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The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HON. MICHAEL H. O'BRIEN

The SPEAKER. We were of course deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and colleague, Representative Michael O'Brien. So I would ask everybody to please stand as able for a moment of silence as we reflect upon his life and legacy as a public servant. Of course we will be having a memorial at a later date and time.

The prayer today will be offered by our friend and colleague, the minority whip, Representative Mike Hanna. Immediately thereafter we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Please stand for this moment of silence, and then we will have Representative Hanna give the prayer.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Michael H. O'Brien.)

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanna.

HON. MICHAEL K. HANNA, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I join you in sadness in reflecting on the loss of Mike O'Brien.

Mr. Speaker, before I start, I would like to thank you and prior Speakers for allowing me the privilege of offering the prayer at different times and I certainly appreciate that. I suspect today may be my last opportunity.

So what I have chosen today is one of my favorite prayers, and of course, most of you know it as the Prayer of Saint Francis.

Good morning. Please bow your heads in prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Thursday, October 11, 2018, will be postponed until printed.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 627, PN 700

By Rep. O'NEILL

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

FINANCE.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 1150, PN 4203

By Rep. O'NEILL

A Resolution reestablishing the select subcommittee on tax modernization and reform to investigate, review and make recommendations concerning the process, rates and methods by which revenue in this Commonwealth is collected and assessed on taxpayers.

FINANCE.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1140 By Representatives RABB, SOLOMON,
SCHLOSSBERG, McCLINTON, THOMAS, BRADFORD,
SCHWEYER, D. COSTA and ROZZI

A Resolution urging the President of the United States and the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure the health and welfare of foreign nationals residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by reconsidering the recent determinations relating to the temporary protected status designation of nationals from Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 12, 2018.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2685 By Representatives SOLOMON, SANTORA, DALEY, YOUNGBLOOD, HARKINS, HILL-EVANS, DONATUCCI, NEILSON, KINSEY and DEAN

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), 51 (Military Affairs) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adopting the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and extensively revising the law on residential landlords and tenants, in the areas of lease provisions, landlord duties, tenant remedies, tenant duties, landlord remedies, access to dwelling units, tenant deaths in periodic and holdover tenancies, retaliation, disposition of tenant's personal property, effect of domestic violence and stalking and return of security deposit and unearned rent; making a related repeal; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, October 11, 2018.

No. 2697 By Representatives D. MILLER, MILLARD, READSHAW, KORTZ, SCHLOSSBERG, MACKENZIE, ROZZI and HILL-EVANS

An Act establishing the Magisterial and Legislative District Office Safety Assessment Act.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 12, 2018.

No. 2703 By Representatives RABB, NEILSON, O'BRIEN, YOUNGBLOOD, J. HARRIS, BRIGGS and MURT

An Act amending the act of August 13, 1963 (P.L.660, No.345), entitled "An act providing for the observance of October 12 of each year as Columbus Day," amending the title of the act; further providing for the issuance of a proclamation regarding Columbus Day; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 12, 2018.

No. 2705 By Representatives C. QUINN, BARRAR, MENTZER and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for video game tax, establishing the Digital Protection for School Safety Account and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 12, 2018.

No. 2706 By Representatives GAINNEY, NELSON, J. HARRIS, DUNBAR, ENGLISH, HILL-EVANS, DEASY and HAGGERTY

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for ethics standards and controlled substance testing.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 12, 2018.

No. 2707 By Representative FARRY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offenses of homicide by vehicle, aggravated assault by vehicle, homicide by vehicle while driving under influence and aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 12, 2018.

No. 2708 By Representatives D. MILLER, SIMS, A. DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, DAVIS, HILL-EVANS, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOMON, DALEY, ROEBUCK, ROZZI and PHILLIPS-HILL

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 special tax provisions for poverty.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 12, 2018.

No. 2709 By Representatives CUTLER, SOLOMON, J. McNEILL, TOEPEL, MILLARD, R. BROWN, MENTZER, SCHLEGEL CULVER, WARD, DRISCOLL, KAUFER, HILL-EVANS, COX, GROVE, B. MILLER and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of May 14, 2008 (P.L.139, No.14), known as the Cancer Drug Repository Program Act, further providing for title and short title of act, for definitions, for establishment of program, for restocking and dispensing of cancer drugs, for storage, distribution and fees, for immunity and for regulations.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, October 12, 2018.

No. 2710 By Representatives RADER, PICKETT, YOUNGBLOOD, KAUFER, COX and WARD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for required financial responsibility.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, October 12, 2018.

No. 2711 By Representatives DALEY and RABB

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, prohibiting the possession of firearm at polling place.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 12, 2018.

No. 2712 By Representatives DALEY and FRANKEL

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental protection, providing for single-use plastic straw prohibition; and imposing civil penalties.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 12, 2018.

No. 2713 By Representative DAY

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

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 12, 2018.

No. 2714 By Representative DAY

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in safe schools, further providing for Office for Safe Schools and providing for threat assessment protocol committees.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 12, 2018.

No. 2715 By Representative DAY

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in safe schools, providing for mental health treatment of students.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 12, 2018.

No. 2716 By Representative TAYLOR

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

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, October 12, 2018.

No. 2717 By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, ROTHMAN, METZGAR, BARRAR, GREINER, MILLARD, J. McNEILL, WARD, NEILSON, BERNSTINE, COX, WHEELAND and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for license to carry a firearm.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 12, 2018.

No. 2718 By Representatives SOLOMON, SIMS, BERNSTINE, PHILLIPS-HILL, DONATUCCI, J. McNEILL, YOUNGBLOOD, KINSEY, RABB, NEILSON, DRISCOLL and CALTAGIRONE

An Act amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial change of name, further providing for court approval required for change of name and for change by order of court.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 15, 2018.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 180, PN 2048

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ownership of property and legal title and equitable estate, further providing for right to dispose of a decedent's remains; in health care, further providing for example; and, in anatomical gifts, further providing for definitions, providing for scope, further providing for persons who may execute anatomical gift, for persons who may become donees and purposes for which anatomical gifts may be made, for manner of executing anatomical gifts, for rights and duties at death, for requests for anatomical gifts, for use of driver's license or identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation, for The Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund contributions, for The Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund, for confidentiality requirement and for prohibited activities, providing for promotion of organ and tissue donation, establishing the Donate Life PA Registry, providing for facilitation of anatomical gift from decedent whose death is under investigation, for notification by coroners and medical examiners to district attorneys, for discretionary notification by coroner or medical examiner, for collaboration among departments and organ procurement organizations, for information relative to organ and tissue donation, for requirements for physician and nurse training relative to organ and tissue donation and recovery, for Department of Transportation, for Department of Corrections, for study of organ procurement organizations and for relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, repealing provisions relating to corneal transplants and providing for vascularized composite allografts.

SB 299, PN 1849

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in nomination of candidates, further providing for number of signers required for nomination petitions of candidates at primaries.

SB 764, PN 2049

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, providing for preliminary provisions, further providing for short title, for definitions, for State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, for powers and duties of board, for license to engage in business, for biennial renewal, for enforcement, for protest hearing decision within 120 days unless waived by the parties, for reimbursement for all parts and service required by the manufacturer or distributor and reimbursement audits, for vehicle recalls, for damage disclosure, for mediation and arbitration, for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors, for area of responsibility, for termination of franchises, for industry reorganization, for succession to franchise ownership, for manufacturer right of first refusal, for manufacturer or distributor repurchase of inventory and equipment, for reimbursement of rental costs for dealer facility, for grounds for disciplinary proceedings, for administrative liability of employer, copartnership, association or corporation, for reinstatement, for application for license, for refusal of license, for change of salesperson's license to indicate new employer, for termination of employment or business, for exemption from licensure and registration, for limitations on establishing or relocating dealers, for licensing cost, for penalties, for civil actions for violations, for fees, for disposition of fees and fines, for vehicle shows, off-premise sales and exhibitions, for recreational vehicle shows, recreational vehicle off-premise sales, recreational vehicle exhibitions and recreational vehicle rallies and for off-premise sales, shows, exhibitions or rallies on Sundays; providing for recreational vehicles and for miscellaneous provisions; further providing for savings provision, for repeals, expiration of terms of board members and for existing rules and regulations.

SB 945, PN 1718

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

SB 1078, PN 1560

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for executive sessions.

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

The SPEAKER. All members are asked to report to the House floor.

Representative Mike Hanna is invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to a Little League team that has traveled some distance. Representative Hanna, if you do not mind joining us up here at the rostrum.

Could the Sergeants at Arms bring the teams down to the well of the House, please.

Members, please come onto the floor. We are going to close the doors of the House. This team has traveled some distance to be with us. So I am asking all members to come onto the House floor. Please take your seats immediately. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

KEYSTONE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Hanna has a championship team for us to meet, and we are very appreciative that they would take the time to come to the House floor. Thank you, sir.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to the full House for the opportunity to show our great pride in our Keystone Little League.

It is my pleasure to stand before you today in the House of Representatives to recognize the outstanding achievements of not one, but two extraordinary groups of young men from the heart of our great State. Both the 8- to 10-year-old All-Star Division Team from Keystone and the Major Division All-Star Team of Keystone Little League are your 2018 Pennsylvania State Champions. Give them a big House welcome.

To put things into perspective, Little League baseball is soon approaching its 80th birthday and has nearly 40 million former players. It is by far the largest organized youth sports program in the world. With Little League baseball being created here and the Major Division World Series based in Williamsport, there is a lot of pride that comes from our State's history and involvement in youth baseball.

Keystone Little League is based in Beech Creek, Pennsylvania, and consists of players representing the communities of Beech Creek, Castanea, Loganton, Lock Haven, and Mill Hall – five communities in my legislative district. These communities are great representatives of small-town America, and given our population size, we are continuously going against communities larger than ours. This fact and the fact that we have two State champions before us makes this year's Keystone story extremely remarkable.

The first team I would like to present to you is the 8-year-old to 10-year-old division team, which finished with an overall record of 11 and 3. Keystone's 8-to-10 team ended up champions of District 12, champions of section 3, and then won the State championship tournament against Caln Township by a score of

7 to 2. This was the first State championship for this age bracket for Keystone. Mr. Speaker, the 8- to 10-year-old division completed all three State-sanctioned tournaments undefeated. Keystone 8-to-10 then went on to the Eastern Regional Invitational in Cranston, Rhode Island, where they finished as runners-up in the Mid-Atlantic Division.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the following players and coaches of the 8- to 10-year-old Keystone Team and ask that they each rise and wave when I call your name: Manager Steve Shade; coach Troy Probst; coach Bruce Walker. Now, for the players: Blake Walker – Blake, did you wave? Okay – Darius Shade, Watt Probst, Jaggar Pardoe, Aiden Jones, Austin Frank, Hunter Donley, Cole Cooper, Jude MacKenzie, Hayes Miller, Nolan Cross, Evan Hardy, and Austin Andrus.

Gentlemen, I cannot tell you how proud we are here of your accomplishments. You represented our community and State with such joy, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm. I cannot wait to see what you boys do in the future and I know we all look forward to seeing you again here as State champions. Let us give them another round of applause for the 8-to-10.

Next, Mr. Speaker, is the Major Division All-Star Team from Keystone Little League. The Major Division consists of players who are 12 and under, and this is the division that you see competing in Williamsport on ESPN. Mr. Speaker, Keystone Little League has now won three State championships in the major division. Yes, the little communities that make up Keystone have had State championship Major Division winners in 2011, 2016, and now again in 2018. I believe this team passed a signed 2011 ball around the dugout for good luck, so the legacy of Keystone baseball continues from one year to another. I also believe they have added a good-luck charm to Keystone lore with Mookey, their stuffed moose mascot. I will let them tell you about that if you want to engage them in a conversation about Mookey.

This year's team finished its tournament season with a record of 12 and 2. They, too, won District 12, championship in section 3, and then their State championship by defeating Lehigh 6 to 5, overcoming a five-run deficit and pushing across the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Keystone then went on to the Mid-Atlantic Regional in Bristol, Connecticut, where they were eventually eliminated by Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, I would now like to recognize the following players and coaches from Keystone's Major Division State Champions. I will ask that you each rise and wave when I call out your name: Manager Patrick Johnson; coach Jason Foltz; coach Scott Fravel; players Dallas Alexander, Gavin Burnell, Braylen Corter, Cayden Cluvey, Elek Fravel, Gardner Fravel, Connor Foltz, Kevin Grenninger, Gabriel Johnson, Wyatt Kramer, Brady Myers, and Levi Schlesinger.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot say enough how well the Keystone Little League has represented our State. Gentlemen, I hope you cherish this season's run for the rest of your lives. You will be adults soon enough, but the experience you went through representing Keystone will allow you to become successful future leaders of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I again ask that you join me in applauding the athletic achievements of Keystone Major Division and 8- to 10-year-old State championship baseball teams. We are Keystone proud.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, young men and dads. Stay right there in the well. We are going to take a few photos here, and then Representative Hanna will come down with the rest of the group to have photos in the well of the House as well.

