thank you very, very much.

Lastly, I have to thank God for making it possible to be elected 13 times and to serve in the House for nearly 38 years, for taking this humble shell of a person and allowing me to overcome so many challenges and giving me a heart for servant leadership, and for also giving me a wonderful and supportive wife, staff, and district to represent. Thank you.

The Gospel of Mark tells us, "Whoever wants to be first must be a servant of all." We have seen a lot of great leaders, and if you ask them what pushed them to be great leaders, what got them out of bed in the morning, and what kept them up at night, many would say the same answer: the people they serve; the people they love. Continue, members and staff, to serve your people and the people you love and I am convinced you will be blessed in this great institution we call the People's House, as well as back home in your district, and perhaps even more importantly, in your home and in your families.

In conclusion, allow me to quote a former Speaker of the House, who served as Speaker in 1764 – Provincial Assembly back then – Benjamin Franklin: "I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire

can rise without his aid? We have been assured...in the sacred writings that..." unless the Lord builds the House, they labor in vain who build it. "I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel." That was Benjamin Franklin, former Speaker.

So my prayer for all of you is this: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto your own understanding, but in all things acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." And may you remember these words from the late, great President Ronald Reagan, who said, "Live simply, love generously, care deeply...and leave the rest to God."

Mr. Speaker, what a great honor to serve in this House for over 25 years and to work for the citizens of the 68th District for nearly 38 years. Thank you and God bless you, God bless Pennsylvania, and God bless America.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Baker, we are so honored that you are continuing to serve the people not only of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but of the United States of America, our region, and the position you presently hold. But I wanted to say, you worked on so many important pieces of legislation. You were so prolific, but also substantive. You are a person that made a difference in people's lives all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

You never forgot your hometown, though, never forgot about Wellsboro and the surrounding communities. You were always getting back home to see your team, as evidenced by the guests that you brought here today. And also, just from my own perspective, the work you did on the life issue I think is historic. You never forgot that each and every individual, from conception to the last breath on earth, has dignity.

I must tell you, Mr. Chair, we are very much appreciative of all the great work you did on behalf of the residents of the 68th District and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I think it most fitting that of all the gavels I am going to be able to present here at the end of this session, the first one goes to you, given the great work you did as Speaker pro tem. Thank you.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

## GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the gallery, we have senior citizens from Bethany Village. Please stand. Please stand, our guests from Bethany Village. It is so good to have you here today. They are guests of Representative Sheryl Delozier. Thank you for being with us. Thank you.

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

**HB 32, PN 39**

By Rep. ELLIS

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in organization of departmental administrative boards and commissions and of advisory boards and commissions, providing for Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence Commission.

COMMERCE.

**HB 2590, PN 4046** (Amended)

By Rep. ELLIS

An Act establishing the Stucco Remediation Assistance Fund; establishing the Eligible Homeowner Grant Program; establishing the Low-Interest Loan Program; and making an appropriation.

COMMERCE.

**HB 2638, PN 4047** (Amended)

By Rep. ELLIS

An Act amending the act of December 8, 2004 (P.L.1801, No.238), known as the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act, in general provisions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions; and adding provisions relating to military installation remediation.

COMMERCE.

**SB 780, PN 1997** (Amended)

By Rep. MUSTIO

An Act relating to telemedicine; authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards; and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. In the rear of the House, Ben Maiale and James Firlein, please stand. Two guests. Thank you so much. They are guests of Chairman Stephen Barrar. Thanks for being with us today.

And members of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau are shadowing Representative Barry Jozwiak for the day, and they are located in the rear of the House. Carl Brown of Brown's Feeds, please stand; and Woody Weist of Leesport Farmer's Market, please stand. Thank you so much for joining us today. Thank you.

I am asking Representative Steve Bloom to come to the rostrum. He is going to go right in front. And I am asking all members to please take their seats as we honor a retiring member.

And we will definitely have some additional photos afterwards. When we break for caucus, members may stay to get their photos with Chairman Baker or with Representative Bloom, but I am asking everybody to take their seats at this time. The photographers will stay here during the break to take some photos if you would like.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS  
BY MR. BLOOM**

The SPEAKER. Representative Stephen Bloom was first elected to represent the citizens of the 199th District in Pennsylvania in 2010. He is a deputy whip, a deputy chair of the House Majority Policy Committee, and presently serves on the standing committees on Finance, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Environmental Resources and Energy, and Labor and Industry. He is also the Speaker's appointee, the House majority member of the Board of Trustees of the Public School Employees' Retirement System.

Steve resides nearby in North Middleton Township, Cumberland County, with his lovely wife, Sharon. You would not know it, but he has three grown children – who could believe? – a daughter-in-law and three grandsons.

And, Steve, we are so honored to be here with you while you give your remarks as you finish this session.

Representative Stephen Bloom.

Mr. BLOOM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I did not bring you any gifts, but my speech is a lot shorter than Representative Baker's, so there is that.

I almost cried just telling a guy last week that I would have to give this speech today, so we will see how I do.

When you get sworn in as a member – and as a quick side note, if we each begin our season of legislative service with a nice swearing-in, should we not be leaving with a good cussing out? I do not know.

Anyway, when you get sworn in as a member of this 335-year-old – 335-year-old – House, this House, rooted in Pennsylvania's first Provincial Assembly, when you become a small part of William Penn's visionary Holy Experiment in representative constitutional government, you cannot help but wonder how long you will end up staying, and under what circumstances you will end up departing. For me, I have always been haunted by the worn marble stairways I climb each day to reach this chamber, where you can see the faint shadows of those who ascended before us gently etched into smooth rounded dips on each step. Those subtle grooves on the steps were inscribed by the feet of eager young freshman and grizzled political old-timers, rising stars and falling stars, on cheerful days and on sad days, on the cusps of victories and defeats, through health and illness, intrigue and romance, accomplishment and frustration. Some of those who wore down the marble steps have long since departed from this chamber, some have long since departed from this earth, and some of us are still here right now.

So contemplating those worn steps always made me ponder my time, the invisible bits of marble my own passing feet would wear away to mix with so many others in the Capitol dust. From the history of my district, though, I had a guide and a gut feeling. The 199th District I serve was first planted in Cumberland County in 1980. Our first Representative, John Broujos, served for 10 years and retired; our second Representative, Al Masland, served for 8 years, ran for U.S. Congress during his last year and lost; our third Representative, Will Gabig, served for 10 years and retired. So there was the pattern: 10 years, 8 years, 10 years, and if the pattern held true, my term would be 8 years. These men were all role models to me, and so when I made the agonizingly difficult decision to run for U.S. Congress in my 8th year like Judge Masland before me, it all somehow felt very inevitable. I was skeptical, of course, about the part where you supposedly lose the race for Congress in your 8th year, but the pattern held indeed. So fair warning to whoever follows my successor after she serves her 10 years. And on that subject, I again thank those of you in this chamber and beyond who supported me in different ways for my congressional run. Your kindness and your confidence in me will always mean so much.

So now here I am giving my farewell speech, and I am honored to be joined by some special guests. First and foremost, the woman who, to my pleasant surprise, embraced the idea of me running for State Rep in 2010 and then patiently put up with

all of the crazy consequences of that decision for the next 8 years, my lovely wife, Sharon. Our awesome and talented daughter, Katy, is also here; our awesome and talented other daughter, Anna, lives in Seoul, South Korea, so she cannot be with us; and our awesome and talented son, Nick, and daughter-in-law, Theresa, live in Germany, with our especially awesome and talented grandsons, Levi, Jonah, Mac, and Elias, and they cannot be with us either, but they will probably be watching the video, so to the boys, Mummum and Pops are coming to visit you in about 1 month. And also a shout-out to my mom and my mother-in-law, both of whom are surely watching live on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network).

And my awesome and talented staff is here, and I will have all of you stand together when I get through this part. First, Lauren Miller, my legislative assistant, you have been with me since day one, and as a team, we have had an amazingly productive record of achievement to be proud of. Thank you for sticking with me. Next, Abbey Haslam, my communications coordinator. We have had so many adventures. I have learned so much with and from you, maybe most importantly we have learned that you can put all you have into a fight and still lose, but sometimes you win. Rachel Shambaugh, my district director, you are so gifted in dealing with people, myself included. Sharon put it best as she said to me different times over the years, "Rachel is so good for you," and she is absolutely right. Noelle Barrick, my constituent outreach coordinator, you are unfailingly kind, classy, professional, but also secretly one of the funniest people anywhere. And Nathan Wood, now holding down the fort in the district office, a super smart, hardworking guy with a really bright future. If you five could please stand.

Others, too, I want to thank for allowing me to invest these 8 years in fighting to make a positive difference in Pennsylvania. Of course, the citizens of 199th District who elected me. It has been the honor and the privilege of a lifetime to serve and represent you. Special thanks to Kerry Golden, executive director of the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee, for your generous guidance and expertise getting my first freshman bill, the PA Preferred Act, from our committee to the Governor's desk. And for so much good work and help along the way: Spizz; Lynn Bias; Rod Corey; Beth Culp; Clancy Myer; Kelly Fedeli; our Capitol Police and House security team; leadership staff; committee staff; the clerk's office; Steve Miskin; all the communications staff; our radio, photography, and video crews; the Capitol tour guides; and so many more.

I want to recognize my colleagues in my row here in the hall of the House who have provided not only constant laughs and encouragement, but are all unparalleled examples of diligence and commitment as legislators: Rob Kauffman, Seth Grove, Kristin Phillips-Hill; and also in past sessions, Curt Schroder and Mauree Gingrich. And also the rest of you, my colleagues here in this House, you are some of the smartest, most talented, passionate, hardworking people I have ever been around. Obviously, I have led a somewhat sheltered life.

To the many, to the so many sincerely dedicated folks in the advocacy and consulting communities, you too have shaped this journey in ways tangible and intangible that I will always treasure. And I want to thank the press, the Capitol media corps and beyond, for the important work you do in holding government accountable to the people it serves. And I even want to thank our friends at the other end of the building, Senators and Senate staff.

Every accomplishment here is a team effort. Nobody has much individual power, and that is by design. But with help from so many of you, I have gotten some stuff done here that people literally told me could not be done. How cool is that?

Over the years, I have called government the paradoxical child of idealism and cynicism. I try to remain optimistic, but realistic. There is a battle – and it is not a new battle – that always rages in the halls of power between cynical forces that want to corrupt government to their own ends and idealistic forces that fight to protect and restore genuine freedom. During the years preceding my first term of office, the battle was being won in this Assembly by the forces of cynicism. I was not here, but I have heard enough from those who were. Power on both sides of the aisle was accruing in the hands of those willing to abuse it. Fear was prevalent, dissent was unwelcome, and leadership authority was being exercised in harsh, oppressive, even illegal ways. But that cynical choke hold on legislative freedom was broken. I had nothing to do with breaking it, but I know many of you in this room and some of you listening from beyond this room did. I do not know exactly who all of you are, but I thank you for your courage in doing so.

And in the years since I have been here, it has been deeply encouraging for me to see the steadfast commitment of Speaker Turzai, former Speaker Smith, and our leadership teams to fostering transparency and open debate in the legislative process. So thank you, Mr. Speaker, and leaders on both sides of the aisle, and I would respectfully challenge you to not only hold fast to the gains we have made, but to keep pushing harder to ensure that idealism defeats cynicism in every realm where even today that battle rages.

When I first ran for State Rep in 2010, I had a political mission statement, but that is something for another day; this is not a speech about policy objectives. I also had a personal mission statement, which I still do my level best to live by. While it touches on some political ground, with your indulgence, I want to share it with you and then apologize for not living up to it. My personal mission is this: "God willing, to serve in the public square as a loving witness for Jesus Christ and an effective champion for life and liberty." I pray this mission statement as part of my almost daily prayers and I take it very seriously. But I also know that I too often fail at it. So I would like to take this opportunity to say I am sorry to anyone I have failed to treat in a loving, Christlike way over these 8 years in the legislature. And I would also like to say I am sorry for those times when fear, laziness, or other personal weaknesses prevented me from being the effective champion I aspire to be. I humbly ask your forgiveness.

And one other apology I need to make – a little on the lighter side, but also very sincere. As many of you know, in my first campaign I promised the voters that if elected I would live-post on social media – in real time – all my votes on bills that came before the House. And I have done that every session day for 8 years, and I have not missed a single vote. I list the title of the bill, the purpose, the vote tally, and how I voted. But on days when we run big batches of noncontroversial bills in rapid sequence with no debate or pause in between, it is all I can do to keep up. So when someone comes over to my seat to talk to me, or even just to say hello, on one of those intense days where I am sweating and frantically typing and posting, sometimes I do not have enough time to explain what I am doing, let alone stop and chat. So if you have ever come by my row during session and

I have ignored you or cut you off in midsentence or brushed you away – and I have had to do that with rank-and-file members, committee chairs, the majority leader, even the Speaker, but most frequently to poor Rob Kauffman, who sits next to me – I am sorry and I hope you can grant me retroactive grace.

And finally, I have one important piece of free advice. It is not only for you as legislators, but it is for your entire lives. As elected Reps, we tend to enter into a very high number of relationships of all kinds because our job is basically connecting with people. Sometimes relationships go well, people like you. Sometimes relationships do not go well, people dislike you, hate you, even seek to damage you, and when that happens, it is not easy. So as part of my regular prayers, I have learned to pray for my enemies, my adversaries, my opponents, and my detractors, as well as my friends, allies, and supporters. I use names when I know them, but I pray for all the categories whether I know who is in them or not. And it is amazing what a positive effect it has. Of course it heals me and lets me get over whatever hard feelings or grudges I may have, but sometimes it also changes the people that you are praying for too, and sometimes enemies become friends. Try it. It is real and it works.