Representative Wentling, is your group, is everybody here?

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House briefly to let members on the floor and members off the floor.

At this time I would ask the Sons of the American Revolution be brought up to the well of the House. If the Sergeants at Arms could bring the Sons of the American Revolution up to the well of the House. Please stand, those guests, and just come right down here on the side.

The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. These individuals have traveled – are they from all over the State, Representative Wentling? Okay. From all over the State. So I am going to ask you to please take your seats. Let us close the doors of the House.

Later on today we will be voting on the uncontested House resolutions. One of those that we will be voting upon will be HR 1065, which is sponsored by Representative Parke Wentling. We are going to be doing that later this afternoon. But he is going to speak in advocacy of that resolution right now and introduce you to folks all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are here as special guests.

So please take your seats. All members, please take your seats.

STATEMENT BY MR. WENTLING

The SPEAKER. Representative Wentling, the floor is yours.

Mr. WENTLING. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to ask my colleagues for their support of HR 1065 to designate October 15, 2018, as "Sons of the American Revolution Day" in Pennsylvania.

Two hundred and forty-three years ago, a group of commoners revolted against the greatest empire in the world, Great Britain. These brave souls blazed a trail to create a new country, the United States of America. In 1889 the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of President George Washington, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution organized with a mission of keeping alive the stories of patriotism of those who helped create and served our then infant nation.

Since then, the Sons of the American Revolution has grown to become the largest male lineage organization in the United States consisting of 50 societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies, and over 34,000 members. Its membership has included 16 United States Presidents, 3 Vice Presidents, 38 Medal of Honor recipients, and countless others, including men like those who fought in the War of Independence, everyday people who believed in what was right and just.

Like the members of the Sons of the American Revolution, I can trace my ancestry back to an ancestor who served our nation during the struggle for independence. My great-great-great-great-great – that is five greats – grandfather, Sebastian Wentling, served in the Philadelphia County and Northampton County militias. Following the war he moved his family to Clarion County where he settled in a place known as Wentlings Corners.

With me here today are more than two dozen members of the Sons of the American Revolution. These guests include Ray Prusia. Ray, if you want to perhaps raise your hand, if that is okay, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. WENTLING. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ray Prusia, president of the Pennsylvania Sons of the American Revolution; Lou Raborg, vice president general of the Mid-Atlantic States of the Sons of the American Revolution. We also are very honored to be joined by Jack Manning, secretary general of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. And finally, we are joined by organizer secretary of the Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution, my very good friend, Connie White. Connie, if you want to raise your hand, please. She is a constituent of the 17th Legislative District and a former teaching colleague at the Wilmington Area School District. Connie is of course joined by a number of her fellow PA DAR members. If you want to identify yourself. And then also Ray Prusia, the president, is joined by many of his fellow State officers of the Pennsylvania Sons of the American Revolution, and their wives, their spouses, are actually located in the back. If we could all pause, Mr. Speaker, if it would be okay if we have an opportunity to have them rise in the back and also give everyone a—

The SPEAKER. Please, would our other guests please rise. Thank you so much.

Mr. WENTLING. If you could join us all in welcoming them to the House. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. What we will do, Representative Wentling, we will take a photo with this group and then we will bring up the spouses as well for a second photo.

Mr. WENTLING. Excellent. To finish, if I may?

The SPEAKER. Yes, please.

Mr. WENTLING. Thank you, sir.

I want to thank Andrea Lowery, who is actually located in the back here with us today. She is the executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. I want to thank her for granting my guests access to the State Museum of Pennsylvania earlier today, a day when the museum is closed to the public. They were able to view historically significant items that date back to the American Revolution. These items tell a story of our country's past and are reminders of the principles on which it was founded. These men and women who risked their lives to create this country must not be forgotten. Their legacy must be remembered, their stories must be told, and their founding principles must be followed.

And as we ask Andrea to join, to rise, to welcome her here, I also wanted to mention – and I told Clancy I would be doing this – is that we actually have a built-in prop – we are not allowed to use props – we have a built-in prop here on the floor of the House. In the back of the House we are honoring those gentlemen that are mustering to fight in the American Revolution. I believe that is from Valley Forge. And those are the individuals we are honoring today and the ancestors of those gentlemen. So, Andrea, if you could rise and we could honor those folks in the back and everything else. Thank you very much.

So again I ask you for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Wentling.

Why do you not join your guests there on the floor and we will get the photographer to take some photos.

STATEMENT BY MR. RABB

The SPEAKER. Yes, Representative Chris Rabb, please, you may proceed. Is it on this resolution? Yes, you may proceed.

Mr. RABB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I would also like to thank the gentleman from Mercer County for allowing me to insert a few brief remarks. I have prepared remarks that are egregiously long, so I would like to leave them in so they can be in the official record.

The SPEAKER. Yes, absolutely.

Mr. RABB. But I just wanted to say a few words because I descend from Philip Livingston, my great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather who was one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence and Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee III from Virginia. And I was not aware that you would bring to me today one of my cousins, one of my Livingston cousins, and two constituents from my legislative district, so this is particularly meaningful to me today as aggressively nerdy in the genealogical department.

I was asked to join the Sons of the American Revolution shortly after I connected my family to the Livingston family of New York over 20 years ago, and I shuffled around the paperwork and here we are today, so let us talk.

But I wanted to just say briefly, this is particularly meaningful to me. My connections to these founding families was borne of slavery and rape, and yet I have no shame, nor pride, around this. I understand the difference between biology and family. And despite all of the atrocities that have brought families together, something greater has brought us together, the fight against tyranny, values of freedom and justice. And I look amongst you and I see family, quite literally.

We are bigger than our biology. We share a heritage that we should all be proud of. We are serving in one of the oldest governing bodies in the New World. And it is an honor that we can come together irrespective of political ideology or ethnicity or class and stand here in the well of this illustrious body and be thankful for those people who gave their lives so that we could be the authors of our own fate collectively for the United States of America.

So I want to thank all of you and congratulate the Sons of the American Revolution. And again, this is truly an honor. Thank you.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Thank you to the esteemed gentleman from Mercer County for allowing me to speak on this resolution today, the 125th anniversary of the Sons of the American Revolution.

I was invited to join in the midnineties after intensive genealogical research, having connected my family to two founding families: the Lee family of Virginia through my fifth great-grandfather, Maj. Gen. Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee III, who served as the ninth Governor of Virginia and as the Virginia Representative to the United States Congress, and best known as the father of Gen. Robert E. Lee; and from New York, the aristocratic Livingston family, specifically, my sixth great-grandfather, Philip Livingston, who was an early graduate of Yale, merchant, and most notably, one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, who was later buried not far from here in York, Pennsylvania. My connection to both of these prestigious families is slavery and rape. Yet despite those atrocities, I am neither proud nor

ashamed of my pedigree, nor the ugly truths surrounding it. I have long since accepted the distinction between ancestry and heritage; biology and family.

And 220 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the scions of the Livingston clan gathered for their lavish family reunion. It was the summer of 1996, and just 2 years after I had confirmed my branch's genealogical connection to Philip Livingston. Some of my newfound white Livingston cousins caught wind of my research and invited me and some of my extended family to join them at what would become the first integrated family reunion. What was particularly auspicious about that invitation was that it was extended to us during the same summer when some white descendants of Thomas Jefferson refused to formally acknowledge their black cousins. The irony here is that what connected my family to the Livingstons and Lees is the very thing that has caused the most enduring division and domestic terror throughout our nation's history: slavery and its institutional proxies thereafter.

Quoting Jefferson on the politics of the drafting of the Declaration of Independence, he wrote: "The clause...reprobating the enslaving the inhabitants of Africa, was struck out in compliance to South Carolina and Georgia, who had never attempted to restrain the importation of slaves, and who on the contrary still wished to continue it. Our Northern brethren also I believe felt a little tender under these censures; for tho' their people have very few slaves themselves yet they had been pretty considerable carriers of them to others."

Indeed, my fourth great-grandfather, Philip Henry Livingston, grandson of the signer who was born and raised in Jamaica on one of the family's sugar plantations and a graduate of King's College, now Columbia University, raped my fourth great-grandmother, Barbara Williams, who was likely torn from her family in Port Maria, Jamaica, was shipped to Manhattan where she would become a domestic servant to various Livingston households. From this illicit union, Barbara bore Philip Henry's daughter, Christiana, who would become a prized seamstress to New York's early 19th century 1 percent before she gained her freedom from gradual abolition enacted by the New York State Legislature. Before Christiana died at age 96 in 1909, she shared her stories with her granddaughter and down the generations to me. In a very real sense, my ancestor Christiana embodied the fundamental paradox and promise of our nation. We are the longest self-governing democracy in the world, born of a spirit of liberty and freedom – extended belated and begrudgingly generations later to the very people whose unpaid labor helped build the foundation upon which our nation would amass transgenerational financial wealth unparalleled in human history.

In closing, it is this auspicious and historic moment that I embrace the mission of an organization that wrestled with the weighty mission of honoring those brave souls who fought against British tyranny and would set the stage for the birth of this imperfect union. For indeed, 125 years after the founding of the Sons of the American Revolution, we still wrestle with the consequences of the original sin which continues to hobble this ambitious experiment toward achieving e pluribus unum, ever evolving from the complexities of its sublime and tortured history as we seek to heed our better angels. And we do so in good faith toward bestowing to future generations a greatness borne of shared prosperity, justice, and decency – and as reflected in the Preamble of our governing document, our Constitution, that each of us in this body has pledged by oath our fidelity while also affirming our nation's founding aspiration of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The SPEAKER. Representative Wentling, please go right ahead and get some photos with your guests. Okay?

And thanks to all the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution that joined us here today and to Representative Wentling and Representative Rabb. Thank you so much for joining us today.

The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House to let members on and off the floor.

Representative Donna Oberlander will join us up at the rostrum, please. And the team, the championship team from Rocky Grove High School, if you could come up to the rostrum as well. And the rest of the team, if you will come down with us, come on down with us.

Members, please take your seats. This group has traveled probably 4 hours, if not longer. Yes, right, Representative Oberlander? How long, guys? About 4-hour drive. So I am going to ask everybody to please take their seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. All members, please come onto the House floor. Everybody, please be seated. All guests, please be seated. All members, please be seated.

ROCKY GROVE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Oberlander, the floor is yours.
Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of the Representative and my good friend from Venango County, I am so pleased to be able to stand here today and recognize a remarkable group of young men.

In fact, it is no stretch to say that our region has never before seen a group of young men like this. That is because these young men became the first baseball team from District 10 to win the PIAA Class AA State Championship on 6/14 of 2018. I am, of course, talking about the Rocky Grove High School Boys Baseball Team. And by a score of 5 to 4, these young men hung on to defeat the team from Camp Hill High School and claim the State championship.

Mr. Speaker, we see today the accolades and the recognition that come with accomplishment. However, what we do not see, because we were not there, are all of the hours of practice and preparation these young men put into make this possible. They did not just wake up one day and become State champions. They put in the time and hard work to improve to the point where they were able to defeat some of the best competition in the Commonwealth. It is hard to express in words the sense of pride this victory has delivered to their community. These boys represented not only themselves and their high school but also all of the small communities where they live. I can say with confidence they have made the people proud in those communities.

At this time I would like to ask the team and its coaches to raise their hand as I recognize them. I present to you the PIAA Class AA State Championship Rocky Grove High School Orioles Baseball Team: Coaches Bill Wilson, Mark Sanner; Gage Strouse, Caden Toscano, Cameron Pyle, Rex Montgomery, Austin Sanford, Scott Perry, Tyler Knupp, Nick Sanner, Ryan Hanna, James Ginnery, Seth Wilson; and Preston Keith, the bat boy.

They were also accompanied here today by parents, Desiree Knupp and Teresa Perry. And as the Speaker said, it is a 4-hour ride, so we appreciate their parents coming along with them.

I do have two very quick stories that the coach wanted me to relay to all of you, and the first is "5 Minutes from Somewhere." When they had the opportunity to stay at the Nittany Lion Inn the night before the State championship, the esteemed assistant coach, Coach Heller, who is not with them today, tells us upon their arrival there was a great little cafe-style restaurant that is

about a 5-minute walk from the inn. It is called Baby's Burgers and Shakes. And the other coaches agreed this sounded like a nice place to eat that night. So keeping that in mind, they start the walk, and they have many big strong boys, as you can see. They are accustomed to rigorous walking and had just gotten off the bus from traveling 4 hours, so it seemed like they should be able to make that with no problem. Now, the timeframe and the distance will fluctuate as the years pass, I am sure, but that 5-minute journey seemed to take somewhere between a half hour and 45 minutes, give or take 15 or 20 minutes. Needless to say, when they arrived, they were all sweaty and exhausted, and to top it all off, Coach Heller thought that they should go to the creamery for ice cream before heading back to the Nittany Lion, approximately 3 miles. So it is uphill, all three ways, and knowing this would be two more legs of a marathon, they did call the bus driver. And that experience has led to a new saying in the Rocky Grove baseball community, "It's 5 minutes from somewhere."