So that is it. As many of you know, my term expires on November 30, and I will be joining the Commonwealth Foundation, with a portfolio including government affairs. So even though I will not be allowed to advocate policy to you until December of next year, be assured that if you consider yourself an enemy, an adversary, an opponent, a detractor, a friend, ally, or supporter, I will be praying for you in the meanwhile.

God bless and Godspeed. I am done now, and, Mr. Speaker, I am ready to be cussed out.

### REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Representative Bloom, first of all, you have always been gracious to everybody. I cannot even remember one time where you have never been gracious. You are so professional and thoughtful, although steadfast, which has served your constituents well and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

There are a number of important pieces of legislation that this good man has worked on, and I do not mean to slight any of those by mentioning two that come readily to my mind, if I might, Representative Bloom. With respect to family farms, being able to pass those from generation to generation, one of the single most impediments with respect to that was the inheritance tax, and it was your legislation that we did under Governor Corbett that allowed us to get an exemption – I think I am using the right term – to be able to make the passage of family farms from generation to generation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania doable and without punitive action from the State, for the lack of a better phrase. And then in addition, your education reform efforts – you got them over the goal line, and you did give and take. And I think the first go-rounds vetoed, right? But we came right back, and the next one got – it was not signed into law, but it became law because there was no veto after the 10 legislative days. That is persistence and that is making a real, tangible difference with respect to citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I know there are so many other pieces of legislation that you worked on, but I saw your tireless energies

and substantive knowledge with respect to both of those pieces of legislation, and I just use those as an example to talk about your service.

You know, when doors close, other doors open, and you are going to have such an outstanding tenure, I think, in continuing to effect positive public policy. Thank you so much for your friendship, and thank you for your kind remarks.

### COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. And keep this gavel. You know, it comes in handy on a lot of fronts. And thank you for your service, Steve.

And, staff members, if you will come right up to the rostrum. Representative Stephen Bloom's staff members, just come right up to the rostrum for some photos.

### JOSEPH ZELLER INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to left of the rostrum, a special welcome to former Representative Joseph Zeller and his friend, Ann Wertman. Please stand. Where are they? Thank you. I am sorry, sir, just stay right there. You are fine. They are guests of Representative Gary Day. Mr. Zeller represented the 134th Legislative District.

And to give you more information, I am going to call on Representative Gary Day, and I think Representative Ryan Mackenzie, to say some kind words about the good gentleman.

Representative Mackenzie, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is a distinct honor to present to all of you former State Representative Joseph Zeller from the 134th District, who is now a current resident of New Tripoli in Lehigh County. I welcome him to the hall of the House not just as a former member who is always welcome back here, but also because he has a prestigious and magnificent honor that is really right before us. It is the occasion of his 100th birthday. If we can give him a round of applause on his 100th birthday.

In fact, according to information that I have uncovered, it seems that Mr. Zeller is one of only a few House members, former House members, who have reached that significant life milestone. So I really, again, think that is worthy of recognition, and that is why we are recognizing him here today.

Throughout his life he has been a witness to history. Born at the end of World War I, he not only lived through the Second World War and Korea, but was part of those defining moments in history. He was also a part of our Commonwealth's history and of his community in the Lehigh Valley. His community involvement in fact is what led him here almost five decades ago. All of you in this chamber know the dedication that comes with public service, giving up so much of your time to make sure that good legislation is passed, communities are protected, and your constituents' needs are addressed. This is more than a full-time job, and I can only imagine how Representative Zeller handled all of that and more without the assistance of modern technology.

I also want to acknowledge his service before he was elected to the House. He was a veteran of two wars, World War II and Korea, where he served in the U.S. Navy. He then attended Penn

State Allentown, where he used his training as a chief aviation electrician in the Navy to receive a degree in industrial electrical engineering. He is a union advocate and a 77-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and now a proud member of Allentown Local 375. Like so many of us, he started in local government: on council in Emmaus for 4 years and as a mayor there for 2.

I do also want to note his particular dedication to patriotism and his fellow veterans. He helped with Allentown's Flag Day Association, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and the 50th anniversary celebration of the Korean war in the Lehigh Valley. I am sure many of you have also noticed his signature patriotic necktie, which he has on today, just as he does every single day.

Although he was born in Illinois, I think it is safe to say that Pennsylvania has become his home, and we are much better off for that. So in closing, I do want to say that as the current Representative from the 134th Legislative District, it is really a distinct honor to be able to share this experience with Mr. Zeller. And again, I want to thank him for his service to not only his country, but to our Commonwealth and to the community.

So again I want to extend my best personal wishes to him as he celebrates his 100th birthday, and thank you again, Mr. Zeller, for all your service.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gary Day.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am just going to ask our colleagues: Mr. Zeller, at his 100th birthday, his hearing is not quite as good, so if you could join me and try to keep the hall as quiet as possible so he could possibly hear my remarks. I wanted to honor him on his 100th birthday and thank him for his service to our country.

Joe is a personal friend of mine and a personal adviser. Joe actually sat on that side of the aisle, the opposite side of the aisle which I sit. But Joe has still been a tireless worker for the community and an adviser that I take his information about the history of the hall of the House and issues that we wrestle with today, he wrestled with 20 and 30 years ago.

Joe has been a tireless worker for veterans with the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Allentown, one of those monuments where, when you are 10 years old, it is a very old monument; one of those monuments that can fade into history unless people like Joe Zeller stand forward. The Korea-Vietnam Memorial, through my entire adult life, worked hard to move it to the place of where it could actually be located over 10 years that it took to do that; Allentown's Flag Day.

But to give you an idea of his mind, Joe established a program. He went to Boy Scout events, long after he was a State Representative, where they retire flags, where they dispose of flags in the proper ceremony. And Joe sat there and he said, "What's the next thing we can do?" because Joe gets up and speaks to these kids, I get up and speak to these kids, and what we try to do is we try to connect the next generation to what our veterans' sacrifices are. And he came up with a program he calls Ashes to Graves, where he encourages Boy Scout troops and anyone that retires flags to take those ashes and then have another ceremony at the veterans' graves and disperse of the ashes on veterans' graves, an issue that I think all of you should consider doing in your district.

As we honor him on 100 years, not just of life, but of service to our community and also the Commonwealth and the country, I want to thank him for his personal advice to me over the years.

Joe is an important adviser to me still to this day. He has given me advice and history on liquor privatization – he grabbed my shirt, pulled me close and said, "Hey, you must consider this. Don't forget about that" – Marcellus Shale, tax issues, public officials' corruption, and veterans' issues. He talked to me about the PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) and its formation, how we use the PCCD today for so many things of good quality public government; public officials and the troubles that public officials had years ago are similar to the problems that public officials have today with corruption. And he grabbed my shirt and pulled me close and said, "Make sure you don't do this." And when he was advising me, it seemed like, well, that is not corruption; that is not. He said, "But that's what leads to the next step and the next step." Like a father, like a grandfather, like a great-grandfather giving me advice. By the time he was my age, he had probably one and a half careers completed at that time. And I did not even know him at that time. I was not even born at that time.

Joe's story of public service. Twenty-five years ago I was just out of college, and I had a choice between a public-sector position and a private-sector position, and I called my dad, a private-sector guy, and he said, "No-brainer. Take the job. You're going to be part owner of a company. Take that job. That's security for you and your family." Then I called Joe and I said, "Hey, Joe. Could you give me some advice?" He was in his seventies at that time. Joe said, "Sure. I'm putting insulation in the basement." He is in his seventies and he is putting insulation in his basement. He said, "I'm not going to stop that but I'll give you advice. Come on over." I was in the basement holding insulation as he was attaching it to his wall. And he said, "Are you kidding me? That's not even a choice." And I thought, oh, he is going to say the same thing that my dad said. He said the complete opposite. He said, "Pay doesn't matter. That will all come. You're a good guy. You're doing good things. Compensation will come later. But do you imagine the people you're going to be able to meet?" The job was executive to the mayor of Allentown, the third largest city in Pennsylvania. He said, "There are 150 of these jobs in the country. Do you realize the amount of people you can help in that position?"

Joe changed me radically. Joe made me think and made an impression on my soul. Those two job offers – you hear about rich dad, poor dad; I had corporate dad and political dad, public-sector dad, maybe, and that was who Joe is to me then and who is he now. He said, "Oh my goodness. Can you realize the amount of people you can help?" That is why it is important to me today to honor Joe on his 100th birthday, say thank you personally for your service to the Commonwealth, our country, and our community.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me again in welcoming Joe Zeller back to the hall of the House and saying thank you for his great service to our country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to break for caucus, but we have a condolence resolution.

All uncontested resolutions will be taking place at the end of the day. All uncontested resolutions will be at the end of the day.

At this time we are going to undertake a condolence resolution. I am sorry for the length of time, of the amount of time we have had on the floor so far this afternoon. This will be our last activity before we break for caucus and votes.

## CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Bill Kortz is to present a condolence resolution.

I would ask all members to please take their seats. This is a condolence resolution. We are taking up a condolence resolution on the death of a former member of the House. The Sergeants at Arms are going to close the doors of the House. Members, please take your seats.

The clerk will read the resolution, unless— We can hold off on the reading of the resolution if Representative Kortz is going to cover much of the same information.

Representative Kortz, we are going to turn it over to you first.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great humility today that we honor the life and times of a former member, Representative Raymond T. Book.

Joining us today are his loving family. Please rise when I call your name, and, colleagues, if you could hold your applause until all are introduced. Seated to left of the Speaker are Representative Book's wife of 62 years, Mary Ann; daughters Linda and Charlotte; sons Raymond II and Kevin and his wife, Myra. Welcome to the House.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond Book was born in Pittsburgh on Valentine's Day 1925. He grew up in the winding hills of Mount Washington, overlooking the city of Pittsburgh. During the Great Depression, Ray would take any available job he could get. He would even stand on the street corners in Mount Washington selling his mother's homemade candies, which helped put food on the family's table. What came to be a lifelong passion, Ray enjoyed as many Pirates baseball games as he could at Forbes Field, and in 1935, at 10 years of age, Ray witnessed Babe Ruth hit three home runs in Forbes Field. And he would often boast, "You can't top that." Ray would instill that love of baseball in his children as he would donate his time to coach his son, Kevin, in Little League. He also coached his daughter, Charlotte, and her girls softball team.

In 1942, with World War II raging, Ray, who had turned 17, joined the United States Army. He served under Gen. George S. Patton, fighting through the tumult of the second wave of the invasion of Normandy and then fighting in the infamous Battle of the Bulge.

When the war ended, Ray returned to Pittsburgh where he studied business at Robert Morris Business College. In 1948 he went to work for J&L Steel on the south side, supervising their accounts receivable department. In addition to working at J&L for over three and a half decades, Ray also earned his real estate license and he took a second job in the real estate industry over the next four decades, working nights and weekends. In the eighties, when the steel mills were closing all over the country, Ray again redefined himself and became actively involved in local politics, beginning with his election in 1980 to Whitehall Borough Council. Ray served there for two terms, and then in 1982, Ray was approached to run for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, representing the 41st Legislative District. In the 1980s, the 41st District encompassed Whitehall Borough, Pleasant Hills, Castle Shannon, part of Bethel Park, Baldwin, and Baldwin Township.

One of Ray's many accomplishments, and his most proud endeavor in the State House, was his sponsoring and passing of HB 1155, providing for organ donation and the issuance of

detachable anatomical donor symbols on driver's licenses. Ray was elected three terms, proudly representing all his residents with hard work, integrity, approachability, and a nonstop passion.

Mr. Speaker, when Ray finally retired, being the people person that he was, he could not stay home. He volunteered many, many days at Jefferson Hospital and he loved to talk baseball and politics with the folks, his newfound friends. Having instilled the passion of public service, Ray became campaign manager, unwavering supporter, and adviser to his daughter, Linda, who is with us today, as she has successfully run for five campaigns and currently serves on the Whitehall Borough Council.

Ray continued to enjoy his friends and his Whitehall community, but above all, he enjoyed his loving family, ever expanded from 7 children to being the proud grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 9. Ray's contributions to his country and to his community are only surpassed by his pride in and love for his family, who sorely misses him, but today salute him for living a wonderful life.

We are here today to say thank you to a man whose tireless devotion to public service is an inspiration to us all. Thank you, Representative Book, for all that you have done for your family, for Whitehall Borough, for your legislative district, and for your country in World War II. May God bless you and your family.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The official resolution, much of which was recited by Representative Bill Kortz, will be entered into the record.

And I know that Representative Markosek and Representative Maher have both requested to speak on this condolence resolution.

Representative Markosek, you may begin.

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

You know, listening to Representative Kortz when he talked about former Representative and good friend of mine, Ray Book, being in Forbes Field in 1935 to see Babe Ruth hit his last three home runs in one game, and he said, top that. Well, I was just thinking here, I was in Forbes Field, the exact same place, in 1960, seventh game of the World Series, Pirates versus Yankees – my mother took me, and I was 10 years old then – and a guy by the name of Bill Mazerowski hit a walk-off home run in the ninth inning and beat the Yankees that year. So I think I topped that one, Bill.

But nevertheless, you know, thanks, Mr. Speaker, for the brief moment here to just say something about Ray Book.