On a more serious note, this story is about the group of boys that got them to Penn State this year, and they consist mostly of graduates from the years 2017 through 2019. The boys have been playing together in summer leagues, travel teams, fall ball, and high school together for the last 10 years. Every time they have been called to play together they have answered the call. Even in August, September, and October when most everyone else has hung up their bats and gloves, these boys would continue to play ball until the northwest PA weather would put a stop to it. Then they would simply find a place inside to keep hitting, fielding, and pitching. They have spent many hours in the high school gym over the winters, using the gym floor and batting cage to stay sharp. Through this decade of their lives these boys, their coaches, and their families kept a strong commitment to one another that has paid off with three District 10 titles and becoming the first-ever District 10 baseball team at any level to receive the ultimate reward, the State championship trophy, which sits in the trophy display at home in their high school. Because of their dedication to one another and the game of baseball, locals have tagged them as "The Band of Brothers," and it is truly my honor and privilege to present them to you today.

Congratulations and thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Thank you, guys. Thanks for being here. Congratulations on your championship.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Donna Oberlander and Representative Kerry Benninghoff have a group of students from Penn State University and they are part of the Lions Caucus. We are going to have them please stand. Please stand. And as I say your name, please raise your hand for us: Tom Sarabok, Nick Karafilis, Lewis Richardson, Jacob Klipstein, Berenice Beltran-Maldonado, Angeleia Hall, Rafay Nasir, Mariana Garcia, Isabella Renney, Callie Catacosinos, Wensy Arrindell, Riley Compton, Rachel Chormanski, Mairead Donnard, Erick Jenkins, Courtney Hummel, Alexis Burke, Zach Robinson, Zach McKay, and Alena Ricci. Thank you so much to the Lions Caucus at Penn State University.

At this time I would ask all guests who need to get to another location, if they could exit the floor at this time because we are going to be taking up a condolence resolution. I am going to do a few introductions, but if any of the groups need to leave, this is a good time. We are going to be undertaking a condolence resolution. Sergeants at Arms, briefly open the doors of the House to get members on the floor for the condolence resolution of a former member.

Representative Flynn, after the condolence resolution, we will be taking up your remarks on unanimous consent.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We welcome Alanna Bachman, who is interning in Representative Hickernell's district office. She is a senior at Eastern University. She is here with Emily Epler, who works in the district office. Would they please rise. We will wait till the group – just stay standing, please. Thank you to Alanna and to Emily. Great to have you here today.

To the left of the rostrum, we welcome guests of Representative Duane Milne. Len Weiser the CEO (chief executive officer) of White Horse Village Retirement Community in Newtown Square. Please stand. And he has three residents with him: Carol Taylor, Don Price, and Deane Lappin. Thank you so much for being with us today. Thank you.

To the left of the rostrum, we have Justin Leamer. Justin is an eighth grade student at Hollidaysburg Junior High School. He is here with his dad, Mike Leamer, and they are shadowing Representative Judy Ward for the day. Thanks so much for being with us today. Thank you.

The Sergeants at Arms, please if you could bring the other guests for the condolence resolution. All members, please come to the House floor for the condolence resolution of a former member. All members are asked to please take their seats on the House floor for a condolence resolution of a former member. We are going to be closing the doors of the House. Please take your seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. Members, please take your seats.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Kauffman, Representative Readshaw, and Representative Mark Keller have sponsored this condolence resolution. We are about to take up the condolence resolution on the death of a former member of the House.

The Chief Clerk at this time will read the resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Jeffrey Wayne Coy, a former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, who passed away at the age of sixty-six on June 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Shippensburg Area Senior High School and Shippensburg University, Mr. Coy began his career as a Legislative Assistant with the Senate of Pennsylvania and served this

Commonwealth as Deputy Secretary of Personnel prior to his election to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania for the 1983 term. Mr. Coy served the 89th Legislative District for eleven consecutive terms and held the leadership positions of Majority Caucus Chair from 1993 to 1994 and Minority Caucus Secretary from 1995 to 2004. A past President of the Pennsylvania Association of State College and University Trustees, he served on the Board of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education from 1989 to 2004 and was appointed to the Joint State Government Commission, the Local Government Commission and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Authority. A member of the State Gaming Control Board from 2004 to 2011, Mr. Coy was a past Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission and a past member and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Orrstown Bank. Chair of the Shippensburg University Board of Trustees at the time of his passing, he served as the organist and Director of Music at the Memorial Lutheran Church for more than forty years and was a member and past President of West End Fire and Rescue. The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, he was a past Master and a former Trustee of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 and was active with numerous other fraternal organizations. To his great credit, Mr. Coy was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Shippensburg University; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Jeffrey Wayne Coy; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife of forty-four years, Jo Anne Rasmussen Coy; mother, Dorothy J. Upperman Coy; and many other family members, former colleagues and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by the Honorable Rob Kauffman on October 4, 2018, be transmitted to Jo Anne Rasmussen Coy.

Rob Kauffman, Sponsor
Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House
ATTEST:
David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Jeffrey Wayne Coy.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.

And I ask members and guests to please be seated.

REMARKS BY MR. KAUFFMAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Rob Kauffman.
Mr. KAUFFMAN. Good morning, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a solemn occasion when we take time to recognize the life's work of a former member of this august body who has passed away. Former House member Jeff Coy passed away on June 4 of this year, and today I rise to pay tribute to his service to this Commonwealth.

Jeff represented the 89th Legislative District in Franklin and Cumberland Counties for 22 years, serving from 1982 to 2004.

During his tenure he had the opportunity to serve as both Democratic Caucus chairman and secretary.

Jeff was born and raised in the 89th District, having attended Shippensburg Area High School and Shippensburg University. With deep roots in our area, he was a committed public servant who spent a lifetime working to improve the communities of the 89th Legislative District and all of Pennsylvania.

His passing is a reminder to all of us in this chamber of the countless Pennsylvanians like Jeff who have walked these halls before us, sat in these chairs, and carried on the traditions we continue to uphold today. Yes, I am a Republican and Jeff was a Democrat. And in election years we would find ourselves on opposite sides. But far too often in this building and in society we are defined by our partisan differences. As statesmen, we must find room to put aside those differences, and when it comes to honoring Jeff today, I look to the Book of Romans. Romans 13:7 teaches us to "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor" is due.

Today it is truly my privilege to stand and honor Representative Jeff Coy for his tireless service to the people of the 89th Legislative District. Jeff will forever be a part of this institution, and the work he did while in office will forever be remembered and appreciated by those he represented.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that his involvement in the community went far beyond that of his role as a State legislator. Jeff was a passionate advocate for his alma mater, Shippensburg University. He received an honorary doctorate in public service and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Shippensburg University. He also served on the State System Board of Governors from 1985 to 2005. Jeff served as chairman of the Shippensburg University Board of Trustees until passing.

Jeff retired in May 2018 as vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Orrstown Bank. He had been a member of the board since 1984. He was a member of Memorial Lutheran Church where he served as director of music and was organist for more than 40 years. He was also a member and past president of the West End Fire and Rescue. Until his death, Jeff served as the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. And behind me today are current members of the House Masonic Caucus.

And, Mr. Speaker, if you would allow under unanimous consent, I would like to invite Representative Keller and Representative Harry Readshaw to make a few remarks. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Thank you.

REMARKS BY MR. KELLER

The SPEAKER. Representative Mark Keller.

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

And thank you, Representative Kauffman.

As cochairs of the Masonic Caucus here in the House of Representatives, Representative Readshaw and I would like to offer a few comments.

It is indeed an honor to remember Jeff Coy's long and distinguished tenure as a member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. Here are some highlights: Brother Jeff served as Worshipful Master and trustee of the Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, where he was raised in 1975.

He served as founding member of the Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation from 1989 to 2010. Brother Jeff began his direct service to the Grand Lodge in 2002 as the Grand Organist for the central Pennsylvania area. He served as Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer from the time he was installed until 2003. Brother Jeff also served the Grand Lodge in many other capacities over the years, including trustee of the Masonic Charities Fund, administrator of the Pension Fund, trustee of the Consolidated Fund, and board member of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, and chairman of the Masonic Village Board of Directors.

Brother Jeff was recognized for his outstanding service for Freemasonry in 2009 when he was awarded the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's highest honor, the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal. Then in 2016 he was awarded the Daniel Tompkins Medal of the Scottish Rite, which also recognizes outstanding and exemplary service.

Yes, Brother Jeff Coy served the organization very well, and for that we are forever grateful.

REMARKS BY MR. READSHAW

Mr. M. KELLER. Representative Readshaw.

Mr. READSHAW. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to extend my sympathy and condolences to Jeff's wife, Jo Anne, and other family members. Jo Anne is with us this morning.

I knew the Honorable Jeff Coy as a colleague and as the secretary of the Democratic Caucus and as a Brother Mason. The last time I spoke to Jeff was at the 205th annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Rochester, New York, in August 27 through 29, 2017. We spoke and reminisced of the good old days in the House of Representatives. Brother Coy enjoyed an abundance of achievements in his life, including his Masonic travels as he was bestowed the highest degree in Masonry, the 33d degree. People of his caliber are missed by so many and in so many different ways. He honored his obligation to God and his fellow men.

In August in the Pennsylvania Freemason, Jeff was honored, his picture was on the cover, and I would just like to read a paragraph here which I think indicates the personality and the person that Brother Coy was: "With a relaxed and friendly demeanor, sharp wit and ability to hook his audience with a compelling story or wry joke, he was a natural emcee at any event. When not at the podium, he could often be found informally entertaining an audience while playing the piano. His pinpoint analysis, combined with excellent people skills, made him an exceptional public servant and a wise counselor at the board table. He was dedicated to the many causes of Freemasonry, served his community and even penned a book honoring veterans."

I was honored by belonging to another Masonic organization referred to as the Jesters Royal Order of the Jester Court No. 2, and they have "The Jesters Hymn," and I would just like to read one line: "To the pillared hall we know so well, at our Director's" – and in this case, the word "Director's" is referring to God – "at our Director's call, We come to celebrate the lives of good Jesters all, And to take a turn remembering how they each knew 'Mirth is King!' "

Let us remember Brother Jeff Coy not only in this House of Representatives, but Masonically, and as a brother, I would like to say so mote it be.

REMARKS BY MR. KAUFFMAN

Mr. KAUFFMAN. The entire 89th District has felt the loss of Jeff and the mark he made on the communities he served.

I would like to formally introduce those who have joined us on the House floor today for this memorial, and if you could stand as you are announced. We are joined most importantly by Jeff's wife of 44 years, Jo Anne Coy. Jo Anne. In addition to Mrs. Coy, also joining her is Denise Yarwood, a very close friend of Representative and Mrs. Coy. Unfortunately, Denise's husband, John, could not be with us today due to the time change in our session schedule. Also Doug Harbach, director of communications for the Gaming Control Board and a former House employee under Representative Coy; Paul Resch, director of gaming operations for the Gaming Control Board and former House employee under Representative Coy; and Steve Crawford, who is president of Wojdak Government Relations and former House employee under Representative Coy. Thank you very much for joining us today and being a part of this memorial.

My heartfelt condolences go out to Jeff's wife and his mother and all of those family and friends who will desperately miss him, and it is my pleasure to have been a part of this memorial to his service today.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I had the honor and the opportunity to serve with Jeff for many years. So I also would like to extend our sympathies to Jo Anne and to the family. But I really am glad that we are taking time to remember Jeff Coy here today.

And those of us who served with Jeff in the Democratic Caucus respected and admired him. We looked to Jeff to teach us about a lot of things: farming, small business needs, education. Calculating mileage, not so much. It is an inside joke.

And it is significant, I think it is worth pointing out that most Republicans felt the same way about Jeff, and I think that is clear from what we have heard and seen today. He truly was a consensus builder. He did not try to build walls; he tried to tear down barriers. He kept his focus and he kept his focus on getting things done that would make Pennsylvania a better place. He sought out partners everywhere he could – Democrat, Republican, rural, urban. He served here for 22 years, and he spent those years finding allies and making lifelong friends.

And we have heard all the boards and commissions that Jeff had served on throughout his career. He really served his community. It meant a whole lot to him here and in Harrisburg, the Gaming Board, the State System Board, and what he did back in his community, he was a firefighter. I never knew he played the organ in church, but that is a good thing. And we have heard his dedication here today about the higher ed, but you also got to know it and I think for me early on that he was a tremendous advocate for K through 12 education, for early quality preschool education, and full-day kindergarten, and smaller class sizes.