In 1982 I got elected and Ray was elected with me from Allegheny County that same year. And in 1984, 2 years later, we celebrated here at the Capitol the 40th anniversary of the D-day landing, on June 6, 1984. And we all left the chamber and we went outside, the walkway that leads down to Third Street. They planted a tree and a plaque, and I remember Ray was with me and we were standing there and he says, "You know, I was at D-day," and I think he said he was at D-day-plus-2, maybe, or -3, something like that – not June 6, but a couple days later. And he fought through that whole thing, so it was extremely meaningful for him to stand there with his colleagues from the legislature dedicating a tree out in our plaza commemorating the 40th anniversary of D-day, of which he actually served.

And I just thought that it was appropriate at this time with his family here to mention that and to bring that up and say, God bless you, Ray. You were a great friend, a great colleague, and we miss you a lot. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative John Maher.

Mr. MAHER. I did not have the opportunity to serve alongside Representative Book, but I came to know him shortly after I was first elected. He was indeed a kind and generous man, and very considerate to extend his wisdom as much as he could to me as a new member, and I have always remembered and appreciated that, but it was not unlike him, you have heard. This is a man who made it his life's work to make his community, to make his State, to make his nation a better place, and he did. Thank you, Ray Book.

The following resolution was submitted:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Raymond Thomas Book, a former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania who served the 41st Legislative District with distinction and who passed away at the age of ninety-three on May 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born in Pittsburgh on February 14, 1925, Mr. Book was the son of the late Raymond and Margaret Book. He served this country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Honorable Service Medal and Marksman Badge and Rifle Medal. After his honorable discharge, Mr. Book attended Robert Morris Business College and the University of Pittsburgh. He began his career with J&L Steel in 1948 in the Accounts Receivable Department, where he served for more than three decades. Mr. Book also earned a real estate license and worked in the real estate industry for more than forty years. He became involved in local politics in 1980 with his election to the Whitehall Borough Council. Mr. Book was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1982 and served for three consecutive terms. During his tenure, he was a sponsor of the Organ Donor Bill. In 1988, he began to work for the Allegheny County Real Estate Assessments Office as Director of the Real Estate Appeals Department, and he served on the Pennsylvania Real Estate Board for eight years. After his retirement, Mr. Book volunteered with Jefferson Hospital. An avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates, he witnessed Babe Ruth's final two home runs at Forbes Field; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Raymond Thomas Book; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife of sixty-two years, Mary Ann Schriener Book; sons, Thomas, Larry, Kevin and Ray II; daughters, Karen Kukol, Charlotte Bruni and Linda; twelve grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by the Honorable Bill Kortz on July 26, 2018, be transmitted to Mary Ann Schriener Book.

Bill Kortz, 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 this condolence resolution will now rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests, please rise as 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 Raymond T. Book.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution honoring Representative Raymond Book has been unanimously adopted by this chamber.

Members, you may be seated.

May God bless Representative Book and his family. Thank you so much for being with us.

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

**STATEMENT BY MR. MILLER**

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Miller is recognized. He has guests who have traveled some distance. They are in the back of the House. If you want, would the Sergeants at Arms bring them down to the front. We are not going to be doing the resolution at this time but he is going to be introducing these guests. Please come down to the front. And then we are going to be breaking.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you for the quick moment to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Mount Lebanon Fire Department. Those in Allegheny County need no introduction to the Mount Lebanon Fire Department. They are and have been for the last 100 years a fantastic resource, a fantastic department that has been accredited that represents 17 career firefighters and 40 volunteers or so. They are here with us today.

In brief, I would like to introduce firefighters Bob Fischer, Scott Bolling, master firefighter Charlie Wehrum, platoon chief Chris Butler, assistant chief Sean Daniels, and the chief of the Mount Lebanon Fire Department, Nick Sohyda.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you so much for your service to the Mount Lebanon Fire Department. Thank you.

Before we do committee announcements, I am going to call on the caucus chairs. We are going to do the caucus chairs first.

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. Representative Toepel, for a caucus announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 2:45. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 3:45. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. We are going to amend the announcement.

Representative Toepel, the majority caucus chair.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to change that announcement. Republicans will be caucusing at 2:30. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 3:30. Thank you.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel, caucus announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, we will be back on the floor promptly at 3:30. We will be back on the floor promptly at 3:30.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Stan Saylor, the Appropriations chair.

We will not be extending caucus.

Representative Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

### STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Metcalfe, for a committee announcement.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning we will have a State Government Committee meeting at 9 in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider HBs 2105 and 2519, SB 1078, SB 748, HB 821, and any other business that might come for the committee, Mr. Speaker. So 9 a.m., G-50, Irvis Office Building, tomorrow morning, State Government Committee voting meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The State Government Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building.

### HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Rapp is recognized for a committee announcement.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Tomorrow at the call of the Chair there will be a Health Committee voting meeting in room 205 in the Ryan Building; at the call of the Chair.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The Health Committee will meet tomorrow at the call of the Chair in room 205, Ryan Office Building.

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative John Maher, Chairman Maher, for a committee announcement.

Mr. MAHER. Just a reminder for the members of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, we will have

a voting meeting tomorrow, 9 a.m., in B-31 of the Main Capitol. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in B-31.

Are there any other committee announcements?

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 3:30. We will begin promptly at 3:30. There will not be any extensions of caucus. We will begin promptly at 3:30.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

**HB 976, PN 4048** (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in equipment standards, further providing for unlawful activities.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 2433, PN 3565** By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating the future bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 88 over Peters Creek, Finleyville Borough, Washington County, as the John Emerick Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 2486, PN 4049** (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Keystone Tree Fund; and, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Fund.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 2547, PN 4050** (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for accidents involving certain vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 2615, PN 3943** By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook, Troy Borough, Bradford County, as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

**SB 888, PN 1998** (Amended) By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

TRANSPORTATION.

**SB 945, PN 1718** By Rep. TAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund.

TRANSPORTATION.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HR 1057, PN 4018** By Rep. TAYLOR

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study for the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a stop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania.

TRANSPORTATION.

**BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 2473, PN 4051** (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

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, for funds and for fees.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for the following: Representative Zach MAKO of Northampton County and Lehigh County for the week, and Representative Ron MARSICO of Dauphin County for the week. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for the following: Representative Kevin BOYLE of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Tina DAVIS of Bucks County for the day, Representative Brian SIMS of Philadelphia County for the day, and Representative Mike O'BRIEN of Philadelphia County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**PRESENT—194**

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

**ADDITIONS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—7**

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	

**LEAVES ADDED—1**

Tallman

The SPEAKER. There are 194 members on the House floor; the master roll has a quorum.

## CALENDAR

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 261, PN 631**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for six months limitation, for infancy, insanity or imprisonment, for no limitation applicable and for other offenses; and, in matters affecting government units, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and for exceptions to governmental immunity.

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

Mr. **MURT** offered the following amendment No. **A00697**:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by inserting after "AMENDED" and the section is amended by adding a subsection  
Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 9 and 10  
(c) Revival of claims.—Notwithstanding subsection (b) or any other provision of law, for an individual entitled to bring a civil action arising from childhood sexual abuse where the limitations period has expired, the individual shall have an additional period of two years from the effective date of this subsection to commence an action.

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

The SPEAKER. Does anybody wish to speak on amendment 697?

Representative Rozzi.

Representative Murt.

Mr. **MURT**. Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully at this time request that the amendment be withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. Please approach the rostrum.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. Amendment 697. Please read us a summary of the amendment.

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

The clerk read the following amendment No. **A00697**:

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt, on the amendment.

Mr. **MURT**. Mr. Speaker, amendment 00697 is a classic 2-year window in which civil lawsuits alleging childhood sexual abuse may be filed in court despite any otherwise applicable statute of limitations defense. I would remind everyone that this is one of the recommendations from every grand jury report that has manifested itself in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Rozzi, you are recognized. You are recognized.

Mr. **ROZZI**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We have been working hard at this issue for many, many years, Mr. Speaker. Okay? And respectfully, Tom Murt's amendment is a good amendment, but I am asking you to vote "no" because we have my amendment which takes care of the whole package here. We have been working hard with Majority Leader Dave Reed and myself on this amendment, and this is what is best for the victims of our Commonwealth.

So I am asking you to vote "no" on this amendment and stick with victims so we can get this done once and for all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS—11

Godshall	Murt	Taylor	
Grove	Quigley	Toepel	Turzai,
Harper	Stephens	White	Speaker
Hennessey			

## NAYS—183

Barbin	Dunbar	Kortz	Rader
Barrar	Dush	Krueger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Ellis	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Bernstine	Emrick	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	English	Lewis	Reed
Bloom	Evans	Longietti	Reese
Boback	Everett	Mackenzie	Roae
Bradford	Farry	Madden	Roe
Briggs	Fee	Maher	Roebuck
Brown, R.	Fitzgerald	Maloney	Rothman
Brown, V.	Flynn	Markosek	Rozzi
Bullock	Frankel	Marshall	Ryan
Burns	Freeman	Masser	Saccone
Caltagirone	Fritz	Matzie	Sainato
Carroll	Gainey	McCarter	Samuelson
Causer	Galloway	McClinton	Sankey
Cephas	Gillen	McGinnis	Santora
Charlton	Gillespie	McNeill	Saylor
Christiana	Goodman	Mehaffie	Schemel
Comitta	Greiner	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Conklin	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cook	Hahn	Metzgar	Simmons
Corbin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Corr	Harkins	Millard	Solomon
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Heffley	Milne	Sturla
Cruz	Helm	Moul	Tai

Culver	Hickernell	Mullery	Tallman
Cutler	Hill	Mustio	Thomas
Daley	Irvin	Neilson	Tobash
Davidson	James	Nelson	Toohil
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nesbit	Topper
Dawkins	Kampf	O'Neal	Vazquez
Day	Kaufner	O'Neill	Vitali
Dean	Kauffman	Oberlander	Walsh
Deasy	Kavulich	Ortitay	Ward
DeLissio	Keefer	Owlett	Warner
Delozier	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warren
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Watson
Dermody	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Wentling
Diamond	Kim	Pickett	Wheatley
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Pyle	Wheeland
Donatucci	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
Dowling	Klunk	Quinn, M.	Zimmerman
Driscoll	Knowles	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	

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

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt, you have amendment 698. Do you wish to offer that amendment?

Mr. MURT. Negative, Mr. Speaker. I would like to withdraw that amendment, please.

The SPEAKER. That amendment is withdrawn.

Representative Todd Stephens has amendment 9121. That is ruled out of order. It is a penalty amendment. It is not germane with respect to the underlying bill. That amendment is ruled out of order.

Does anybody want to make any motions with respect to the ruling on 9121?

Representative Tom Murt offers amendment 9131. Representative Murt.

Mr. MURT. Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully withdraw this amendment as well.

The SPEAKER. Representative Murt offers amendment 9133.

Mr. MURT. Again, Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully request that this amendment be withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt offers amendment 9141. That is ruled out of order as not being germane.

Does anybody wish to ask or have any motion with respect to the ruling on 9141? Okay.

The next amendments are — and then we will get to Representative Rozzi's amendment. There are three late-filed amendments: amendments 9238, 9239, and 9240 by Representative Petrarca. Those are ruled out of order as late-filed unless he wishes to move to suspend; then we would have to have a vote on suspension.

Go ahead, Representative Petrarca, on the amendments.

And I think one has been refiled as 9351. If you could tell me which one of those is, but all of them are late-filed.

**POINT OF ORDER**

The SPEAKER. Representative Petrarca.

Mr. PETRARCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Point of order?

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. PETRARCA. I had filed four amendments, two of which I plan to withdraw. The other two would amend this bill as amended, if the Rozzi amendment were to be adopted. Could my amendments be held until after that amendment is voted on, the Rozzi amendment is voted on?

The SPEAKER. Well, just tell me which ones are being withdrawn right now.

Mr. PETRARCA. Amendments 9238 and 9240.

The SPEAKER. Okay. And then is 9239 the one that you refiled?

Mr. PETRARCA. Amendment 9351 is the refile of 9238.

The SPEAKER. Well, they are ruled out of order. If you want to — I mean, we can take a motion to suspend if you want to move to suspend them now. Amendment 9239 is ruled out of order because it is late-filed.

Mr. PETRARCA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move to suspend the rules after the Rozzi amendment is voted on, if it passes.

The SPEAKER. Okay. I will take that up with the Parliamentarian.

Right now 9238 is out of order, 9240 is out of order, 9239 is out of order, and 9351 is out of order.

We have two remaining amendments. Oh, no, there are three from Representative Corr. They are late-filed. What are the numbers for those, please? Amendments 9270, 9357, and 9358 are all late-filed. They are ruled out of order.

Representative Corr.

Mr. CORR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, these late-filed amendments would retroactively open the statute of limitations in other areas of the law, both in tort law, contract law, and in other areas of law. I filed these amendments not so much for their consideration by the House, but to raise the point that if we think truly that the government has the power to retroactively strip citizens of a vested right in the statute of limitations in the area of sexual assault, then we necessarily have that right in other areas of law. And it raises the question about the power of government and does government truly, is anyone truly free from the reach of government? So that if a person is involved in an automobile accident in a personal injury matter and has a 2-year statute of limitations to bring a civil suit, after that statute of limitations period has expired, do the citizens of the Commonwealth, who might otherwise be defendants in those cases, forever wring their hands thinking that they may be exposed to litigation? Does the business who may have committed breach of contract forever have to carry on their books in perpetuity a contingent liability because government may choose to reopen the statute of limitations after that has expired?

So I recognize, Mr. Speaker, that the amendments have been late-filed. I filed them to raise those questions. And I respect the ruling of the Chair, and they are withdrawn. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. Amendments 9270, 9357, and 9358 are withdrawn.