He was a man of Shippensburg, he was a man of this House, and I am going to miss him.

And you know, Mr. Speaker, there is a line from the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," and it is "...no man" – I think, Clarence talking about George Bailey says that "...no man is a failure who has friends." Jeff Coy truly had friends, and by all accounts, he had a wonderful life, and, Mr. Speaker, those of us who had the opportunity to share some of that with him are much better for it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Thank you so much, Mrs. Coy and family and friends, for being here today to honor Representative Jeff Coy. He made a significant difference in his service to the House of Representatives and also with respect to the State's Gaming Control Board as one of its founding commission members. He was an individual that without a doubt reached across party lines to bring people together to get the best work, and clearly, by all of his engagement and your engagement with your community, well loved. Thank you so much for being here.

Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House, please.

STATEMENT BY MR. FLYNN

The SPEAKER. Representative Marty Flynn is recognized on unanimous consent, and then we will proceed to farewell remarks.

Mr. FLYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young man in my district who is a hero for saving a woman's life while she was eating at his family's restaurant. His name is Dominic Argenta, and he is joined here today in the back of the House with his parents, Victoria and Virgil.

Dominic quickly sprang into action when a lady dining at his restaurant began to choke on her food. Without hesitation, while the victim was not breathing and turning blue, Dominic sprang into action and performed the Heimlich maneuver before anyone knew whatever happened. When the paramedics arrived, Dominic reacted with ease to a life-threatening situation that could have turned out to have been devastating, but it was not.

Today I want to honor Dominic and the paramedics who saved the woman's life in July and I thought it fitting to pay tribute to the family on the House floor today during a visit. So, Dominic, Virgil, and Victoria, please rise for a House reception.

Dominic said he learned how to do the Heimlich maneuver when he was in eighth grade, and this time he put that knowledge to good use.

Dominic, thank you for your bravery and quick action in a life-or-death situation and for saving a woman's life in distress. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Dominic, thanks so much for your courage and thank you for joining us here today. We are very, very appreciative. When we take a break, if you can remain with us, when we take a break if you could come up with Representative Flynn for a photo, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

Members, we are taking at this time some farewell remarks from three members, and I know we have some guests here on the House floor, so I am going to ask all members to please come onto the House floor. Take your seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS
BY MR. GODSHALL**

The SPEAKER. This good gentleman is the most senior Republican member in the House of Representatives with 36 years of public service representing the 53d Legislative District and the citizens throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. First elected in 1982, he has been chairman of the House Consumer Affairs Committee since 2007 and is a member of the House Insurance Committee. He also chaired the House Tourism Committee.

The good gentleman has received numerous awards, citations, and special recognitions, including the 2011 American Hero Award from the National Kidney Registry. The recipient of a lifesaving bone marrow transplant, he authored legislation to provide tax credits to employers who give employees time off to donate an organ or bone marrow.

This good gentleman also served as chairman of the committee to establish the National Constitution Center in the great city of Philadelphia.

His family roots date back more than 250 years in Montgomery County, and the good gentleman was raised on the family farm. He has been an outstanding legislator.

I turn the floor over now to our truly great friend and colleague, Chairman Bob Godshall.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And good morning. Maybe it is good afternoon now.

But I am not really much for speeches, and if not for the fact that I have many family and friends here today, I would probably forgo this exercise.

But before I get started, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my family, without whose love and support I would not be here. My son, Grey, and his wife, Lisa, over on the side. Tanya and her husband, Gary; my daughter and their soon-to-be-accepted great-grandson, Isaac, who is making a little bit of noise and will probably make it during this presentation. My granddaughter, Linsey, and husband, Ben, and Greyson, another great-grandchild; and granddaughter, Maggie; and I think I might have forgotten Braeden right there in the middle who just raised his hand.

While a State legislator, I have lost my wife, two brothers, and my beloved son, Brad, but I have also been blessed with a dozen new grandchildren and great-grandchildren with another on the way.

No one succeeds here without competent and dedicated staff, both in the district and at the Capitol. I have been privileged to have the talent of the following people behind me: Karin Janusewski – in my district office – Maria Greco, Bob Iannozi, Ned Smith, Sarah Sherpinsky, and Brian Pifer; in the Capitol, Jane Hugendubler, Sharon Shifflet, Jeannie Dougherty, Amanda Rumsey, Nick McClure of my staff on the Consumer Affairs Committee, and Donna Pinkham of our communications staff who has been with me for a long, long time. Thank you for all the work on my behalf and the behalf of the citizens of the 53d District in Pennsylvania.

My journey to the State legislature from the corn and wheat fields of our Mennonite family farm in Montgomery County was a long one. My time here has been even longer. In fact, far longer than I expected, but I am grateful for my time here and what we, as a body, have been able to accomplish.

Many of my ancestors were farmers who migrated here from Germany in the 1700s and 1800s. Growing up, I worked on the family farm until I went away to school in 1951. As many of you may have discovered, life has always – has ways of blowing us off course and moving us in directions we had never planned or imagined. That is how I ended up here.

Like some of you, I never imagined or had any desire to be in politics. It just happened, and I have been fortunate to have had the privilege of serving the citizens of the 53d Legislative District for 36 years and many years before that in my local school system. If not for my father's involvement in consolidating the school system, consisting of six municipalities, into what is now the Souderton Area School District, I might never have been called into public service. When illness hampered my father's efforts, he asked me to continue his work, which led to a seat on the school board, where I have served for 17 years, and my eventual election to the Montgomery County Republican Committee.

In those days virtually everyone in our area was a Republican, and being a committeeman changed the direction of my life. My leadership on school consolidation and the school board prepared me for new assignments. The Montgomery County Commissioners obtained a Federal grant to develop a park system along the Perkiomen Creek, and Chairman A. Russell Parkhouse tapped me to head up the project. Later Commissioner Parkhouse asked me to run for county controller, and with my own son out of school and able to take over the farm, I accepted and won and served a 4-year term.

My venture into statewide politics began in 1982 when I was asked to run for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. However, I was not the first choice of party leaders here in Harrisburg. In fact, aggressive attempts were made to defeat me. But by knocking on doors daily for 3 1/2 months in all kinds of weather, I persevered, winning my first election to the House by about 1500 votes.

Once I arrived in Harrisburg, I was greeted coolly and given a small corner office in the Annex. For the longest time I was not allowed to enter the Speaker's Office. I had to stand at the door to talk to him – that Speaker was from Delaware County, by the way – I had to stand at the door to talk with him. Over time, relationships were established, both here and at home, and were critical to my success as a State legislator. Most of all, I am grateful for the public's trust in me. I have never forgotten where I came from and the people who put me here and have kept me here for 36 years.

During my tenure I have witnessed many radical changes in the way our legislative body works and how we conduct ourselves. Not long ago we could have disagreements philosophically or opinionwise with a colleague and still be friends. Sadly, that is often missing at times today. As the art of thoughtful deliberation and compromise diminishes, so does our effectiveness and our esteem in the eyes of the electorate. We can do better.

As we serve the citizens of this Commonwealth, it is important to remember that the world is not black and white, but many shades of gray. Those who too soon get locked into their own views and opinions and fail to open their eyes and listen to those who disagree may be missing the big picture and may not be giving their constituents the representation they expect and deserve.

One valuable lesson I learned here is the value of relationships. I have been fortunate to have friends on both sides of the aisle. When he retired a few years ago, Dante Santoni, a Democrat Representative who served with me on the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee, paid me several compliments in his departing speech before this body. He called me a mentor from whom he learned to be a good chairman and to treat other committee members, regardless of party, with respect and professionalism.

While Tourism chairman and with Pennsylvania considering casino gambling, the Tourism Committee was invited to tour a New Jersey casino. When the tour was over and we were preparing to leave, I asked Tom Blikle, a staffer of mine, to go back into the casino three times to retrieve a delinquent member who was lagging behind. Each time Tom came back he would tell me, "He says he's on a roll. Just give him a little more time." That member was Dante Santoni. I do not know if my mentoring as chairman or if it was my patience in the committee that, you know, led to those remarks.

Another time I was debating the Democratic chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on a bill related to the Second Amendment. He was armed with information and had a team of attorneys with him. As a farm kid from Montgomery County, I was clearly outmatched, but at that time we had telephones on our desks. Mine rang, and on the other end of the line came the familiar voice of a powerful Democratic Senator who had been watching our debate from his computer. He asked me if I needed help. I said, "yes," and he sent his chief of staff over to assist me. Even if I had not been successful, I would still appreciate the willingness of others to work across party lines and get things done.

The House Consumer Affairs Committee, which I have chaired since '07, has put together some good legislation, always in a bipartisan manner, which sure helps when it gets to the House floor. We advanced several bills to ensure consumers are informed and protected, such as with my bill to phase in electric rate increases when rate caps were lifted. This new law is protecting consumers from deceptive advertising and utility rate gouging. We also supported measures to ensure the safety of natural gas pipelines and the registration of home improvement contractors. We were successful in bolstering our 911 system, wireless infrastructure, expanding benefits for senior citizens and the property tax/rent rebate program and the PACE (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) and PACENET (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier) prescription assistance programs, and so forth. I want to thank my cochairman, Tom Caltagirone, and members of the committee on both sides of the aisle because we could not have gotten these things done if we would not have worked together, and I say thank you.

I have had the good fortune to get many of my own bills signed into law, and I am well aware that no one does this alone. I am grateful for the support all of you have given me over the years. As you well know, the need for legislation often comes from issues that arise from constituents or from our own circumstances or life experiences.

My Right-to-Try legislation came out of my own experience following a diagnosis of multiple myeloma, a deadly bone marrow cancer for which there was no cure. When I was diagnosed 14 years ago, I was given a year or less to live. I found a doctor who said a bone marrow transplant might buy you some time, some additional time, but I was beyond the age of cutoff.

I was 7 years over the age limit. He said nobody is going to do it. I had to sign a mountain of paperwork, assuming all liability, and went through the surgery, which sustained me, at the University of Pennsylvania, until a new treatment was found. Thanks to your support, my Right-to-Try legislation is now law and has given terminally ill people another chance at life by permitting them to try medications and procedures that have not yet completed the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval process, which can take up to 15 years. Another bill I am particularly proud of is my living donor legislation, which provides tax credits to employers who give employees paid time off when they donate an organ or tissue to someone in need.

The legislation is now a national model, and the National Kidney Registry has credited it with increasing organ donation nationwide. The National Kidney Registry presented me with its American Hero Award at a ceremony in Philadelphia in 2011. Just before me, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had received the same award just a year before, which made sense since both Arnold and I are both slaves to physical fitness. Yeah.

I also would like to mention that with my leaving here, when any of you ever go to the lounge, which most of you all do, Lynn needs an awful lot of help over there. He is one of the owners of the Green Bay Packers and they are aging. They are going up in years, and he could sure use some help. I usually give it to him when I am here, but with me gone, he might need some additional help.

I once again thank all of you for your friendship, your kindness, your support. I leave this esteemed institution with a full heart and satisfaction of knowing that I represented my constituents and the citizens of Pennsylvania to the very best of my ability, and I say thank you to you and a lot of individuals whom I cannot mention individually because I know I am going to forget somebody and I do not want to do that.

But in ending, I would like to say that on occasion we receive recognition for our work and important legislation on achievements we do in our district. It has been particularly gratifying to me to be the recipient of the Montgomery County Newspaper Publisher's Reader's Choice Award as best politician in Montgomery County for the past 10 years and many years before that. This is the award that they give out on an annual basis. My walls are full and I have no room. So I can say that with any luck at all and all due respect, my retirement may give Kate Harper a shot at it next year. Thank you.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Chairman Godshall, who said he did not have some sense of humor?

Chairman Godshall, may God bless you as you move on from the House of Representatives. The work you have done on legislation, really complex legislation on many fronts, the Consumer Affairs Committee actually deals with businesses in the Commonwealth that provide products and services that are subject to significant regulation. To be able to get through some of those very complex issues, you need a chairperson that is willing to dive into the facts, to talk to folks, from really all breadths with respect to the issue and then to find solutions. Nobody knows his or her facts better than Chairman Godshall. In addition, he is also a person that, once he knows his facts, comes up with solutions, puts it into legislative form, and is able to speak to laypersons here and all across the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania about what he and the team have discovered and what the right track is to move forward. You have been humble about the pieces of legislation that you have worked on and gotten over the goal line to the betterment of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

So many of us are so appreciative of the great work that you have done, Chairman Godshall. We are going to miss you. We are going to miss you very, very much. I am also going to miss your passionate remarks in caucus because you are somebody who has studied up on his or her issue and made sure that everybody in the caucus understands exactly your perspective, and you never do it, you never do it impulsively. You do it after you know the issue.