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

Mr. **ROZZI** offered the following amendment No. **A09168**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting  
Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for six months limitation, for infancy, insanity or imprisonment, for no limitation applicable and for other offenses; and, in matters affecting government units, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and for exceptions to governmental immunity.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 20; pages 2 through 8, lines 1 through 30; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Section 5522 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
§ 5522. Six months limitation.

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(c) Exception.—This section shall not apply to any civil action or proceeding brought under section 8522(b)(10) (relating to exceptions to sovereign immunity) or 8542(b)(9) (relating to exceptions to governmental immunity).

Section 2. Section 5533(b)(2)(i) of Title 42 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
§ 5533. Infancy, insanity or imprisonment.

\* \* \*

(b) Infancy.—  
\* \* \*

(2) (i) If an individual entitled to bring a civil action arising from childhood sexual abuse is under 18 years of age at the time the cause of action accrues, the individual shall have a period of [12] 32 years after attaining 18 years of age in which to commence an action for damages regardless of whether the individual files a criminal complaint regarding the childhood sexual abuse.

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(c) Revival of claims.—Notwithstanding subsection (b) or any other provision of law, for an individual entitled to bring a civil action arising from childhood sexual abuse where the limitation period has expired, the individual shall have an additional period of two years from the effective date of this subsection to commence an action.

Section 3. Section 5551 of Title 42 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
§ 5551. No limitation applicable.

A prosecution for the following offenses may be commenced at any time:

\* \* \*

(7) An offense under any of the following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses), or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit an offense under any of the following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. if the offense results from the conspiracy or solicitation, if the victim was under 18 years of age at the time of the offense:

Section 3011(b) (relating to trafficking in individuals).

Section 3012 (relating to involuntary servitude) as it relates to sexual servitude.

Section 3121 (relating to rape).

Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault).

Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).

Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).

Section 3124.2 (relating to institutional sexual assault).

Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).

Section 4302 (relating to incest).

Section 4. Section 5552(b.1) and (c)(3) of Title 42 are amended to read:

§ 5552. Other offenses.

\* \* \*

(b.1) Major sexual offenses.—[A] Except as provided in section 5551(7) (relating to no limitation applicable), a prosecution for any of the following offenses under Title 18 must be commenced within 12 years after it is committed:

Section 3121 (relating to rape).

Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault).

Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).

Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).

Section 3124.2 (relating to institutional sexual assault).

Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).

Section 4302 (relating to incest).

Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).

(c) Exceptions.—If the period prescribed in subsection (a), (b) or (b.1) has expired, a prosecution may nevertheless be commenced for:

\* \* \*

(3) Any sexual offense committed against a minor who is less than 18 years of age any time up to the later of the period of limitation provided by law after the minor has reached 18 years of age or the date the minor reaches 50 years of age. As used in this paragraph, the term "sexual offense" means a crime under the following provisions of Title 18 (relating to crimes and offenses):

Section 3011(b) (relating to trafficking in individuals).

Section 3012 (relating to involuntary servitude) as it relates to sexual servitude.

Section 3121 (relating to rape).

Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault).

Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).

Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).

Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault.) or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit an offense under any of the following provisions of Title 18 if the offense results from the conspiracy or solicitation:

Section 3126 (relating to indecent assault).

Section 3127 (relating to indecent exposure).

[Section 4302 (relating to incest).]

Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children).

Section 6301 (relating to corruption of minors).

Section 6312(b) (relating to sexual abuse of children).

Section 6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of children).

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Section 5. Sections 8522(b) and 8542(b) of Title 42 are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

§ 8522. Exceptions to sovereign immunity.

\* \* \*

(b) Acts which may impose liability.—The following acts by a Commonwealth party may result in the imposition of liability on the Commonwealth and the defense of sovereign immunity shall not be raised to claims for damages caused by:

\* \* \*

(10) Sexual abuse.—Conduct which constitutes an offense enumerated under section 5551(7) (relating to no limitation applicable) if the injuries to the plaintiff were caused by actions or omissions of the Commonwealth party which constitute gross negligence. Sovereign immunity may be raised to the extent the

actions or omissions of the Commonwealth party constitute negligence.

§ 8542. Exceptions to governmental immunity.

\* \* \*

(b) Acts which may impose liability.—The following acts by a local agency or any of its employees may result in the imposition of liability on a local agency:

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(9) Sexual abuse.—Conduct which constitutes an offense enumerated under section 5551(7) (relating to no limitation applicable) if the injuries to the plaintiff were caused by actions or omissions of the local agency which constitute gross negligence. Governmental immunity may be raised to the extent the actions or omissions of the local agency constitute negligence.

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Section 6. Severability.

The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Section 7. This act shall apply as follows:

(1) The amendment or addition of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 5551(7) and 5552(b.1) and (c)(3) shall not be applied to revive an action which has been barred by an existing statute of limitations on the effective date of this section.

(2) The amendment or addition of the following provisions shall be applied retroactively to civil actions, including to revive an action which was barred by a statute of limitations prior to the effective date of this section:

(i) 42 Pa.C.S. § 5522(c).

(ii) 42 Pa.C.S. § 5533(c).

(iii) 42 Pa.C.S. § 8522(b)(10).

(iv) 42 Pa.C.S. § 8542(b)(9).

(3) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 5533(b)(2)(i) shall apply retroactively to civil actions where the limitation period has not expired as of the effective date of this section.

Section 8. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Rozzi.

Mr. ROZZI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for sticking with me on this and doing the right thing here today. For so many years in this Commonwealth, adults in positions of power have looked the other way and our children have continually been sexually abused.

Today we as a body have an opportunity to vote on something that is historic. After we make this vote today, these statutes should never have to be changed again. We will go from in the middle of protecting kids in the United States to the top. We will be the very best. Predators are on notice. Not here in Pennsylvania anymore, not to our children here anymore.

We have victims that have come here today to watch us put up these votes. They are up here in the gallery right now. Stand up. When I first entered this legislature, as I probably said before you before, I thought this was about me, and then I started telling my story publicly and had over 40 boys from my parochial school reach out and say that yes, Father Graff or Father Shigo also sexually abused them. And then I started hearing from all of your districts. My phone was lighting up from all of your districts with victims asking for justice. Today we have this great opportunity in front of us to protect our children. Today it is about them up

there. It is about giving them the opportunity to get justice, to heal, to move forward.

This is not a hard vote. It is not. Ask yourself one question: Do you stand with victims or do you stand with pedophiles or the institutions that protect those pedophiles? When we put up that vote today, not only are Pennsylvanians watching what we are doing, but the world is watching what we are doing. Are we going to make this right?

The grand jurors said it themselves: Give those 2 years back to these victims. Think about that. Give those 2 years back. Put yourself in any child's position. Put yourself in my position, 13 years old, getting raped in a shower by Father Graff. Do you think I am thinking about what a statute of limitations is, and then only finding I had 5 years criminally to come forward and 2 years civilly?

Legislators have failed in the past. Today we make this right. Victims have waited long enough. Let us vote this.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gene DiGirolamo.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And to my colleague on the other side of the aisle, this is the right thing to do, and I applaud you for your courage.

I am a practicing Catholic. My faith is very, very important to me. I love my church. I went through 12 years of Catholic school. All four of my children went through Catholic school – grade school and high school – and I rise today in support of the gentleman, Mr. Rozzi's amendment.

This is the Bible that was at my desk when we were sworn in this session. It is a St. Joseph Edition Bible. It is a Catholic Bible. It has the nihil obstat and the imprimatur inside, which means it complies with all the church's teachings. And I want to go to one part of my Bible, St. Matthew, chapter 18: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." St. Matthew, chapter 18.

I have a lot of forgiveness in me – I think I do – but I will tell you what, I have very little forgiveness for someone who would sexually, physically, or mentally abuse an innocent, precious child. How did we get to this point? As a Catholic, how did we get to this point? When the first grand jury report came out up in Boston in 2002, we read the report in horror, absolute horror. One priest being accused of sexual abuse would have been too many in my mind. And then we had the 2005 grand jury report in Philadelphia, and a second grand jury report in 2011. Horrific, despicable, you name it, appalling crimes, and the coverup.

One of the members of the clergy a short time ago told me, these crimes happened 40 years ago. What are we going to do now? I do not give a darn if they happened 40 years ago or 40 minutes ago, they cry out for justice on the part of these victims. One thing to me stands out, and it is crystal clear from all these grand jury reports: why did somebody not call the police? In very rare instances was law enforcement notified. Why did somebody not call the police? What does it tell you? It tells me that the hierarchy of the church and some of the clergy had some kind of an agreement, a silent, secret agreement that this is the way that they were going to handle these accusations.

Protect the institution first. Never mind the safety of our precious, innocent children. Protect the institution first. And what are the words that would come to your mind? "Collusion," "coverup," "enabling," "sacrificing our children." And who has suffered the most, Mr. Speaker? Who has suffered the most? First, the victims. It is heartbreaking. We cry out on behalf of the

victims, and they deserve to have their day in court. They deserve to face their accusers no matter, again, if it was 40 years ago or 40 minutes ago, they deserve to face their accusers in court.

But there are also other victims, other victims. I think of my pastor at my church in St. Ephrem. What a wonderful, amazing man who has dedicated his whole life to the church and to his ministry. I think of our good sisters. There has not one accusation been made against our sisters. We have had the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary down in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, whose mission was helping out the Native Americans and African-American people in this country. And how about the faithful of the church? We have had to listen and read about these terrible accusations ourselves, so we are victims ourselves.

And finally, there has been some talk about this Victim's Compensation Fund. Not now, but maybe back in 2005 if something like that was proposed, maybe that would have been accepted and worked, but it is too late. A Victim's Compensation Fund is not going to work. We need this 2-year window. And this bill I believe is going to pass today. It is going to go over to the Senate, and I am not sure if it is going to be taken up this year or not. But this window and this bill, if it does not pass this year, eventually is going to pass. If it does not pass this year, it is going to pass next year.

It is time for my church to accept responsibility for their actions. It is time for healing for the church to start taking place and the healing will not start until they accept responsibility. It might be the only way for them to accept this bill and this window. It might be the only way for the healing to begin.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is better to have a millstone hung around their neck and be drowned in the bottom of the ocean. I ask for an affirmative vote on this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Todd Stephens.

Mr. STEPHENS. How are you doing?

The SPEAKER. We do not have anybody else who is listed to be speaking. Representative Dean. The only two speakers we had were Representative Rozzi and Representative DiGirolamo, but you certainly are recognized.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, Mr. Speaker, first of all, I applaud the maker of this amendment and the work that he has done on this issue, and I was proud to support his efforts in the past and I will continue to support his efforts in delivering justice for victims of these terrible crimes.

But the one reservation I do have I hope we can correct at some point through this process. The bill as it stands before amended does not limit damages for liability for governmental entities. So, you know, those children that are abused in a public school setting I believe deserve the exact same treatment and have the exact same rights to seek justice for the atrocities that happened to them as those that may have been abused in a private school setting or with some other private organization, and I am concerned about the provisions in this amendment that go ahead and put those caps back on and limit the damages as it relates to governmental entities. I think if they committed the same atrocities that the private entities in the news right now committed, they need to be held accountable and those victims need to be made whole as well.

But I will support the amendment, and I hope that through the process, we can go ahead and eliminate those caps and ensure that all the children of Pennsylvania, no matter whom their abuser

is or which organization is responsible for it, can be held accountable.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Stephens.

Representative Dean.

Mrs. DEAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in awe, actually, of my colleague who offers this amendment. The courage that you have shown, the tenacity you have shown on behalf of the victims you have known, those who have died unnecessarily from the torture and the torment that was theirs. I am in awe of your courage, in awe of your work. I stand with you.

I, too, am a practicing Catholic, and I think "practicing" is an interesting word, because maybe I will never get it right. But it is time that we shine a bright light on this issue. It is beyond time. We have had the Philadelphia grand jury reports. We had the Altoona-Johnstown report, and now the Pennsylvania report. So to the victims, I hope that we swiftly pass this and that the Senate swiftly passes this and that the Governor swiftly, I know, will sign this to shine a light, to open the door for 2 years for the victims to come forward.

A couple things stuck with me as I have listened sometimes to people retell their story with such courage, and one victim said, "This act is actually a murder of the soul. How could there be a statute of limitations on the murder of a child's soul?" I share that belief, and I, too, believe that the way for the church to move forward is to actually make sure they address this, come to terms with it, shine a bright light on it, seek justice for these victims. If our faith does not teach us that, what does it teach us? Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me...." With this legislation, we will be acting in a faith-filled way to let the little children come forward and seek justice.

So I stand with my colleague, Mr. Rozzi, and I applaud his courage and commitment.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized? Representative Michael Corr.

Mr. CORR. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Berks County for the introduction of the amendment, and I am highly sensitive to this issue. It is one that I think all of us are moved by, the amendment itself and the stories that we have heard. I am equally sensitive to my oath of office that requires that we uphold the Constitution. And under Article I, section 11, of the Constitution, known as the remedies clause, I believe that the amendment that provides a retroactive application of the statute of limitations is unconstitutional.

Citizens in the Commonwealth have a right to assert defenses in a court of law in civil litigation, and what this amendment would do would strip them of that right, and I simply do not believe, under the Constitution, that this government has the power to take away that vested right. I believe that each branch of government has an obligation – not merely a right, but a duty – to express an opinion on the constitutionality of every piece of legislation that comes before it. That is why our oath of office says that we shall uphold the Constitution, not uphold the Constitution as the courts have interpreted it – although in this case, there is ample body of law to suggest that the amendment, unfortunately, is unconstitutional – but to uphold the Constitution as a separate, coordinate, coequal branch of government. And to suggest, as has been suggested, that the constitutionality of this amendment is somehow the exclusive purview of the courts

denies the right and the duty of each of us in accordance with our solemn oath to make an independent decision as to the constitutionality of the piece of legislation. That line of reasoning necessarily suggests that the scope of the Governor's veto power is limited to policy considerations only. I submit that the Governor can veto a bill on grounds that it is unconstitutional even where he agrees with the underlying policy aims and even where the courts have given every indication that such a bill might be constitutional.

A few moments ago I reviewed some late-filed amendments that I had proposed, not with any expectation that they would be subject to a vote, but to demonstrate and raise a question. What is the limit of the power of government? These people that committed these unspeakable acts are unlikeable, but I just do not believe that we have authority to take from some citizens, simply because they are unlikeable, these rights under law that they have.

And in accordance with the solemn oath that I took at the outset of this session, I am therefore unable to support the amendment, as much as I would like to, and I will be voting "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Corr, are you making a motion? And I apologize, I just was not—

Mr. CORR. No, Mr. Speaker, I have decided not to make the motion.

The SPEAKER. Okay.

Mr. CORR. I think that if people want to discuss the constitutionality of the amendment, they are free to do so.

The SPEAKER. Correct. Yes, thank you.

These are the speakers I now have: Representative Kathy Watson will be followed by Representative Pam DeLissio, who will be followed by Representative Frank Ryan, who will be followed by Representative Bryan Barbin.

We will begin with Representative Kathy Watson.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I will be brief.

Mr. Speaker, you have heard a lot today. You have been talked to in terms of constitutionality. You have been talked to in terms of your emotions. You have certainly been appealed to about the importance and the respect deserved to the victims who are watching.

I would like to ask you to do something in a quiet moment, and simply the way I have learned myself as chairman of the House Children and Youth Committee to do, because I had a wonderful mentor, someone back in Bucks County, who first gave me the comment, and I have thought about it and I have used it as if it is a pair of glasses to put on every time I look at the issues.

Mr. Speaker, this is not for the convenience of adults. It is — whatever you do — for the protection and the safety of children. If that is your prism, if that is your measure, you will be surprised how easy some decisions can be. And I would ask you to consider that, not for the convenience of adults but for the protection and the safety of children — that would be all children, regardless of the institution. I am not getting into any of that. I am simply suggesting a very simple way to look at issues that come before us, to look at the laws we have, and I know I will be long gone, but to continue to use that prism and those of you who are staying to make decisions. I think you would find we would have a better Commonwealth, and indeed, it would be common wealth, the good for the good of all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Pam DeLissio. Waives off.  
Representative Frank Ryan.

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

First of all, to the distinguished gentleman from Berks County, I cannot say how unbelievably sorry I am that you have been through what you have been through, and to the victims up above as well.

I do not know quite how to say this or quite how to do it, but the despicability of doing anything that would abuse a child is incomprehensible to me. For those of you who do not know me, I walked across the United States 4 years ago to raise awareness of the needs of children who have emotional and behavioral problems and have been abused. But what you need to be aware of is that it initially started out as a walk of atonement and as a walk of gratitude. The walk of atonement was I said, if there is anyone in my life that I ever hurt, I asked that they would forgive me. If there is any person that I have ever disappointed, if they would pray for me, and if there is any person that I have ever helped, if they would help another.

And the walk of gratitude was because I came from a very poor family. My dad died when I was very young, and I did not have the misfortunate experiences that you did and I cannot conceivably imagine again what you have been through. And yet I saw a little boy that was in our charge who was horribly abused. He was left for dead and survived. We took care of him, and he and I were talking, because I was chairman of the board and I had a chance to meet with him, and I saw the spirit in his soul that came back, although horribly injured, and then I realized that I actually came from the wealthiest family in the United States, that we just did not have any money. But as I saw this, and what you need to be aware of is that I was an incredibly bitter person, and that walk was really designed to protect me, and I will go to the grave with what those issues are, and I am okay with that. As that walk happened and you saw what occurred, you appreciate that until you can heal from within and through the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for me and my faith, can that healing take place. And I pray — and I hope this does not fall on deaf ears — I pray for you every day. I really do, and for all the victims.

What I do not understand is, in my lifetime I have seen so many people hurt by government. I have seen people, and we sometimes — I have been here 21 months. I have seen Marines die because of the ineffectiveness of government. I have seen an improvised explosive defeat task force that took decades to do, while my Marines were dying in combat because of bureaucratic inertia.

The problem I have with the bill, the amendment, is strictly the fact that we are exonerating us from it. Are we not held to the same standard? Do I not tell the young Marine's family when I made the casualty call to tell a 5-year-old that your father is dead, do I not have that same right and responsibility to demand a view that we act and hold ourselves to the same standards that we should hold these priests to and we need to? We need to make sure of all victims.

Today it is almost prophetic that the Senate is working on a version of a correction of a bill that passed here just 18 months ago. Do we have to wait that much longer? Why not hold government to the same standard? I have in my own district multitudes of teachers and family members of students who have been abused, but they are now going to be told that the victimization of you is not as important. I cannot fathom that. If we find a bad bill, we decide to exempt ourselves from it? That is not the kind of leadership I was taught in the Marine Corps. What I was taught in the Marine Corps is that you set the

standards, you live up to them, and they become the standards for us and others to emulate.

In no way, shape, or form should those priests be let off the hook. They need to be held accountable. The victims need justice. The victims of all child pedophilia need to be held to the same standard. I remember at Good Shepherd sitting in courtrooms where a child was trafficked into prostitution by his parents for drug money and the judge and social services turned the child back over to the parents. Really? Where are we in this process? All children deserve justice. All children deserve to be protected. All children deserve to be nurtured. We are better than that, and stop exempting us from the very laws that we are designed to fix. Let us have equal protection for all citizens, not just some. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bryan Barbin.  
Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to point out an argument made by the gentleman from Montgomery County a couple speakers ago. There is a right of the legislature to determine what remedy will be provided and under what terms. It is Article I, section 12, of the Pennsylvania Constitution. That is the power that gives this Assembly the right to decide whether we will have a civil remedy which includes a window to help prior victims. So we have that right. And the other right that we have always had in the 335 years since this started was that we shall be governed by laws of our own making and live free, 13 words that basically said Pennsylvania, starting with the House – because that is who was here when they got that power from Penn – you always have the right to correct the problem. This bill corrects the problem.

It is constitutional under our current provision, Article I, section 12, just like the environmental right was decided by the Supreme Court under Article I, section 27. We have these as enumerated rights. They come first in our Constitution and they cannot be overcome by other cases and other provisions that are conflicting.

So I just want to add my voice. This is an appropriate legislative response to the problem. I commend the maker of the amendment, and I will be voting for the bill and the amendment.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to speak?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—171

Barbin	Ellis	Knowles	Rapp
Barrar	Emrick	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	English	Krueger	Readshaw
Bernstine	Evans	Kulik	Reed
Bizzarro	Everett	Lawrence	Reese
Bloom	Farry	Lewis	Roe
Boback	Fee	Longietti	Roebuck
Bradford	Fitzgerald	Mackenzie	Rothman
Briggs	Flynn	Madden	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Frankel	Maloney	Saccone
Brown, V.	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Bullock	Fritz	Marshall	Samuelson
Burns	Gainey	Masser	Sankey
Caltagirone	Galloway	Matzie	Santora
Carroll	Gillen	McCarter	Saylor
Causser	Gillespie	McClinton	Schlossberg
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Schweyer

Charlton	Greiner	Mehaffie	Simmons
Christiana	Haggerty	Mentzer	Snyder
Comitta	Hahn	Metzgar	Solomon
Conklin	Hanna	Miccarelli	Sonney
Cook	Harkins	Millard	Stephens
Corbin	Harper	Miller, D.	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harris, A.	Milne	Tai
Costa, P.	Harris, J.	Moul	Taylor
Cox	Heffley	Mullery	Thomas
Cruz	Helm	Murt	Tobash
Culver	Hennessey	Neilson	Toepel
Daley	Hickernell	Nesbit	Toohil
Davidson	Hill	O'Neal	Topper
Davis, A.	Irvin	O'Neill	Vazquez
Dawkins	James	Ortitay	Walsh
Day	Jozwiak	Owlett	Warner
Dean	Kampf	Pashinski	Warren
Deasy	Kaufer	Peifer	Watson
DeLissio	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wentling
DeLozier	Kavulich	Pickett	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Pyle	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	White
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Quinn, C.	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kim	Quinn, M.	
Dowling	Kinsey	Rabb	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kirkland	Rader	Speaker
Dunbar			

NAYS—23

Corr	Keefer	Mustio	Staats
Cutler	Klunk	Nelson	Tallman
Diamond	Maher	Oberlander	Vitali
Dush	McGinnis	Roae	Ward
Godshall	Metcalfe	Ryan	Zimmerman
Grove	Miller, B.	Schemel	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	

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

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

The SPEAKER. We will be calling up Representative Schemel's amendment in just a minute, but Representative Petrarca at this time I think has some motions with respect to amendment 9238 and amendment 9351. Both of these amendments are not timely filed. They would require a motion to suspend.

But the clerk is going to read us amendment 9238 first. Sir, please strike that. The Parliamentarian has indicated— On my list, 9238 was the one that the gentleman wanted to call up; that was circled, but my understanding is it is 9239. I apologize, Representative Petrarca, 9239. Please read a summary of 9239.

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

Mr. PETRARCA offered the following amendment No. A09239:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9 (A09168), by striking out "and" and inserting , for limitations on damages, Amend Bill, page 1, line 9 (A09168), by inserting after "immunity" and for limitations on damages Amend Bill, page 3, line 37 (A09168), by striking out "Sections" and inserting Section Amend Bill, page 3, line 37 (A09168), by striking out "and 8542(b)" Amend Bill, page 3, line 37 (A09168), by striking out "are" and inserting is Amend Bill, page 3, line 38 (A09168), by striking out "paragraphs" and inserting a paragraph Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 1 and 2 (A09168) Section 6. Section 8528 of Title 42 is amended by adding a subsection to read: § 8528. Limitations on damages. \* \* \*

(d) Exclusions.—This section shall not apply to damages awarded under section 8522(b)(10) (relating to exceptions to sovereign immunity). Section 7. Section 8542(b) of Title 42 is amended by adding a paragraph to read: Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 15 and 16 (A09168) Section 8. Section 8553 of Title 42 is amended by adding a subsection to read: § 8553. Limitations on damages. \* \* \*

(e) Exclusions.—This section shall not apply to damages awarded under section 8542(b)(9) (relating to exceptions to governmental immunity). Amend Bill, page 4, line 16 (A09168), by striking out "6" and inserting 9 Amend Bill, page 4, line 21 (A09168), by striking out "7" and inserting 10 Amend Bill, page 4, line 38 (A09168), by striking out "8" and inserting 11

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

The SPEAKER. My understanding is, the original bill had this. The amendment that we just passed put the cap back in, and Representative Petrarca's amendment would go back essentially to the way the original one, the original bill was, which does not have a cap.

Representative Petrarca, you have a motion in front of us.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. PETRARCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do make a motion to suspend the rules to offer this amendment, which would remove caps on public or governmental entities for incidents of child sexual abuse.

In the Judiciary Committee, we did a lot of work on these bills and we voted to make an even playing field for children who are abused in a public entity and/or a private entity. You know, with the Rozzi amendment, we are going to give victims their day in court. To me it would make sense that to deny them full recovery by a cap on damages just does not make sense.

We can certainly debate the grand jury report if we thought it was well done or not well done. We can certainly debate our thoughts on whether or not this is about the Catholic Church only. In my opinion, this is much bigger than the Catholic Church. I certainly feel terrible about what happened to my colleague, Representative Rozzi, and I feel bad for all victims. I think, again, I think the Catholic Church has done a lot since the early 2000s to make amends for what has happened; however, I do think that what has happened in the past in that church is certainly terribly, terribly wrong.

Again, what this amendment does, simply does, is it removes the caps for public or governmental entities and puts everyone on the same playing field, exactly what Representative Stephens talked about a few moments earlier and exactly what we did in the House Judiciary Committee earlier this year. I ask you for an affirmative vote to suspend the rules.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Rozzi, on the motion to suspend.