Thank you so much for the great work that you have done on behalf of your district and on the behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. With that, I would like to provide you with this gavel, and, Robert, please come to visit us anytime. Thank you very, very much.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House so that members can come on and off the floor. We do have two additional farewell remarks from our good friends and colleagues that are retiring. All members, please come to the House floor. All members, please take your seats.

At this time I am going to ask the Sergeants at Arms to close the doors of the House and all members to please take their seats as we honor another of our colleagues.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. TAYLOR

The SPEAKER. Chairman John Taylor was first elected in 1984 to represent the 117th Legislative District of Philadelphia. He is one of the most respected members of this House; a Republican member from Philadelphia who can reach out to legislators all across the State to find consensus and move important legislation forward. He is presently the chair of the House Transportation Committee and serves, actually, on the State Transportation Commission. Chairman Taylor resides in the Northwood section of Philadelphia with his wife, Evelyn, and I know that he has four adult children. I am sure he will be introducing them – Sean, Sheila, Jillian, Brian – and some grandchildren.

As you know, amongst other issues, Chairman Taylor has worked on important legislation with respect to bringing vacant and sometimes land that is being used for not good purposes, to get it back into being used and productive and helping to enrich neighborhoods; laws that have taken on the opioid epidemic; laws that have improved transportation capabilities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; laws that have expanded opportunities for family-sustaining jobs not only in Philadelphia and the southeast region but all across the State. He has certainly been committed to making sure that each and every student in the city of Philadelphia has an opportunity to get a good education and not to have to be concerned about security issues. It is my

honor to bring him up to the rostrum at this time to address his good friends and colleagues. Representative Taylor.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thanks for the opportunity, and good afternoon to members and staff. My family is here, which is a wonderful thing, and to all our guests that are here.

I think from the moment we hear our first farewell speech we think about what we would say before we leave. So the process here is really about what you have to eliminate from a speech rather than add to it because I would be here for a long time. So I am going to apologize ahead of time if there is some glaring error that I am going to make in omitting something or someone, but I hope that is not the case. And I want this particular moment and my entire retirement to be a happy thing because I plan to see all of you on a regular basis, not every day.

When I announced my retirement last September, Mike Peifer instantly texted me and said, "Say it isn't so. We in the back row are like family." And I went, "Exactly. That's the problem. So that's why I have to get out of here."

But we will be seeing each other, so it is not that sad for me, and I guess this is a good time for an announcement. I am about 80 percent sure, maybe 90 percent, and I am hoping that next year I am going to join Steve Bloom with the Commonwealth Foundation, and I am just hoping that that is— What is that, Mr. Speaker? That might not happen? I am going to have to give Matt a call over there. Steve, whatever you can do to help me get over there, I would appreciate it. I think I would help that place. I am sorry. I hate to have my dreams crushed, but I am going to keep trying.

But I would like to just offer some remarks. I served under seven Governors and many, many Speakers, and you know, so many members have come here and gone. But it was sort of an accident for me to be here. I started out with a mayor's race in 1983 in Philadelphia for John Egan, which I should say he is recovering from some illness and I wish him well. But that was a great learning experience for not only me but many of the people in the back of the room. And then after that race, I was asked to be the designated person to take a beating for the Republican Party in Philadelphia, and I agreed to do that. It did not work out that way. I was so naïve, I thought I could win, and it worked out with a whole lot of help from many, many people.

But I mean, that starts with our families. My wife, Evelyn, is here, and not only did she support the beginning of my political campaign but from the time I knew her, even though our first date she just flat out stood me up, but as John Perzel used to say, "Republicans from Philadelphia, we accept rejection cheerfully," and I did not give up. But we actually got married and moved to Florida so we could both pursue our undergraduate career, supported me when I came back to Philly to go to law school, was agreeable to everything we did in terms of wanting to run for office, with very negative odds in a district that was 22 percent Republican. But as a teammate in that effort, in the political effort, nobody is better, and she is awesome in a political world as well. But for me, Ev, you have been a wonderful wife, certainly a wonderful mother, which we will put on display in a minute. But a very, very unique person whom I love very much and without whom I would never be able to do this. So thank you very much. Stand up a second.

As many of you who are parents know, trying to get your kids together in one spot is often very difficult, and in my case they came from some pretty far places here. So my oldest son, who

was 2 years old when I started, who just flew in from the west coast, he is a Ph.D. (doctor of philosophy) in data science for this little company you may have heard of called Facebook. But my son, Sean, is here. So thank you, Sean. Stand up.

My daughter, Sheila, is here who is a sports medicine doctor in Delaware at Christiana System. I am sure there are some patients that are disappointed that you cannot be with them today, but I am so glad you are here with me. Sheila Taylor.

My daughter, Jill, is here. Remarkably, you could get off. Jill is a new assistant district attorney in Philadelphia. Just was notified last week that she passed the bar of Pennsylvania, so congratulations to Jill. Her husband, Todd, is here who is very successful in his own right as a money manager with Merrill Lynch. And that little guy is all our buddy. We dote over our children, but when the grandchildren come, the only question is, "What is Nolan doing?" So he is upset that Grandpa cannot play with him right now.

And my youngest son, Brian, is here who is a graduate of Ursinus College. He was our football player. He played rugby in Spain for a few years. But now he works for a great company called Wodify. Brian Taylor. Thanks, Brian.

And for me to have people that I am so proud of be here today, it is very gratifying. Thank you very much.

So I just want to mention that it is probably true for a lot of members, but certainly if you are a Philadelphia member, you have two very distinct worlds. There are two jobs that you have simultaneously, and they do not always meet and sometimes they hardly ever meet, and one is what you have to do in the district. And I think if you are a Philadelphia member, we are all like neighborhood ombudsmen who are required to do just about anything that comes along. And if I walked up and down the streets in my district and said, "Hey, guess what? Hey, I'm chairman of Transportation." They are like, "So what, so what. What are you going to do to solve this problem, this problem, this problem?" And if you walked around with me— And by the way, I appreciate Steve Bloom being part of my joke, but he actually came down to my district and did walk around with me.

But you would never think I was getting elected by the way they talked. I mean, I am like the nephew that forgot to put in the air condition and they remind you every time. And many of you have heard this story, but I was campaigning with Senator Santorum in a Kmart in Port Richmond and he had the guys with the thing in their ears, the security detail with him, and a woman yells from about an aisle and a half over, "John Taylor, I'd like to slice your throat." And the security guards all jumped back, and I said, "What's the problem?" She said, "You said you were going to have Seltzer Street repaved and it's still not repaved." I said, "I'll take care of it." She walked away and Senator Santorum said, "Holy cow, slice your throat. Aren't you concerned about that?" I said, "Senator, she didn't say she wasn't voting for me." But whether it is pave Seltzer Street or anything else that happens in that district, all we do as members is try to lead the way and give people some guidance. But it is our staffs in these places that really make the difference, and a lot of them are here with me today.

I will mention just my original staff and my current staff, because everybody in between, I would be here forever. But to start with, I started with a gal named Terry Adams, Bob Endy, Henry Shain, and my good friend Fran Kelly. If you could stand, Fran. Since Fran Kelly worked for me, he always reminds me that he has on his Social Security statement his annual income from

when he worked for me, which was \$8800. He is now the assistant general manager of SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority). I think it is about \$8900 now that you make, so you moved up.

But in addition to that, I should mention a gal named Peg Miller – and maybe she is listening; she is in western PA now – who really had a great deal to do with my success and ran my offices and kind of knew where everybody should be and knew the whole game. So I appreciate everything you did for me, Peg.

And our current staff, if they could stand when I call their names: Dot Kauterman, Jackie Luna. Nicole Mannes is not here. She is working. Melissa Convey, Mia Hylan, and Marc Collazzo. It is like alumni. He is gone. They all, as soon as they heard the announcement, they started to abandon ship. But if any of you need some employees, I will tell you, you have some gems back there for the folks that are listening around the Commonwealth. I wish I could take them with me to the Commonwealth Foundation, but I do not know if that is possible.

But I also have some friends here that are very important to my political success. Carl Ciglar is here who counted all the money over the years, and we raised a few dollars over that time, did we not, Carl? Unfortunately, we spent every cent of it, but we appreciate it. Paul Kaiser is here, Paul. Thank you very much. He kind of leads some of the social events as well. Dot Jacob. Dot, stand up. Dot is one of – really, the de facto ward leader in the 25th ward. And also my buddy who is one of my best friends who really is not in the game of politics on a daily basis but was with me an awful lot of steps of the way is John Hagen, John.

I do want to mention from a political side friends such as Marty O'Rourke who did a lot of my campaigns, who has been awesome. Joe DeFelice. Some of my ward leaders: Kevin Pasquay, Chris Voegler, Vince Fenerty, Bob Cummings, Chris Nawdinski, Bill Pettigrew in the past, and Bob Kannacky. I appreciate them very much.

And certainly a whole host, like all of you have a whole host of individuals who are very helpful. And my personal friend, Pat Deon, could not be here today. He gave me the ultimate compliment a few months ago when he said, "You know, when I'm out of power, Taylor, you're the only one that's is going to hang out with me." And I thought that was nice of him to say.

But I have a whole host of friends in the labor movement as well that were very good to me, but I will just cite Joe Ashdale and Dan Grace as being representative of all them or I would be here forever.

So that is sort of the district, but our definition of our job is here in Harrisburg, and I have been blessed with staff here in Harrisburg. And you may recall a ceremony we had here on the floor, I believe it was a few years back, when my secretary, Bonnie Glatfelter, retired. She got out before me, but, Bonnie, stand up. Bonnie was here for many, many moons. We actually started together. Neither one of us knew what we were doing. She was a new secretary and I was a new member, but thank God it worked out. I had a gal named Ann Snook for a while when Bonnie left for maternity leave, and as soon as Ann left, I asked Bonnie to come back out of the private sector to rejoin us. But since Bonnie left, I had Nancy Cole. Nancy has done a great job trying to keep up with everybody. There are many days when she has extra chores in the office, so we appreciate it.

And then my writer, Dave Foster. I do not know if Dave is here, but, Dave, if you are listening, thank you very much. We took Dave out of the dark side – he was a reporter – and had him work for us, so we appreciate it.

And like many members before and Bob was talking about it earlier, we cannot survive here without our committee staff, and I just was very, very fortunate over the years. Our current staff, as you know, is fantastic. Eric Bugaile. Eric is the institutional knowledge around here on Transportation. And Greg Moreland and Beth Sickler. Greg and Beth. I never saw an employee that is happier than Beth, too. No matter what we are doing and how hard it is, she just always has a smile on her face and I appreciate it. But even before— Oh, and then certainly Bill's staff: Meredith Biggica and Kyle. We appreciate all the work you do, and Eric Nelson before that. We appreciate all the Democrat staff as well. But before my tenure, I have been a chairman a long time, but before my tenure on Transportation, my right-hand person was Marcia Lampman, who sometimes I bet wishes she was back in the simplicity of the liquor world. So Marcia was wonderful.

You know, my baby, though, since I have been here has been Urban Affairs, really, and I wish I could have stayed with that more often, but with Christine Goldbeck and the variety of staff there. I had Christine Goldbeck, Melissa Zorbaugh – I know her name has changed, but I forget what it is now – as well as Diane Warner and Joyce Frigm, who were all with me as part of the Urban Affairs staff and I appreciate it.

But the legislative work and Mike mentioned some of that, John Perzel, former Speaker and friend of mine, used to say, "John, where can you find a job where you can think something up on a Monday morning, drive to Harrisburg, write it down, and pass it out of the House by Wednesday?" I was like, wow, that is a pretty good job. But it did not move quite that fast, but sometimes it really did. And I just wanted to just maybe highlight some of that quickly.

But going back to the nineties, I and Dwight Evans, and Anthony Williams, George Kenney, and John Perzel were part of a group called the Gang of Five. It was not a group of people that then Mayor Rendell was happy about, but we really zeroed in on the police issues in Philadelphia and on how the police were handling crime. It resulted in a new commissioner, it resulted in some different policies, and we were very, very proud of that, but it also exemplifies a bipartisanship as well. And a lot of the things that I did work on and were able to accomplish came with both Democrat and Republican members, and I appreciate those members doing it. And it seems, just as some advice, when you have a bipartisan approach to things, the media does not take that skeptical view of what you are doing. You are not doing it for partisan purposes or political purposes; you are doing it because it needs to be done.

The Speaker mentioned our work on school violence, and I think that was probably a time that I had the most fun and it was a different time. But along with Bill Keller and Alan Butkovitz, Marie Lederer, and George Kenney again, we embarked on about a 3-year mission to change the way the School District of Philadelphia dealt with offenders in a school violence situation. And I think that we had tremendous success with that with the passing of the first Safe School Advocate bill, something called Act 88, which changed how kids came out of prison without any orientation into the school district. But we changed the way that the school district approached violent offenders, and you know, we are very, very proud of that, and again that was a bipartisan effort.