Mr. ROZZI. I just want to let the members know that I am opposed to this amendment. So I am asking for a "no" vote to suspend the rules. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—47

Table with 4 columns of names: Bloom, Charlton, Christiana, Corbin, Cutler, Day, Dowling, Dunbar, Dush, English, Gillen, Hanna, Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, James, Jozwiak, Kauffman, Keller, F., Knowles, Longietti, Maher, Maloney, McGinnis, Metzgar, Miccarelli, Miller, B., Mustio, Nelson, Petrarca, Quigley, Quinn, C., Reese, Roae, Roe, Rothman, Ryan, Santora, Schemel, Stephens, Taylor, Tobash, Walsh, Ward, Warner, White, Turzai, Speaker

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Table with 4 columns of names: Barbin, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bernstine, Bizzarro, Boback, Bradford, Briggs, Brown, R., Brown, V., Bullock, Donatucci, Driscoll, Ellis, Emrick, Evans, Everett, Farry, Fee, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Frankel, Kirkland, Klunk, Kortz, Krueger, Kulik, Lawrence, Lewis, Mackenzie, Madden, Markosek, Marshall, Rabb, Rader, Rapp, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Reed, Roebuck, Rozzi, Saccone, Sainato, Samuelson

Burns	Freeman	Masser	Sankey
Caltagirone	Fritz	Matzie	Saylor
Carroll	Gainey	McCarter	Schlossberg
Causar	Galloway	McClinton	Schweyer
Cephas	Gillespie	McNeill	Simmons
Comitta	Godshall	Mehaffie	Snyder
Conklin	Goodman	Mentzer	Solomon
Cook	Greiner	Metcalf	Sonney
Corr	Grove	Millard	Staats
Costa, D.	Haggerty	Miller, D.	Sturla
Costa, P.	Hahn	Milne	Tai
Cox	Harkins	Moul	Tallman
Cruz	Harper	Mullery	Thomas
Culver	Harris, A.	Murt	Toepel
Daley	Harris, J.	Neilson	Toohil
Davidson	Hickernell	Nesbit	Topper
Davis, A.	Hill	O'Neal	Vazquez
Dawkins	Irvin	O'Neill	Vitali
Dean	Kampf	Oberlander	Warren
Deasy	Kaufert	Ortitay	Watson
DeLissio	Kavulich	Owlett	Wentling
Delozier	Keefer	Pashinski	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wheeland
Dermody	Keller, W.	Pickett	Youngblood
Diamond	Kim	Pyle	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Quinn, M.	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Mr. **PETRARCA** offered the following amendment No. **A09351**:

- Amend Bill, page 3, line 50 (A09168), by striking out "gross"
- Amend Bill, page 3, lines 50 and 51; page 4, line 1 (A09168), by striking out "Sovereign immunity may be raised" in line 50 and all of line 51 on page 3 and all of line 1 on page 4
- Amend Bill, page 4, line 12 (A09168), by striking out "gross"
- Amend Bill, page 4, lines 12 through 14 (A09168), by striking out "Governmental immunity may be raised to the" in line 12 and all of lines 13 and 14

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. Again, my understanding is that the original bill that was before us today would have been a regular negligence standard. The **Rozzi** amendment changed that to gross negligence with respect to governmental entities, and Representative **Petrarca's** amendment takes it back to regular negligence.

It is a late-filed amendment, so we would have to have a motion to suspend. You may proceed with your motion.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES**

Mr. **PETRARCA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do make a motion to suspend the rules to offer amendment 9351. This is, as I said earlier, also to make us in Pennsylvania have a level playing field. This relates to the standard of negligence. What we did in the House Judiciary Committee is, once again, we put everyone on an even playing field and said that to find against a private entity or public entity, you merely need negligence, not gross negligence. The **Rozzi** amendment that passed says to find someone for an act of child molestation in a private institution, you must merely find negligence, but if it is a public institution, it has to be gross negligence. I think that is certainly unfair. It is uneven. And as we all see what happens in the news today in some of our public institutions, in some of our schools, I see many more instances of child abuse and predatory behavior in public institutions as of late than I do in private institutions.

Again, this is an amendment of equity. To me, it makes sense to have the same standard. It should not be more difficult for someone to be found negligent in a public institution than a private institution. The bottom line to me is that it does not matter where a child is molested, it should be the same standard, and this makes it more difficult for those to recover in a public setting.

I ask for your affirmative vote to suspend the rules.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The **SPEAKER**. Representative **Rozzi**, on the motion.

Mr. **ROZZI**. Members, respectfully, I want you to oppose the suspension of the rules; oppose the suspension. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—48

Bloom	Godshall	Metzgar	Roe
Causar	Hanna	Miccarelli	Ryan
Charlton	Heffley	Miller, B.	Santora
Corbin	Helm	Milne	Schemel
Cutler	Hennessey	Mustio	Stephens
Day	James	Nelson	Taylor
Dowling	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Walsh
Dunbar	Kauffman	Petrarca	Warner
Dush	Keller, F.	Quigley	White
English	Knowles	Quinn, C.	
Everett	Maher	Reese	Turzai,
Galloway	Markosek	Roae	Speaker
Gillen	McGinnis		

NAYS—145

Barbin	Donatucci	Kortz	Rapp
Barrar	Driscoll	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw
Bernstine	Emrick	Lawrence	Reed
Bizzarro	Evans	Lewis	Roebuck
Boback	Farry	Longietti	Rothman
Bradford	Fee	Mackenzie	Rozzi
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Madden	Saccone

Brown, R.	Flynn	Maloney	Sainato
Brown, V.	Frankel	Marshall	Samuelson
Bullock	Freeman	Masser	Sankey
Burns	Fritz	Matzie	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gainey	McCarter	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gillespie	McClinton	Schweyer
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Simmons
Christiana	Greiner	Mehaffie	Snyder
Comitta	Grove	Mentzer	Solomon
Conklin	Haggerty	Metcalfe	Sonney
Cook	Hahn	Millard	Staats
Corr	Harkins	Miller, D.	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harper	Moul	Tai
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Mullery	Tallman
Cox	Harris, J.	Murt	Thomas
Cruz	Hickernell	Neilson	Tobash
Culver	Hill	Nesbit	Toepel
Daley	Irvin	O'Neal	Toohil
Davidson	Kampf	Oberlander	Topper
Davis, A.	Kaufert	Ortitay	Vazquez
Dawkins	Kavulich	Owlett	Vitali
Dean	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Deasy	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Watson
DeLissio	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wentling
Delozier	Kim	Pyle	Wheatley
DeLuca	Kinsey	Quinn, M.	Wheeland
Dermody	Kirkland	Rabb	Youngblood
Diamond	Klunk	Rader	Zimmerman
DiGirolamo			

NOT VOTING—1

Ward

EXCUSED—7

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Mr. **SCHEMEL** offered the following amendment No. **A09177**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Truth and Restoration Commission and the Truth and Restoration Fund and providing for duties, participation, immunity and barred claims.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 20; pages 2 through 8, lines 1 through 30; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Title 44 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

PART V  
JUSTICE

Chapter

101. Truth and Restoration

CHAPTER 101

TRUTH AND RESTORATION

Subchapter

A. Preliminary Provisions

B. Administration

C. Program

D. Miscellaneous Provisions

SUBCHAPTER A

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Sec.

10101. Scope of chapter.

10102. Definitions.

§ 10101. Scope of chapter.

This chapter relates to truth and restoration.

§ 10102. Definitions.

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

"Barred claim." A civil action arising from child sexual abuse which is statutorily barred prior to the effective date of this section.

"Child sexual abuse." The term shall have the same meaning as "sexual abuse or exploitation" in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6303 (relating to definitions).

"Commission." The Truth and Restoration Commission established under section 10111(a) (relating to Truth and Restoration Commission).

"Fund." The Truth and Restoration Fund established under section 10115(a) (relating to Truth and Restoration Fund).

"Institution." As follows:

(1) Any of the following:

(i) A corporation, partnership, limited liability company, business trust or other association.

(ii) A government entity.

(iii) An estate, trust or foundation.

(2) The term does not include a natural person.

"Participating institution." An institution which is identified by the commission under section 10121(a)(2) (relating to participating institutions).

"Victim." An individual:

(1) with a credible accusation of child sexual abuse;

(2) whose abusers were concealed by a participating institution; and

(3) who may not bring a barred claim.

SUBCHAPTER B

ADMINISTRATION

Sec.

10111. Truth and Restoration Commission.

10112. Operation.

10113. Functions.

10114. Administrative Agency Law.

10115. Truth and Restoration Fund.

§ 10111. Truth and Restoration Commission.

(a) Establishment.—The Truth and Restoration Commission is established as an independent commission.

(b) Composition.—The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) Three members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Two members appointed by the Senate.

(3) Two members appointed by the House of

Representatives.

(c) Terms.—A commissioner shall serve a five-year term and may serve for an additional consecutive five-year term at the discretion of the appointing authority.

(d) Professions.—Membership of the commission shall include at least one individual from each of the following professions:

(1) A licensed attorney.

(2) A certified public accountant.

(3) A licensed psychologist.

(e) Geographic diversity.—Each appointing authority may consider the geographic diversity of the Commonwealth when making appointments so as to compose a commission representative of rural and urban areas as well as various regions of this Commonwealth.

(f) Compensation.—A commissioner shall be uncompensated but

shall receive reimbursement for actual expenses and mileage.

(g) Vacancy.—If a vacancy on the commission occurs at the end of a member's term, a member's resignation or the death of a member, the appointing authority which appointed the departing member shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

§ 10112. Operation.

(a) Meetings.—The commission shall be subject to 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings), except that 65 Pa.C.S. § 707(b) and (c) (relating to exceptions to open meetings) shall not apply. The commission may hold an executive session under 65 Pa.C.S. § 708(a)(5) (relating to executive sessions) for sensitive material.

(b) Quorum.—A quorum shall consist of four members.

(c) Staff.—The commission shall hire or contract for a staff of investigators, attorneys, support staff and an executive director as reasonably necessary to conduct the efficient work of the commission.

(d) Chairperson.—The members shall annually select a chairperson from among the members of the commission, who shall chair meetings of the commission, establish the commission's meeting agenda and ensure the efficient work of the commission.

§ 10113. Functions.

(a) Primary objective.—The primary objective of the commission shall be to reveal the:

(1) extent of child sexual abuse involving barred claims which has occurred within each participating institution and the degree to which the child sexual abuse involving barred claims has been concealed within the participating institution; and

(2) participating institution's compliance with current laws relating to the protection of minors within the participating institution.

(b) Secondary objective.—The secondary objective of the commission shall be to establish a procedure by which a victim shall be equitably compensated by the fund.

(c) Report.—

(1) The commission shall annually release a public report listing each participating institution and the names of identified alleged offenders, including child sexual offenders and individuals who intentionally enabled the concealment or reassignment of a child sexual offender, and the specific offenses committed. Reports of credible abuse may be released to the public if the victim authorizes the release.

(2) The commission shall verify and acknowledge changes in the operations within a participating institution which are designed to comply with current laws and ensure the safety of children. The commission may include its own commentary as to the effectiveness of the changes.

(3) On or before January 31 of each year, the commission shall report to the General Assembly on the commission's work from the previous year and the commission's anticipated work in the following year. The commission shall answer questions from the General Assembly concerning the work of the commission as necessary for the General Assembly to evaluate the budget needs of the commission.

(d) Notice.—The commission shall transmit notice of completion of the transfer under section 10115(g) (relating to Truth and Restoration Fund) to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(e) Implementation and administration.—The commission shall implement and administer Subchapter C (relating to program). This subsection includes rulemaking authority.

(f) Requirements prohibited.—The commission may not:

(1) require a participating institution to do anything except as provided under this chapter, such as demanding a change in a participating institution's structure or beliefs; or

(2) issue a recommendation to do anything prohibited under paragraph (1).

(g) Contribution.—The commission shall create formulas under section 10115(d) and (e) to determine the contribution from each participating institution to the fund and the amount of compensation to

victims from the fund.

§ 10114. Administrative Agency Law.

The commission shall be subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Chs. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).

§ 10115. Truth and Restoration Fund.

(a) Establishment.—The Truth and Restoration Fund is established in the State Treasury.

(b) Sources.—Sources of the fund shall be:

(1) For the first year, equal contributions transferred from the budgets of the General Assembly, judiciary and Attorney General. Amounts transferred under this paragraph are for the purposes of administration only and may not be used to compensate victims under section 10123 (relating to compensation of victims).

(2) Beginning in the second year and each year thereafter, appropriations, not to exceed 10% of the amount of the money in the fund, until the fund has adequate money to fund the work of the commission. Amounts appropriated under this paragraph are for the purposes of administration only and may not be used to compensate victims under section 10123.

(3) Contributions under this subchapter.

(4) Return on money in the fund.

(c) Purpose.—Money in the fund shall be used for:

(1) compensating victims; and

(2) administration as provided under subsection (b)(1)

and (2).

(d) Formula for contribution from each participating institution.—

(1) The commission shall create a formula which shall be used to determine the contribution required from each participating institution.

(2) The formula shall do all of the following:

(i) Be uniformly applied.

(ii) Take into consideration the extent of the abuse which the participating institution concealed, the duration of the concealment and the nature of the instances of abuse.

(iii) Take into consideration the financial condition of the participating institution.

(3) The formula should do all of the following:

(i) Account for the degree to which a participating institution is related to the abuse and concealment, such as the case of a merged entity if the surviving entity represents more than just the entity where the abuse occurred.

(ii) Be designed primarily as a means of compensation for victims, except that the formula shall also serve a lesser punitive function. Notwithstanding the punitive function, the formula should not be designed so as to force a participating institution into bankruptcy or to unduly impede a participating institution's religious, educational or charitable endeavors.

(e) Formula for amount of compensation to victims.—

(1) The commission shall create a formula which shall be used to determine the amount of compensation paid to each victim.

(2) The formula shall consider the nature and extent of the abuse suffered, as confirmed by the commission, any prior award or settlement which the victim may have already received on the same claim, the total number of victims claiming compensation and the balance of the available money within the fund.

(3) When calculating the compensation payments to victims, the commission should anticipate the near depletion of the fund.

(f) Expenses.—Expenses for the operation of the commission shall be paid from the fund.

(g) Balance.—Any balance remaining in the fund after all

compensation payments are made and expenses of the commission are finalized shall be transferred to the Department of Human Services to fund child protective services under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to child protective services).

(h) Waste.—The commission should prevent the waste of the fund by mismanagement and excessive expenses.

#### SUBCHAPTER C PROGRAM

Sec.

10121. Participating institutions.

10122. Investigations.

10123. Compensation of victims.

10124. Barred claims.

10125. Immunity.

§ 10121. Participating institutions.

(a) Participation.—

(1) An institution which reasonably believes that the institution has employed, managed, directed, certified or aided an individual which may have committed an act of child sexual abuse may participate in the work of the commission.

(2) To become a participating institution, the governing body of the institution must send a written notice to the commission so that the commission receives the notice before January 1, 2020. Upon receipt of the written notice, the commission shall submit a notice identifying the institution as a participating institution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(b) Continuation.—

(1) To continue to be considered a participating institution, a participating institution must comply with each reasonable request, subpoena and other demand for information or other participation as reasonably required by the commission.