But we also had tremendous success in blight and urban revitalization and blight remediation. You think about what this chamber did in terms of Act 90, which if you are not using that in your districts, you really should be. Act 135, the Conservatorship Act, very, very helpful and effective in dealing with blight. Our land bank legislation – Peifer was glad I mentioned land bank; we passed that so many times, he was tired of hearing it – and then the housing trust funds and other things, both housing trust funds in Pennsylvania and in Philadelphia. Something that many of you helped us with last term is legislation that created the first recovery school in Pennsylvania. It is only one of about 20 schools in America that deals with kids that are in rehab that come out of rehab and have to be educated, and instead of putting them in the same schools that they got addicted in, this is quite a unique situation. As a matter of fact, I think there is an open house on the recovery school next week. So thank you for those of you who supported that, particular thanks to Senator Pat Browne as well.

And then there is, you know, the many things we have done on the Transportation Committee, and I appreciate so much our members who participated. Now, Bill Keller and I were not members of the committee, we were not chairmen when Act 89 was passed, but we were very involved in that process and we keep on celebrating the benefits of that act and all the new things that have been happening to roads, bridges, mass transit, airports, railroads, and even pedestrian and bicycling routes. So that was a tremendous thing to work on. And then all the initiatives we had in safety across the last 4 years. Not all of them got to the finish line, but many of you were very helpful with the bill that the Governor is about to sign to make work-zone safety and Roosevelt Boulevard safer. So I appreciate that very much. And to all the members of our committee, thank you very much.

I would just like to leave you maybe with three pieces – I do not want to call it advice – but three items to think about, and one of them I am very passionate about. And I would say to you, stand up for yourselves. The media and the public would love to minimize the importance of what you do. They love to minimize the hard work that you put into it. And even if you were a member here that criticized the body before you got here, you have to admit that this is a hard job, and it is not a job, it is a lifestyle. So in the event that you get criticized, I mean, I think you have to fire back on many occasions. We overuse the word "public service" and then the word "public servants." We are not servants. Many of you are so talented and so experienced, and your constituents hired you to do a job to represent them because of your talent and experience, and keep that in mind. We are not servants, but we are Representatives.

And then secondly, to ask members to stand up for each other. I always considered my job as chairman to stand up for members that were on my committee, both Republican and Democrat, and if they needed help, I tried to help them. And there was a time here when if a member needed something in their district, even if you viewed it through your own philosophical prism, you might not agree with it, but if they needed that in their district, members rallied around them and I hope to see that come back.

And then finally, I would love to have you think more kindly of the city of Philadelphia. It is a very hard— It is a wonderful but complicated place, and it is very hard to generalize about the

city and form opinions based on generalization. It is not accurate. So I mean, please dig into some of that and try to figure out what is going on there. It is not as simple as you think. And we would love you to come here. We would love you to come to Philadelphia. We would love for you to come to our world-class institutions, whether it be health-care or education institutions, which many of you do, our world-class historical sites, our cultural institutions, our restaurants, and then there are the sports. After all, we are America's football team right now.

But you know, just some thanks to many of you in the chamber. My wife and I kid around and talk all the time about how much money we would have if we did not have the tuition that we paid, not that my kids did not take advantage of it, but we kid around about that. But I think and I say to my wife and I think she agrees we are rich. We are rich in family and we are rich in friends, and many of you are a part of that and have been.

And I just want to thank some folks quickly. Certainly the members that I deal with on the Philadelphia side in our delegation, they are a wonderful group of smart, dedicated folks. I wish I could thank each and every one of them individually. But you know, I have enjoyed working with them, and I wish them the best of luck in the future. And then I used to be a delegation of one. It was easy to have meetings. It was easy to make decisions. I did not have to consult with anybody. But one of the highlights of my career was seeing Martina White elected to this body. I cannot wait to see what she does and watch her career. And, Martina, your staff, when you come in on Monday, they are going to say, "Martina, that guy is here again hanging out in your office." So we will be around to see how you do.

I would like to just thank some of the former chairmen that I have worked with. I have been blessed in really having very few major controversies. Even when we did – right, Pauly? We got through it. But starting with Tom Petrone, who was my friend and we miss him, but he was great to work with. But in Tom's case, he was in the majority – I was in the majority and then he was in the majority. So it pays off when you end up in the minority on how you treat your fellow chairmen when you are in the majority, and we were able to run that committee pretty smoothly. But I did mention Paul Costa and I were both chairmen during the major liquor debates. We had actually some good times in that. The major vote we had at committee and they were desperately trying to get me to come off the floor, which I am always curious about, Pauly, as to why that was, when the Speaker was demanding that we end the meeting. I would just tell Marcia, I said, "Tell them we have the votes. I'm not leaving here until this is over." And then as soon as we got the vote, I said, "Oh, we have to go to the floor right away." They are like, "Wait a minute. What about my friend, Harry Readshaw? He has a bill coming up." I said, "Harry is getting paid already. He's not going anywhere. He's getting paid." Also, Dante Santoni, who was just on the floor.

But really, I cannot say enough good things about my friend, Bill Keller. Bill, I am not going to miss you much. We are about the same handicap in golf, so we are still going to play golf. But Bill and his staff were a pleasure to work with. If we had a dispute, we worked it out. If members had a problem, we tried to fix it beforehand. He has been a leader in Philadelphia on many, many issues, but particularly the Port of Philadelphia, but he has been a great chairman to work with, and I want to thank you, Bill.

Speaker, I know we had a lot of debates over time, you know, on liquor, and I think your hard work on liquor, in my view, paid off. I know it is not over, but when it is all said and done, the

landscape of this Commonwealth is very different and a lot of it is because of your hard work. So you did a great job on that, and I am sure there will be more of that coming in the future.

To Leader Reed, I wish you were not leaving. I do not know where Dave is. But I wish he was not leaving and would still be in this body, but I know everybody has reasons for going and I am sure he will do great things in wherever he is going.

But I mentioned a few times John Perzel. He was a great friend and leader to me, great leader of this body. It was a different time. Things ran a little more smoothly because of the economy and things. We did not have long budget debates. But he was a great leader, along with Matt Ryan and Sam Smith.

Now, more on a personal level, I am going to miss my friends in the back row, both Mike Peifer and Jim Marshall and Mark Mustio and John Maher. You know, when Jim Marshall arrived here, they put him next to me because I was supposed to tell him what to do. But nobody needs to tell Jim Marshall what to do, so he has been a great seatmate and a great friend and he is going to do great things around here.

But before the back row was constituted like it is, my good friend, George Kenney, was part of the back row, and George and I started together. When George gave his farewell speech, he talked about how between the two of us we had 10 kids together and found out a lot about what was going on about our families while we were here. And people ask about what some of the funniest things that ever happened here and I hope the statute is run on some of this, George, but we were here one night many, many days in a row and we did not stop at 11 o'clock on many nights, we went straight through, and as all of you go through, people at home were calling, "When are you coming home?" And we cannot give that answer. But George was getting that question quite a few times that evening, and I will have to preface this by saying we broke that evening and went to dinner, so you figure out what that means, but George was on the phone with his wife, Liz, and he was quite frustrated at the questions, so he took his phone – not the cell phone; we had literally phones back there – and hit his computer screen in an effort to break it. So I kind of took the liberty of making fun of him for not being man enough to break his own computer screen, at which point he reached over with the phone and smashed mine into a jillion pieces and then yells over to our friends at IT (Information Technology), "Yo, Taylor broke his computer screen over here," at which point the guy came over and started pushing buttons like as if that was going to fix the machine – F1, alternate, delete.

But it was also the same night I think that we bet George \$100 that he could not commandeer Reizdan Moore's Segway scooter. You newer members would not remember that Clancy had a brief hiatus being our Parliamentarian and the gentleman used to ride around on a scooter. So we thought it was just a veiled opportunity for George, and suddenly there he was in the front of the room. We are looking at him from the back and each of them have their hands on Reizdan's scooter, but George never got it out of his hands. So, Georgie, it was great serving with you.

To my fellow members in front of us, their critical importance to the back row, whether it is, I mean, Lyn Culver and Rosemary and Dave, they have everything you can imagine in those drawers back there. Whatever you could possibly need, they have it, and they have been very, very helpful.

My friends in the ICC – you know, I am part of one caucus and I chair another, and my friends in the ICC, which is our little cigar thing, Mark Keller and Ron Marsico and Bernie O'Neill, and before I left, we have incorporated and sworn in a few other

members, Matt Dowling and Justin Walsh and Ryan Warner, so we have a great time with them. But I am chairman of another thing besides Transportation. We have a group that meets once a week when we are in session to discuss policy, to come up with ideas, and it is one of the few caucuses here that actually produces some artwork and it was commissioned by Hal English, and, Mr. Speaker, this was actually displayed right in this spot. You were not here, but to my friends that might recall what this means. So out of all the presents, I do not need any more plaques or anything, but I would like this one framed for our friends.

So again, it is not goodbye. I want to thank everybody for their help. Every once in a while I did say to Daryl, every once in a while you come up with ideas that do not pan out and my family and I were at a wedding back in September, and before the meal they all held hands, they asked us to hold hands before the meal, and I thought, would that not be nice if we held hands before we prayed every day, and I thought, that is not going to work. But I did ask Daryl about that. He said he did not think that was an idea that would work.

But my family and I frequent a place called Anna Maria Island in Florida. We get there as often as we can due to the generosity of my oldest son, and it is also a place where ex-legislators gather. My friend, Scott Boyd, is there, who was here a few weeks ago, as well as Judge Craig Dally. So we see them often. But we try to get there as often as we can, particularly around holidays, and this is one of the first times in a while – well, we were at a wedding last month – that we were all together. But we do get to Florida. And I want to just express to all of you that if any of you are in the area of Anna Maria Island and if you need anything, if you need information, you need a drink, you need a meal, you need a place to stay – and my wife agrees with this – if that happens and you are there, please call Craig Dally at 610-453-5100 or Scott Boyd, 717-414-3000. So I am sure they will take care of you. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Taylor, thank you so much for such great remarks and also for your service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I saved a few items for afterwards. To use the good chairman's terms, the landscape with respect to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has certainly moved into the 21st century. It would not have happened without Chairman Taylor, who was chairman of the Liquor Control Committee at the time when we first set off on this significant endeavor, and John was a person that could bring people together in that endeavor as he has on so many others, and I am so appreciative of the great work you did then, John, and on so many other issues.

To your lovely family, thanks for all being here and traveling the great distance. Your dad talks about you all the time. I feel like I know a good bit about each and every one of you, and really, you are just an amazing family and you got the love of a dad that goes well beyond the hall here, this august hall. Thanks for being here on this special day, and please do not make yourself scarce either. Come up with your dad whenever he decides to come back and visit us. He has made a significant impact on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I mean that sincerely. Thank you very, very much.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time I am just going to ask the Appropriations chair for a committee announcement, the Appropriations chair for a committee announcement.

Mr. Chair.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room. Again, that will be the Appropriations Committee immediately in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. All members of the Appropriations Committee, I would ask you to please head down to the majority caucus room at this time.

We are going to continue here on the House floor while the Appropriations Committee is meeting.

Representative Harper will be recognized to speak on HR 1099. We will be voting on that a little bit later this afternoon, but some advocacy with respect to that resolution, and then Representative Kinsey on HR 1129. By then I think the Appropriations Committee will be back, and then we are going to do Chairwoman Kathy Watson's final remarks, farewell remarks.

So we are going to call upon at this time Representative Kate Harper and she will be followed by Representative Steve Kinsey. As I said, we will be doing the votes on the uncontested House resolutions just a little bit later on this afternoon.

STATEMENT BY MS. HARPER

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair recognizes Chairwoman Kate Harper.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask my colleagues to vote in favor of Pro Bono Week in Pennsylvania. Those of us who are lawyers know that "pro bono" means for the public good, and we also know that it means that a lawyer is donating his or her time, expertise, and energy to somebody who needs legal help and cannot afford it. Whether this legal help comes in the form of representation of a child in a courtroom who needs to be represented but her parents may even be adverse parties; or whether it is on a Saturday morning at the local high school doing Wills for Heroes, for people who are volunteer firefighters, emergency services, or returning veterans; or whether it is representing a tenant in a landlord-tenant dispute and making sure that justice is done, lawyers do this across the Commonwealth every single day. But the resolution that we have offered today is to recognize "Pro Bono Week" to encourage lawyers to give freely of their time and expertise to those who need justice done but do not have the funds to pay for it, and also to thank them.

Our nation lives on a system of laws. These are enforced through the courts. People's rights and responsibilities are outlined every single day in the courts throughout our Commonwealth, and often the person who most needs the legal help and the legal representation cannot afford a lawyer, and that is when a lawyer steps up and offers the services pro bono, for the public good.

So I would ask all of you to please support the resolution which will name "Pro Bono Week" as next week in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognizing all lawyers who make sure that justice is done even when the client cannot afford it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Harper.

The House will stand at ease for just a few moments.

The House is back in order.

STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Kinsey is called upon to speak on HR 1129. He is being joined by his good friend, Representative Greg Rothman.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Representative Karen Boback as well as Representative Greg Rothman for their support of HR 1129, which recognizes "Bully Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, no longer is bullying confined to the schoolyards where children could previously escape the pressures of bullies and retreat to a safe place called home. Bullying has become an epidemic that affects children and adults alike. One in seven students in grades K through 12 are either a bully or have been a victim of bullying. An estimated 160,000 children in the United States stay home from school daily for fear of attack or intimidation by other students. Eighty-three percent of girls and 79 percent of boys have experienced being harassed; 6 out of 10 teenagers say they witness bullying in school at least once a day; 35 percent of kids have been threatened online; and nearly 9 out of 10 LGBTQ youth report being verbally harassed at school due to their sexual orientation.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank my colleagues for their support of HR 1129. I think it is imperative that we do more, Mr. Speaker, to protect the children, to protect adults, and to protect each and every individual in our community.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. ROTHMAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Greg Rothman.

Mr. ROTHMAN. I want to thank Representative Kinsey for the great work he is doing beyond this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, we are told, at least my generation, that sticks and stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me. It is a lie. It is an absolute lie. It is time to do something to stop bullying in our schools, cyberbullying. We need more kindness. We need to remember that we are all members of the human race. We need more kindness in politics, we need more kindness in schools, and we need more kindness in society. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

All members, please report to the floor.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 2557, PN 4196

By Rep. SAYLOR

An act establishing intergovernmental cooperation authorities for certain cities of the third class; providing for powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. All members, please come to the House floor. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. Farewell remarks from one of our colleagues. All members are asked to please come to the House floor for farewell remarks from our good friend and colleague, Representative Kathy Watson, chair of the Children and Youth Committee. We will shortly be closing the doors of the House. All members, please come to the House floor. We are going to be honoring Representative Kathy Watson, chair of the Children and Youth Committee.

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

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MRS. WATSON

The SPEAKER. Representative Kathy Watson was first elected to serve the residents of the 144th Legislative District in Bucks County in 2000. She presently serves as chairman of the House Children and Youth Committee and as a member of the Transportation Committee. Kathy and her husband, James, as you know, reside in Warrington Township, of Bucks County, and have a son, Derek.

Before her election to the House, Kathy served as a commissioner, representing Pennsylvania on the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. A graduate of Penn, she is a former high school English teacher, having taught at Springfield High School in Delaware County. But she also operated a business, a home-based public relations firm, Coleraine Consultants. A township supervisor, a member of the school board, she was well prepared for coming to serve here in the House of Representatives.

Understand that her service as chair of Children and Youth has been nothing short of monumental. In response to the crisis that had occurred at Penn State University, she chaired a task force leading to instrumental legislation to prevent child abuse and to make sure that we had criminal background checks for volunteers throughout the Commonwealth. There were more than a dozen child protection bills that were placed into law, and as head of that committee, she has tracked the efficacy of those bills, making sure to support those children and families. She was, in fact, named Partner for Change by the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance in 2016.

Also, legislation that made it unlawful to text and drive, this good lady was the prime sponsor and the lead with respect to getting that legislation done. Also, in terms of safety amongst teen driving, also got into legislation a law that would prohibit or limit, I should say, limit the number of students that could be in a car at any one time. Always focused on making sure that that safety was there.

Chairman Watson, I think you actually also led on the legislation with respect to child seats as well, bringing us into the 21st century on what the laws should be with respect to utilization of child seats in vehicles in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A good friend, somebody whom I have spent much time with in working on legislation, I am so honored to bring up Representative Kathy Watson. Kathy.

Mrs. WATSON. There is a phrase that I heard – actually on television, my husband would remember – and it says, it is a gentleman that does the news and he always says at the end, but I want to say at the beginning – "Thank you for the privilege of your time and your attention." He does not say but I would add, and thank you for either forgoing lunch or going earlier when somebody else was speaking so that I have some people to look at when I look out. Thank you very much. I know what legislators do. I have been here 18 years.

I am very grateful to have had this experience. My usual line has always been – and I am standing here and looking – and my usual line is, when I first got here, I said, "Wow, who would ever think that a Presbyterian would end up working in the Sistine Chapel?" And I meant that very nicely, but the truth was I have never been to Rome, unlike some of my staff members who I do not know how, they go everywhere. We will get to that in a few minutes. But I picture – I have seen enough pictures of the Sistine Chapel, and when I arrived in 2000, I had only actually been in the House one time before. Our son was in fourth grade, Ben Wilson was the State Representative – the first Representative of the 144th – and like a good mother and father, because my husband came too, we brought Derek to Harrisburg and K. Leroy Irvis was the Speaker and he had Derek hold the mace and we have a picture for the family album and all of that, and I thought, well, it is an awfully long trip to do this, but how nice. And the dome was under – I do not want to say reconstruction, but they were polishing and fixing all of the paints and so forth, and Jim and Derek went up on the scaffolding – I have a fear of heights, so I did not go – and I thought how wonderful. I have seen our State Capitol. That will be the last time I am ever there.

Running in 2000 was an incredible experience, not all of it positive, to the point where I thought I am going to do this for 2 years, but I told the folks back home and those who have been around, such as Mr. Reddecliff for that time too, and I believe my good friend over there, Mary Beth Morey, I thought I am only going to do this for 2 years and then do not worry, Jim and Derek, I will be home, and it is 18 years later, because I kept saying to them, "I'm sure I won't like it," and you know, "I know what I want, so I'll just get it done." Can you imagine the naiveté of that? I will get it done and then I will come home, so be looking for somebody to run in my place. As you well know, because you are here, things do not quite work that way and I learned that, but I also learned this: that I was incredibly grateful; that I was humbled on many occasions; and that what Speaker Ryan – then the wonderful Matt Ryan – taught me, it was a great privilege to be here, and you know what, I was going to do my darnedest to stay and keep earning that privilege and not give it up.

And I would bring up Speaker Ryan because that was the person that I think set the tone for me when I arrived, and Speaker Ryan would meet with each freshman and talk to them individually, and to me – and you know, you try to find out what did he say to the other people, like did I get the standard lecture? Did I get something a little bit better? You know, what did he probably think of me? And what I decided was he kept telling me, number one, that I, at that time I think I was something like

the 121st woman to be elected and there were 13,000 men. So I was to be a role model for women. And I thought, oh, this is big trouble. But he also told me that it was a great privilege to serve. There were things that always needed to be fixed, but I should, when I left, and he would preface that by saying, "And you make sure you leave under your terms," not, in other words, that you are voted out, and he would say, "But you make sure you leave this place as good as you found it and preferably better." And I would say to you I hope I am leaving this at least as good as I found it, but I hope that with Children and Youth – and I will get to that in a minute or two, do not panic – that I have left it better for that, and I wanted to.

I am not big on – I am great to be passionate and talk about issues. I do not like talking about myself, almost as much as I do not like having my picture taken. I know it is the wrong job. I got that. And someone once said to me, "You really aren't a very good politician," and I turned and smiled and said, "Thank you very much. I appreciate that." I have also been told – not by my good friend, the Speaker, but a previous Speaker – that my standards were too high for this job – I love that one – and the same person also told me that my biggest problem was common sense. I applaud most of you, ladies and gentlemen, because had that Speaker been talking to you, I hope he would have said the same thing, because the people that I know, many of whom sitting right there, your standards are high and you are full of common sense, and I mean that very nicely.

So we are not going to talk about me. I am going to talk about staff and the people who kept me here. First of all, I have to thank the people of the 144th Legislative District, and with all due respect to my friends who are – particularly down front here from Bucks County – I represent the best district in Bucks County. Yes, there are 10, but the best is the 144th. I tell them that all the time and I have them believing it, so that is just the way it is. But I am extremely grateful for the trust that they put in me, for the faith they had in me. For moments much like John Taylor, where I did not have anybody ever threaten to, what was that, cut my neck or do something in a Kmart, I did have a little man come up to my door when I happened to be home sick that day and rap on the door, because everybody knows in Warrington where I live, and the office had been closed – oh, did I mention that there was snow and ice all over the ground so the office was not opening until 11? But he lives two blocks away, so he just felt that he would come to my house and get me to do what he needed to be done at the office. So we have all had those fun experiences. But all in all, I thank the people of the 144th. You have given me, truly, the best work experience of my life, which says a lot, because I was a schoolteacher for 11 years and I had some great times with students. So I thank you.

I thought about this and I thought, you know what, I know Halloween is just around the corner and there are those who would say, well, she ought to compare herself to the holiday of Halloween, because we all know that she rides a broom and has a hat – and I did used to have a black cat – but I want to talk about this job and the holiday of Thanksgiving, and me leaving and Thanksgiving, because the truth is I am incredibly thankful. I am thankful for so many things, and many of you do this, I bet, at your Halloween – Halloween, listen to me – at your Thanksgiving table, and that is you go around at the table and you say something you are thankful for. We do that in our family. And there is always something you can think of and sometimes, especially the children do something that is kind of funny or, you know, I am thankful for the candy that I got on Halloween. You know, one

of those. But I want to say thank you for the opportunity that I have had here. I have compared myself – when I mentioned it to my administrative assistant, Lea Farrell, who keeps me going – Lea kind of looked at me – I said, "I think I'm going to talk about I see myself like the balloons, one of those wonderful balloons on Thanksgiving Day that is in the big, fancy Thanksgiving Day parade, the Macy's Parade that we can all watch on television," and Lea is going, "Don't do that." She said, "You know somebody is going to say something about—" I said, "I know, 'that I am full of hot air.'" And I was sure it would be Mr. Diamond when he would talk to Mr. Ryan and come up with that line. But I decided, in spite of Mr. Diamond, I was going to compare myself to that Thanksgiving balloon, because stop and think – and most of you have seen one at Philadelphia parades or some other big parade where they can afford those balloons – think of all the people that are underneath that are holding all of the strings to keep that balloon afloat and to direct that balloon so it does not hit the trees and it gets down the street and it makes the parade route. Ladies and gentlemen, when you are honest, you are a balloon too, and we all get down the street in that parade – however long our parade is – we get there because of staff and the people here and the people in the district who keep us afloat. And I am proud of that fact, and you know, sometimes I am full of hot air. It is okay. I like it.

So I am here today instead – I did not bring my family, except for my husband and oldest grandchild. Our son, Derek, who the Speaker kindly mentioned, is working, earning money, so his father and I are happy about that. He has got a nice job in New York City and works for a fancy fashion designer. No, I could never wear the clothes. It is one of those young hippy-dippy-do types, and he goes, "But, Mom, I can get you 50 percent off," and I go, "It's probably about 30 years late for my wardrobe and my look now." But he is happy and we are happy, and yes, he is a grown man, so I just told him about this but did not push it for him to be here.

I have to thank, though, the parents who are not here. But those of you who know, for all the swearing-in days, I always put a picture of my folks on my table when I am sworn in, because without them and the upbringing that I had and the values that they taught me, particularly my dad, I would not be here and I certainly would not have that common sense and maybe the too high standards that I have, though that comes from my parents and my one particular grandmother. But that is okay. I am real happy with those standards and that common sense and what they gave me.

And I do not see my good friend, Mr. Knowles, on the floor – so you will have to tell him about it – but to Mr. Knowles, I am really proud of the fact that I am a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania – you could applaud for that – and I am very proud of the fact that they were kind enough to take me in on an academic scholarship. I would have never had that kind of opportunity for an Ivy League education, because my family never had that kind of money at all. We had the will – and the truth was I applied to Penn to prove that I would actually get an acceptance letter and get in, but I would not have gone there. I mean, I was sure we certainly could not afford that, but I wanted my dad to see that I could get into the University of Pennsylvania, because the truth was that was more my father's dream than mine at that time.

So I thank them for the mentors and I am thankful for them, and by the way, you get the speech because I cannot do this at the family table, especially even this year, because they all want to

eat the turkey and the stuffing and they would shut me down right away. So I could never do a speech like this. But, with the privilege of your time and the fact that you are a captive audience, I get to do this.

I also certainly want to thank my husband. You have heard me mention and somebody pointed out, yes, because in our family, in our Irish family, there are lots of Jims. When we started out together, I would use his whole name. So I still do. So I will tell you, "Oh, yes, Jim Watson said this," and "Jim Watson said that," and somebody finally said to me, "Aren't you married to the guy?" I said, "Oh, yeah, but that's the only way we can distinguish them." And indeed, I have been married to Jim Watson and he has had to listen to me – you think you had it bad – we just celebrated our 51st anniversary last June. That applause is for Jim, I am well aware. And there are those in our family and among our friends who are making bets – and if you want to get in on it, I will give you the people to call – because they know we did 51 years, but remember, the last 18, I have been away from home for 3 days at least a week. There is really a thing going about whether we make 52 or not, and honestly, I am not sure either. So we will see how it goes or, Mr. Speaker, we may let you know how it turns out. But indeed, I am very grateful.