(2) If a participating institution does not comply under paragraph (1), the commission shall give the participating institution written notice detailing the noncompliance.

(3) If noncompliance is not remedied within three months of receipt of the notice under paragraph (2), the commission may eliminate the institution as a participating institution. The commission shall submit a notice eliminating the institution as a participating institution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The commission may not engage in punitive or disciplinary conduct other than the elimination of the institution as a participating institution or, for participating institutions, the assessment of a contribution to the fund.

(c) Appeal.—A participating institution may appeal each decision or demand of the commission to Commonwealth Court, which shall be the final arbiter of the matter.

(d) Withdrawal.—After December 31, 2019, a participating institution may not withdraw from participation without the written approval of the commission. If a participating institution has withdrawn, the institution may participate once again at any time prior to January 1, 2020.

(e) Contributions.—Contributions to the fund shall be mandatory for participation. The commission may enforce payment as a judgment lien against the participating institution. The commission shall allow a participating institution to make contributions over a five-year period, with interest at the legal rate. The commission may adjust a contribution amount based on reasonable factors, such as a significant and unanticipated decline in the financial resources of a participating institution.

§ 10122. Investigations.

(a) Degree of culpability.—The commission shall evaluate the degree of culpability for each participating institution for concealing child sexual abuse. The commission shall consider the extent of the abuse, the number and nature of the positions of individuals within the participating institution who knew of the abuse and the length of time over which the abuse and concealment occurred.

(b) Testimony.—

(1) The commission shall, under oath, hear the testimony of victims, representatives and staff from a participating institution, accused individuals and other individuals who may have evidence pertinent to the work of the commission.

(2) The commission may compel testimony and other evidence through subpoena and may administer an oath to an individual who offers the evidence. Commission staff may follow leads and solicit unsworn testimony as necessary to aid the commission in the commission's investigation and analysis.

(c) Jurisdiction.—The commission may petition Commonwealth Court to enforce a subpoena or oath under this chapter.

(d) Reporting of crime.—The commission or commission staff shall report to law enforcement any information obtained through the commission's work which may be evidence of a reportable crime.

(e) Authority.—The commission may not obtain a search warrant. Commission staff may inspect files and other evidence in the possession of a participating institution with the cooperation of the participating institution.

(f) Favoritism.—The commission shall critically evaluate accusations and defenses so that no party is favored.

§ 10123. Compensation of victims.

The following shall apply:

(1) The commission shall receive requests for compensation from victims and shall make reasonable efforts to contact possible victims who may be identified through the work of the commission.

(2) To qualify for compensation, a victim must request compensation through the commission and be alive at the time that compensation payments are paid from the fund.

(3) A request for compensation must be made to the commission no later than December 31, 2023.

(4) Payments for compensation shall be made after the expiration of the five-year contribution period under section 10121(e) (relating to participating institutions).

(5) To receive a payment, a victim must sign a release of all claims arising out of the incident for which the victim receives compensation.

§ 10124. Barred claims.

(a) Change.—A participating institution shall not be subject to a barred claim as a result of a statutory change relating to child sexual abuse, including a civil time period which may be created by a constitutional amendment or otherwise.

(b) Tolling.—A tolling of a statute of limitations or a statute of repose based on a legal theory shall not apply to a barred claim against a participating institution.

(c) Applicability.—A statute of limitations or a statute of repose for a barred claim in effect on the effective date of this section shall continue to apply to participating institutions.

§ 10125. Immunity.

(a) Sovereign immunity.—An institution as defined in paragraph (1)(ii) of the definition of "institution" in section 10102 (relating to definitions) is entitled to sovereign immunity under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 85 Subchs. B (relating to actions against Commonwealth parties) and C (relating to actions against local parties).

(b) Participating institutions.—Each individual and participating institution providing evidence, truthful to the best knowledge of the testifier, to the commission shall be immune from the civil claim of a party who may claim to be harmed by the testimony.

(c) Commission.—The commission, members of the commission and commission staff shall be immune from the civil claim of a party who may claim to be harmed if the commission, members of the commission and commission staff are acting in good faith and within the mandate of the commission.

#### SUBCHAPTER D MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec.

10131. Expiration.

§ 10131. Expiration.

This chapter shall expire on the date of the publication of the notice under section 10113(d) (relating to functions).

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Schemel, the floor is yours, sir.

Mr. SCHEMEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in the recently released grand jury report, there are a couple of takeaways that I have. First, in the recommendations, the grand jury says that people need to be heard, people want their voices to be heard, and they want their stories to be told. And they say, in regard to justice for past offenses, that in our American system, the only means of getting justice is to sue. Now, the grand jury were not policymakers. They are not legislators. The Attorney General is not a legislator, but we are legislators. We can think differently or more creatively about a solution than they were afforded the ability to do so.

So I thought to myself – and as an attorney, I know what is involved in lawsuit – and I thought to myself, what is in store for victims? Victims of the Catholic Church will have an easy time – they have in other States where they have lifted the statute of limitations for a period – because there will be ample number of attorneys that circulate 1-800 numbers and offer opportunities to sue. But victims of smaller institutions, particularly institutions that do not have much in the way of assets, will be in a different boat entirely. They will be forced to actually pay their attorney to bring a lawsuit. If we think through what has brought victims to the floor in the grand jury, there have been three grand jury reports covering a total of 6 months. The Attorney General reports that over 50 attorneys were involved in the investigation. There was significant media coverage. The FBI assisted. That is an effort unlike any we have seen, and it has uncovered a significant amount of abuse.

But when we look at the data, we see that there is abuse in other institutions as well. The 2004 report of the United States Department of Education indicated the same level of abuse, the same nature of abuse and coverup and concealment occurs in our nation's public schools. We know from victim advocates that abuse occurs in small institutions and large. It occurs in churches, in synagogues, and in youth organizations, but we see justice as very uneven when we resolve only to allow the civil courts to address this abuse.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is why I propose something different. I propose a commission that would be independent. The people – or I should say not persons, but institutions – that desire to participate would cooperate fully with the work of the commission. The victims would have the ability to have their voices heard, whether those institutions that concealed their abuse were large or small, rich or poor, that those institutions would then be mandated to provide a contribution. It would be financial. It would be based upon the number of the victims, the nature of abuse, and the length of time the people were concealed in that abuse, that there would be a punitive element to that, and that therefore that would encourage – not encourage, but mandate – the contributions into a fund, and that therefore victims would be compensated out of the fund regardless of whether the institution that concealed their perpetrator was large or small, rich or poor.

Mr. Speaker, I know that this is a complex proposal, but it is a different proposal, and one that gets beyond the objections that we see from the Senate. If we send the Senate the same proposal we have before, we can expect to get the same outcome, which would be nothing, and once again victims will be left with nothing. So I humbly present to you a proposal to do something different to find some sort of solution for victims that have been crying out for so long.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Rozzi, on the amendment.

Mr. ROZZI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to amendment A9177. Mr. Speaker, this amendment only provides for the voluntary participation of organizations, which we all know will never happen. These organizations have not voluntarily stepped up to take care of their victims raped by their institutions for the last 30 years. In fact, they spent their money covering up their rapes. What makes us think that they are suddenly going to do the right thing today?

Furthermore, currently if victims' statute of limitations have passed, these organizations owe them nothing. What incentives do these institutions have to come out and admit to raping kids in the past and start paying them compensation that they otherwise would not do? If they wanted to do that, they could do that today. This amendment is not necessary.

I oppose amendment A09177. Mr. Speaker, let us vote it down.

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much, and, Mr. Speaker, I stand and urge you to support this amendment, and I want to explain to you why. It goes back to a little bit about what I said earlier about the disdain that I have, despite 40-some years in the Marine Corps, for governmental processes.

So let me explain to victims and to others what happens. My father-in-law, John Costa, was a retired Navy chief. He developed mesothelioma from his service in the Navy, and by the time this settlement was done, after going to court, my mother-in-law ended up with half of what the original settlement was. In my work with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, to help them get through this issue, and as chair of the audit committee there for a number of years afterwards, I became really convinced that the judicial system is not the best place for this, but that we need to have some degree of protection to make sure that victims' voices are in fact heard. I believe this commission does that, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has already indicated that they have done this before, that they would settle because they need to. It is a day late, unfortunately, but hopefully not a dollar short.

So I would ask each and every one of us to look at this amendment as a means of providing protection of the victims, again, because here is what will happen. If there is a significant— Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker? I just cannot hear. May we have some order?

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan has requested some order on the floor. I think he is appropriate in asking. He is the last speaker on this particular amendment. If everybody could please take their seats.

Mr. RYAN. Once you get into a legal—

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan, just give everybody a moment.

Mr. RYAN. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Members, could you please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

Mr. RYAN. It is incumbent upon everyone to hear this who is not familiar with the judicial system.

I have spent an entire career keeping organizations out of bankruptcy, and I will caution you, here is what will happen. Any attorney representing anyone – in this case, the Catholic Church dioceses – not knowing what the potential liability will be, will advise them to file bankruptcy. And in that filing of the bankruptcy, it then goes to a Federal court and the claims request goes out. Unfortunately, the legal fees in a bankruptcy get paid first, and the victims that need and deserve to be compensated get taken care of last.

So I would ask you that if you are not familiar at all with how bankruptcy operates to let us, at this point, take care of victims – because that is who needs to be taken care of – and not victimize them once more.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—33

Bloom	Hennessey	Metcalf	Reese
Corr	Kauffman	Miller, B.	Ryan
Cutler	Keefer	Moul	Schemel
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Mustio	Staats
Dunbar	Klunk	Nelson	Tallman
Dush	Knowles	Nesbit	Tobash
English	Maher	Oberlander	Ward
Grove	McGinnis	Petrarca	Zimmerman
Hanna			

NAYS—161

Barbin	Driscoll	Krueger	Reed
Barrar	Ellis	Kulik	Roae
Benninghoff	Emrick	Lawrence	Roe
Bernstine	Evans	Lewis	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Everett	Longietti	Rothman
Boback	Farry	Mackenzie	Rozzi
Bradford	Fee	Madden	Saccone
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Maloney	Sainato
Brown, R.	Flynn	Markosek	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Frankel	Marshall	Sankey
Bullock	Freeman	Masser	Santora
Burns	Fritz	Matzie	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gainey	McCarter	Schlossberg
Carroll	Galloway	McClinton	Schweyer
Causer	Gillen	McNeill	Simmons
Cephas	Gillespie	Mehaffie	Snyder
Charlton	Godshall	Mentzer	Solomon
Christiana	Goodman	Metzgar	Sonney
Comitta	Greiner	Miccarelli	Stephens
Conklin	Haggerty	Millard	Sturla
Cook	Hahn	Miller, D.	Tai
Corbin	Harkins	Milne	Taylor
Costa, D.	Harper	Mullery	Thomas
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Murt	Toepel
Cox	Harris, J.	Neilson	Toohil
Cruz	Heffley	O'Neal	Topper
Culver	Helm	O'Neill	Vazquez
Daley	Hickernell	Ortitay	Vitali
Davidson	Hill	Owlett	Walsh
Davis, A.	Irvin	Pashinski	Warner
Dawkins	James	Peifer	Warren
Day	Jozwiak	Pickett	Watson
Dean	Kampf	Pyle	Wentling

Deasy	Kaufert	Quigley	Wheatley
DeLissio	Kavulich	Quinn, C.	Wheeland
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Quinn, M.	White
Dermody	Keller, W.	Rabb	Youngblood
Diamond	Kim	Rader	
DiGirolamo	Kinsey	Rapp	Turzai,
Donatucci	Kirkland	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Dowling	Kortz	Readshaw	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. CAUSER called up **HR 902, PN 3490**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2018 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. D. MILLER called up **HR 939, PN 3550**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department and honoring the department on this momentous and important occasion.

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Mr. STURLA called up **HR 989, PN 3735**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 24 through 29, 2018, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. EVANS called up **HR 1010, PN 3835**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of August 2018 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. THOMAS called up **HR 1018, PN 3876**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the successful international effort to rescue the Wild Boars soccer team members and their assistant coach from the flooded Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Thailand.

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Mrs. HILL called up **HR 1023, PN 3911**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the PA Breast Cancer Coalition on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

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Ms. HARPER called up **HR 1026, PN 3919**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2018 as "Civic Education Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. CHARLTON called up **HR 1030, PN 3923**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2018 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DOWLING called up **HR 1031, PN 3924**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 10 through 16, 2018, as "Boy Scout and Cub Scout Sign-Up Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DAVIS called up **HR 1038, PN 3948**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and substantial accomplishments of Aretha Franklin.

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Mr. GROVE called up **HR 1043, PN 3957**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of York College of Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DIGIROLAMO called up **HR 1045, PN 3970**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 9 through 15, 2018, as "Nephrology Nurses Week" and asking all residents of this Commonwealth to join in honoring the nephrology nurses who care for patients with kidney disease.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The SPEAKER. I will be recognizing everybody right after the vote who wants to speak on these. So we are going to take the vote, and then I will get everybody.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. Representative TALLMAN is on leave.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35  
CONTINUED**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—8

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	Tallman

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

**REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Farry is recognized.

Mr. FARRY. Mr. Speaker, I just would like to submit comments for the record on HR 1054.

The SPEAKER. Yes, thank you, sir. The remarks on HR 1054 are included in the record.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to bring awareness to an important issue that could someday impact any one of us, our family members, or a friend. Every 11 minutes an older Pennsylvanian is hospitalized due to a fall-related injury. Falls remain the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injury for older Americans, and they threaten seniors' safety and independence and generate enormous economic and personal costs.

As our population ages here in Pennsylvania, the impact and cost of fall-related deaths and injuries will increase dramatically unless this serious public health issue is addressed effectively. The good news is that falls are largely preventable, and decreasing the incidence of falls will improve the socialization and functioning of older adults.

Studies show that through a combination of fall-prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions, practical lifestyle adjustments, and community partnerships, we can significantly reduce falls among older adults, helping them remain healthy, independent, and self-sufficient.

I rise today to ask for your support for HR 1054, which deems September 22, 2018, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. By raising awareness of this issue today, we can positively impact the quality of life of Pennsylvania's older adults – helping our family members, friends, and neighbors remain healthy, independent, and self-sufficient.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**VOTE CORRECTION**

The SPEAKER. Representative Judy Ward.

Mrs. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record.

On SB 261, amendment A09351, the suspension of the rules, my vote was not recorded. I would like to be in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER. Yes, you will be. Thank you.

Mrs. WARD. Sure.

The SPEAKER. Representative Grove is going to be recognized on HR 1043.

Members, we are going to have other votes. We are going to caucus because we are going to have other votes. We are going to caucus because we are going to have other votes. We do not know the status of the game yet. We are waiting to get a report on the status of the game, but we may be taking other votes. So I am going to ask everybody to please be seated. Please be seated.

Representative Grove is going to speak on HR 1043. Representative Phillips-Hill is recognized to speak on HR 1023. So I am asking everybody to please take your seats.

**REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. Representative Grove, can you come up front, please. Representative Seth Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am just submitting my comments for the record on HR 1043. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a proud alumnus, I rise today to ask for your support of HR 1043 to honor York College of Pennsylvania on its 50th anniversary of being a 4-year institution of higher education.

York College of Pennsylvania proudly serves students from the greater York area and well beyond. In fact, the college's 4,000 undergraduate and 300 graduate students come from all walks of life and from many States with the same objective in mind: to gain a meaningful education which sets them on a path toward a career of their choosing.

Fifty years ago, York College of Pennsylvania gained accreditation as a 4-year college. But the college's history goes well beyond just 50 years. The origins of York College of Pennsylvania stretch back over 250 years to 1767, when the Reverend John Andrews began teaching Greek and Latin. Twenty years later, this body, the General Assembly, provided the school, then known as the York County Academy, with its official charter. In 1940 the York County Academy merged with the York Collegiate Institute to form York Junior College. Twenty-six years later, in September 1966, the college set a goal for itself to become a 4-year college in order to broaden its offerings to students and to better the world through an educated and informed society.

Like all York College of Pennsylvania graduates, I am proud of the education I received, the friends I made, and the bonds formed as a student there. I will forever consider myself a Spartan.

I ask for your positive vote on HR 1043.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. And Representative Kristin Phillips-Hill, on HR 1023.

Mrs. HILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to submit my remarks for the record on HR 1023.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Mrs. HILL submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, members, for your vote on HR 1023, which recognizes the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition's 25th anniversary. The coalition was formed in June 1993 by a dedicated, active, and highly energized group of breast cancer survivors who had one mission: finding a cure for breast cancer.

Joining us today is Pat Halpin-Murphy, president and founder of this exceptional organization. Thank you, Pat, for your vision, your advocacy, and your determination to find a cure for breast cancer so our daughters do not have to.

PBCC is based in Lebanon County and made up of a dedicated board of directors and staff and an invaluable network of statewide volunteers. They are the source of action and information for Pennsylvanians with breast cancer, their families, and caregivers. PBCC extends public awareness of breast cancer and encourages increased public and private funding for research, legislative advocacy, and high-quality screening, diagnosis, and treatment. The coalition is there for the approximately

12,000 women in the Commonwealth who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and the families of the nearly 2200 women who will lose that battle. It serves as a resource for the hundreds of thousands more women currently living with the disease.

PBCC accomplishes its goals through educational programming, legislative advocacy, and breast cancer research grants. Great strides have been made in fighting this disease, which one in eight women will be diagnosed with in the United States.

Two years ago Pennsylvania became the 42d State to provide patients equal access to anticancer treatments with the enactment of oral chemotherapy legislation. Act 73 of 2016 also prohibits insurance policies from placing oral anticancer medications on a specialty tier or charging a copay for the medication. Ironically, the author of the legislation, former State Representative Matt Baker, is here in the House today.

The advent of 3-D mammography has revolutionized medicine. This new screening and diagnostic breast imaging tool improves early detection of breast cancer. Oral oncology parity requires the same out-of-pocket costs for oral anticancer medications and IV (intravenous) anticancer medications. Despite these advances, much can still be accomplished.

Lymphedema, the abnormal swelling that often occurs while attempting to diagnose breast cancer, has no cure. Medicare and many other insurance policies do not cover doctor-prescribed compression supplies used daily in lymphedema treatment. There is Federal legislation that would allow insurance coverage of these supplies that aid in disbursement of lymph fluid.

This legislation needs to be passed and signed into law. There is also innovative and high-impact research that is on the forefront of moving us closer to finding a cure.

Chances are very good that many, if not all, of us in this chamber have been impacted by this disease. We can all tell stories – I am the daughter of a survivor; actually, I am the daughter of a conqueror. My mother was diagnosed in April of 1993, just a few months before the founding of the PBCC. I am eternally grateful for her surgical oncologist, Dr. Gordon Schwartz, and her medical oncologist, Dr. Kevin Fox. I cannot imagine these past 25 years without her in my life or the lives of my children. She is an amazing woman and we are blessed.

To those of you who have lost a loved one to breast cancer, to those of you that have conquered breast cancer, to those of you fighting the good fight against breast cancer and your families, God bless you.

Because of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, our daughters' futures are bright.

### STATEMENT BY MR. CHARLTON

The SPEAKER. Representative Alex Charlton, for remarks on HR 1030. Sir.

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

I rise today to recognize September as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month," certainly an issue that is very dear to my heart.

The occurrence of spinal cord injuries is on the rise in the United States, particularly among the elderly population. It is estimated that there are over 17,500 new spinal cord injuries each year in the United States alone. These statistics do not include the individuals who have passed away at the time of their injuries. Between 245,000 and 353,000 Americans were estimated to be living with a spinal cord injury in 2017. Incomplete spinal cord injuries are becoming more prevalent than complete spinal cord injuries due to advances in research, medical management, and our general knowledge of the injuries.

Spinal cord injuries affect people from all walks of life, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, education level, or income. Spinal cord injuries primarily occur in younger generations, with more than half of all spinal cord injuries

occurring among those who are 16 to 30 years of age. However, the average age of a spinal cord injury survivor is growing, increasing from an average age of only 29 in the 1970s.

According to the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center, mortality rates are significantly higher during the first year after injury than during subsequent years, particularly for persons with the most severe neurological impairments.

Automobile accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all cases since 2010. This is followed by falls, violence, sporting accidents, medical and surgical procedures, and other causes. The average yearly expense in the first year after a high tetraplegia spinal cord injury is estimated to be over \$1 million. By 2013 it was estimated that spinal cord injuries cost the United States health-care system approximately \$40.5 billion every year. This is up from an estimated annual cost of less than \$10 billion in 1998. And according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health, \$71 million was spent on spinal cord injury research in 2016.

In closing, I would like to challenge my colleagues in the legislature to renew our commitment to providing the spinal cord injury community with the support, resources, and funding that is necessary to ensure those with a spinal cord injury are fully cared for, and that we put Pennsylvania at the forefront of research to find a cure.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak on this important issue.

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Representative Kate Harper, on HR 1026.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to submit remarks for the record on the importance of September being named "Civic Education Awareness Month." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

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

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Happy belated birthday, U.S. Constitution, passed into law for the United States of America on September 17, 1787, right here in Pennsylvania, and ratified by the States 2 years later. It is still vibrant 131 years later.

Any constitution is the basis of law for a country. Ours is the basis of our law and government for our own country, as well as a draft document for many other countries around the world. Today we celebrate the U.S. Constitution and its impact on the lives of all citizens of the United States. It was revolutionary at the time, especially due to the Bill of Rights, added in 1791, which outlined the individual rights of persons in the U.S.

It was not perfect, but in defining the source of a government's power as residing in "We the People," it was revolutionary.

As noted by Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, a Black woman, in speaking on the impeachment of Richard Nixon, in 1974:

"Earlier today, we heard the beginning of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States: 'We, the people.' It's a very eloquent beginning. But when that document was completed on the seventeenth of September in 1787, I was not included in that 'We, the people.' I felt

somehow for many years that George Washington and Alexander Hamilton just left me out by mistake. But through the process of amendment, interpretation, and court decision, I have finally been included in 'We, the people.' " Me too. And like Congresswoman Jordan, "My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total."

That is why it is shocking to hear statistical evidence of the relative ignorance of our fellow citizens – 71 percent of whom could not even identify the Constitution as the supreme law of the land, according to a 2012 Xavier University study.

So today it gives me great pleasure to have this House recognize the importance of the U.S. Constitution to our nation in its creation of a government with checks and balances and to each and every one of its citizens who are recognized as the source of government's power and guaranteed the rights of a free people to speak our minds, be treated with due process, be protected from unreasonable searches and seizures, and to have our property and liberty safeguarded.

Happy birthday to the U.S. Constitution. May we always revere its existence.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The SPEAKER. We are going to turn to the supplemental uncontested calendar, and then I am going to call on a few more members.

My understanding is, the softball game is on. The softball game is going to be played. There is rain but it is not pouring, so the game is on.

We are going to do the supplemental uncontested House calendar.

**UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**

**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. FARRY called up **HR 1054, PN 3994**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 22, 2018, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. RYAN called up **HR 1055, PN 3995**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and achievements of United States Senator John McCain and expressing condolences on his passing.

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 1056, PN 3996**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2018, as "Rail Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. GODSHALL called up **HR 1066, PN 4011**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2018 as "#UTILITYCAREERS Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. TURZAI called up **HR 1076, PN 4028**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 3rd Annual Capitol All-Stars Charity Softball Game.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—193**

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

**NAYS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—8**

Boyle	Gabler	Marsico	Sims
Davis, T.	Mako	O'Brien	Tallman

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Hill-Evans, on HR 1010. Waives off. She will be submitting remarks for the record tomorrow.

Representative Ryan, on HR 1055. Are you going to submit remarks for the record? You want to speak? Okay. You may proceed.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan, you want to speak on the passing of Senator McCain?

Mr. RYAN. Yes, sir, I do.

The SPEAKER. Let us do that tomorrow. I will call on you tomorrow. I just do not think you are going to get the attention that you would like today. Okay? So I will call on you tomorrow.

Representative Gene DiGirolamo, on HR 1045. Waives off.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt. On which resolution, sir?

Mr. MURT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make an announcement, with your permission.

The SPEAKER. Oh, yeah. Please, you may proceed. Unanimous consent. Yes.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the Disability Caucus will be having an informational meeting in the third floor conference room of the Irvis Office Building. Dr. Cheryl Tierney of the Penn State Medical Center in Hershey will be joining us to talk about applied behavior analysis, the most successful – the gold standard, if you will – in treating children who struggle with autism. So everyone is cordially invited to attend. There will be refreshments.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

### STATEMENT BY MRS. DAVIDSON

The SPEAKER. Representative Davidson, unanimous consent.

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to ask all the women in black, all the women in black, if you would please stand on the House floor with us. We are all dressed in black to stand in solidarity with all the victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault, and any of those that want to stand with us. Please recognize all of those folks that have been victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Since so many people are standing, can all the women come to the front for one moment. We are standing in solidarity today for all the victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault, and we just had a historic vote here today.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much Representative Davidson.

### STATEMENT BY MR. CRUZ

The SPEAKER. Representative Angel Cruz is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. CRUZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, may I ask for silence, please?

The SPEAKER. Representative Cruz, just give me a moment, okay.

Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. If anybody has a conversation, please take it off the House floor. If you need to proceed, we will not be taking up any votes today. The charity softball game, the Capitol All-Stars softball game is on. So if you are remaining on the floor, please take your seats. It will be 5 more minutes. If you are going to be leaving the floor, please, now is the time. Representative Cruz is entitled to be heard. Members, I am going to ask you to please step off the floor if you are not going to stay.

Representative Cruz, the floor is yours.

Mr. CRUZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, one year ago today I stood in front of my members here in the House of Representatives to talk about the devastation that was caused by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, on the 20th of September, at 11:50, there was a national moment of silence dedicated to the victims, 3,000 U.S. citizens that lost their lives caused by Hurricane Maria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask, if it is appropriate, that the members that are here, if they will stand in solidarity and silence for one moment for those folks that lost their lives in Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017.

The SPEAKER. All members, if you would please stand for a moment of silence for the victims of that horrific hurricane, and also, most recently for Hurricane Florence, as well. So for any victims of those tragedies, I would ask you to please stand for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. CRUZ

The SPEAKER. Representative Cruz, you may proceed, sir.

Mr. CRUZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the other point of order that I wanted to ask was, I wanted to take the opportunity – my wife is at home watching us, and I want to wish her a happy 30th anniversary today. Today is our wedding anniversary.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

We do have some housekeeping.

### BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 261 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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 652;  
HB 2071;  
HB 2227;  
HB 2426;  
SB 170; and  
SB 1156.

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

### **CALENDAR CONTINUED**

#### **BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1034, PN 1441**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.598, No.131), known as the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2011, in establishment of congressional districts, repealing provisions relating to congressional districts.

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 1034 be removed from the active calendar 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 1034 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

#### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER. Representative Harry Lewis moves that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 9:30 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 5:06 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.