I have with me – I did not want to bring our whole family because they are all working and employed – that means tax dollars because they are mostly in Pennsylvania – and I did not want to do that. So I brought our oldest granddaughter, Madeline – and, Madeline, raise your hand at least or stand. There are those who refer to Madeline as my mini-me. Madeline will say, "Oh, I want to be like you, Nana," or she always did. And I do remind Madeline that she is way ahead of me, because at 21, when I got married to Mr. Watson there, Jim Watson, I was really – hard for you all to believe – but I was quiet, I was shy, and I spent most of my time, I always said, in my books. I was the typical library kid. So the person you see now is evolutionary. I have no idea what Madeline will be like at my age, because she is already me now. We are very proud of her. And she is finishing up at Penn State University and wants to go to law school and then told me she has some political aspirations. She would like to be here. Ha-ha. I will get back in one way or another, ladies and gentlemen. So we are delighted that they are here.

But on to the people that keep that balloon in the air and that is my staff. In the 18 years that I have been here, I have had three chiefs of staff. Now, does that mean I am difficult to work with? Well, maybe, but actually, we kind of – my line is, they are like Federal programs and you get them up and running and you spin them off. My first chief of staff, who was with me for 10 years from the beginning, is Curt Heintzelman, who now works for a nonprofit in Philadelphia. We got him up and running and spun him off. Curt. My second chief of staff is Maryann Knab. Again, and most of the folks are really close friends so we see them. Maryann actually retired on me. She had enough nerve to do that after 34 years of working for the House Republican Caucus, and Maryann is that traveler, so she has seen the Sistine Chapel and she just came back from London, which when I think of it makes my teeth grind in the back, because it is a place I have always wanted to go. But, Maryann, please stand up. And my current chief of staff – you really have to go to some lengths to be my chief of staff – but he won hands down. Not only does he understand politics and policy, he married one of the nicest women that he could ever find and they are the parents – almost a year old now – of the first baby of the 144th. That is right, Sean and Lori O'Connor produced the wonderful Nora Ann O'Connor,

whom I actually mentioned and announced her birth on the House floor. And this was Nora's first year in the big Fourth of July parade that I do and she had her own banner on the back of the trolley that said, indeed, on the trolley was that first baby of the 144th. So the father of the first baby is here, Sean O'Connor. Sean.

And you know that we get the opportunity to have administrative assistants. I know, does it not make us sound important? I love that. But in any event, I have had two. I have had first of all Meredith Schuler, who honestly and truly, I did not have a sister growing up and what is creepy, we are really alike and could have been sisters. We have had a couple spats and they do like the Boston Red Sox and those other people that have that Tom guy, but I would mention that some of us are the Eagles and you will remember how that turned out. But she is a very good personal friend and that is Meredith Schuler. Make her stand up. She never does. And you heard me mention a young woman who, honestly, keeps me sane, keeps me on time, and we love to discuss policy issues, and back and forth, and I know she is wasted being an administrative assistant and you will someday see her in other capacities, and that is Lea Farrell.

I have had the opportunity to have two district offices and one that we call the outpost. All I can think of is it was like that movie "Dances with Wolves" and who runs the outpost. Originally Curt started out that we put him up in the outpost. Then we put Sean up in the outpost. And now – poor guy, but he does a wonderful job – we have Colin Fitzgerald up there. Colin, stand up. The hard part for Colin is I will be leaving before he does and the outpost has to move – not by our choice but by Hilltown Township manager, who is insisting that she wants that space. So we will be somewhere else – they will be. I keep saying "we." I must get over that. But we think it will be fine.

In my Warrington District office, I have had really good fortune. Certainly Maryann Knab was there and a woman who is not here today, Pat Cozzi. Pat Cozzi actually went back – she stayed with every State Representative in the 144th from the first person, who was Ben Wilson, and Pat finally – her husband, family, and even her accountant said, "You ought to retire." So she did and she is enjoying her retirement.

Then I had Cathyann Milanese, and Cathy, she is the voice of common sense for me. Cathyann, I would just say whether I wrote something or whatever, "Cathyann, read this. Does this make sense? Does it sound too educational and it's not really good?" Cathyann could pinpoint no matter what, and she was great to do the newsletters, to help read them for us, and proofread – nobody better. Cathyann, stand up.

Right now in my office, of course, Sean is my chief of staff, but I have Kay McBride. Kay handles my schedule. That is no mean trick in the district and things change, and then I have never learned what both Kay and Lea told me, "Stay away from the schedule, Kathy. We'll handle things." So I will put things on the schedule and then go, "Oh, surprise. I put this on over the weekend." Kay, stand up. But they somehow manage.

And I have someone who has been fighting her own health battle, but in spite of that, this is the closest person I have ever had to a policy director. This lady is brilliant. We try not to tell her that, because I do not want her to leave and go where she could actually earn real money, but she does a great job. Warrington, particularly, has been beset by some very serious problems, Mr. O'Neill in Warminster and Mr. Stephens in Horsham. We have a terrible problem with our water, our public

water, and how it has, indeed, been contaminated. The person that any office would look to and even a Congressman in our area would look to is our friend, my employee – and I am very lucky to have her – and that is Dawn Byers. Stand up, Dawn.

They are some of the people that are holding this little old balloon up. I would have to say, and the Speaker mentioned, probably the highlight of this job is the opportunity to have been the chairman of the House Children and Youth Committee, and to that end, I have to thank the first executive director who got me and I am sure just went, "Oh, good grief, what am I doing with this woman and she has a million ideas and how do we tone her down?" and that was John Scarpato and he did a great job. I would mention that he did choose to leave. I think he went with your office, Representative Cutler. But in any event, he took me as long as he could. He did pretty well. And indeed, then I decided I am going out and find my own executive director and I did. I found – I stole somebody from the Transportation Committee that I am on, and I have Greg Grasa as my executive director. Brilliant, great writer, which for an English teacher, remember, writing is everything. And did I also mention that I have a terrific Democrat chairman? I do not see him in the back and he will be surprised, but that is Scott Conklin. He and I have worked together very well. It is my line that says, "Babies are not born with an 'R' or a 'D' stamped on their little tiny behinds." So we do not play politics in the Children and Youth Committee at all. We try to work together and have bills on either side, but make sure that it works for the benefit of children.

I would also have to thank my vice chairman for the whole time I have been there. This is a man on Children and Youth who really knows everything because he has been on the committee ever since he started with the House, and that is my good friend, Dan Moul, which proves the point that to be chairman of Children and Youth or to be on the Children and Youth Committee, you do not have to be a woman. You, gentlemen, care about children, your children, and people in your family, just like we do. Again, children are not gender dependent. It is not a woman's issue or a man's issue, it is a family issue, and I thank Dan for all of that time.

I am not that eloquent. I like to think I was because I was an English teacher, but all along the way I had somebody who backs me up, who looks at my writing, who gets out a red pen – I thought I was the only one to use one – and helps me out, and that is my very good friend here in the House. Some of you may have her skill set to your advantage too, and that is my good friend, Jennifer Keaton. We discuss press releases, policy, pumpkin spice – which is her favorite – we discuss anything that comes up, and literally, we have been together, I think, 16 of the 18 years that I have been here. I am very blessed that she is my friend. Jennifer.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank some of the folks, again, that got me here on the political side, because I have told you I was not necessarily good at politics. And so I would have to thank, from back in Bucks County – that is a good place for politics, ladies and gentlemen, it is – in spite of me, it is a good place – and that would be certainly former Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley, former Governor Mark Schweiker. These are some of the folks that did a great job for me: the Bucks County Republican Committee, who tried to mold me. That did not go so well, I will be honest and say, but they have always still been supportive or at least have not said, "Oh, good grief, Kathy, what did you do now?" They have been pretty good about that. So

I consider myself, I have been that balloon that is floating. I have all these people that I have mentioned to you, I think, here underneath.

I did forget one person from Children and Youth but who will go on, and probably I forgot her because we never had a researcher for a long time. We were sort of that little committee, you know, like that train that is "I think I can." But now we have a researcher. I guess we have moved up to the big time. And that would be our researcher Maureen Berezna, which brings me to the point of Children and Youth and my final remarks, and I know you are pleased about that.

I do not want to talk about me. I have thanked, I hope, those that I should thank, and I hope I have thanked most of you along the way when you have been helpful to me. I want to challenge you in a way that we have all been challenged, and that is, I want you to keep children and youth of Pennsylvania in the forefront of your thinking, of your policy development, in everything that you do. I would leave you simply with the statement that was first given to me by David Heckler, from Bucks County, who had been State Representative, State Senator – let us see, he has so many things – a judge, the president judge. He got bored with that so he ran and became district attorney of Bucks County and he retired from that. And David actually was the chairman of the House – or I am sorry, the State's Task Force on Child Protection, and with a group of stakeholders who really understood, they came up with a document – actually 400 pages, if I remember correctly – that we use as a blueprint, we the Children and Youth Committee, to design legislation, along with the folks in the Judiciary Committee, led by Representative Marsico. And Dave Heckler always said, he said, "You know, if you would just look at things and keep this idea in mind," and I would suggest to you it is a prism that you look through every issue with, "not for the convenience of adults, but for the protection and safety of children." May I repeat? "Not for the convenience of adults, but for the safety and protection of children." And we are going to have some things this week and perhaps some legislation that will apply to. And quite frankly, because I am not chairman of Children and Youth, Children and Youth is what I call a tier 1 committee. It is important. It represents lots of people in our State who honestly do not have a voice, who do not have a lobbyist, but who really are your future and mine, and that would be the children and the young people of Pennsylvania.

So if you remember anything from this, aside from the fact she compared herself to a hot air balloon, would you please remember how important it is that you continue to put children and young people first in your thinking and first in your policy and first in your legislation.

Thank you very much for the privilege of your time and the opportunity to say goodbye.

Goodbye.

The SPEAKER. Jim, first of all, thank you so much for sharing Kathy with us all these years. Jim is a good friend as well to myself and so many of the folks here.

And, Chair Watson, Kathy, we have been great friends for such a long time, and I have to say, you are so persistent. You do it in such a great, graceful way, and you get important legislation over the goal line, to use a football analogy. You always do. Let us give her a round of applause.

I mentioned many of those important pieces and there is a wide variety of other bills that have become law, but I mentioned some of those important pieces. But, Kathy, also just the way you have treated people with dignity and with respect. Your remarks

on the House floor, you pick and choose when you are going to have those opportunities, but they are always so relevant. They are just well-tailored for the issue at hand. You always treat everybody with respect, but you are not afraid to call people to task, but you do it in a manner that they have to think about it a little bit and it has allowed you to be so successful here.

To the people of Bucks County, thank you for sending Representative Kathy Watson to the House of Representatives and may God bless.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House. Members, please report to the floor. All members, please report to the House floor.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for Representative Mike REESE of Westmoreland County for the day, Representative Jason ORTITAY of Allegheny County for the week. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for Madeleine DEAN of Montgomery County for the day, Representative Curtis THOMAS of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Sid KAVULICH of Lackawanna County for the day, Representative Bill KORTZ of Allegheny County for the day, Representative Kevin HAGGERTY of Lackawanna County for the day, and Representative John GALLOWAY of Bucks County for the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. Members will proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—191

Barbin	Ellis	Lewis	Readshaw
Barrar	Emrick	Longietti	Reed
Benninghoff	English	Mackenzie	Roae
Bernstine	Evans	Madden	Roe
Bizzarro	Everett	Maher	Roebuck
Bloom	Farry	Mako	Rothman
Boback	Fee	Maloney	Rozzi
Boyle	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Ryan
Bradford	Flynn	Marshall	Saccone
Briggs	Frankel	Marsico	Sainato
Brown, R.	Freeman	Masser	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Fritz	Matzie	Sankey
Bullock	Gainey	McCarter	Santora
Burns	Gillen	McClinton	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schemel
Carroll	Godshall	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causar	Goodman	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Cephas	Greiner	Mentzer	Simmons
Charlton	Grove	Metcalfe	Sims
Christiana	Hahn	Metzgar	Snyder
Comitta	Hanna	Miccarelli	Solomon
Conklin	Harkins	Millard	Sonney
Cook	Harper	Miller, B.	Staats
Corbin	Harris, A.	Miller, D.	Stephens
Corr	Harris, J.	Milne	Sturla
Costa, D.	Heffley	Moul	Tai
Costa, P.	Helm	Mullery	Tallman

Cox	Hennessey	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Hickernell	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Hill	Neilson	Toepel
Cutler	Irvin	Nelson	Toohil
Daley	James	Nesbit	Topper
Davidson	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Vazquez
Davis, A.	Kampf	O'Neill	Vitali
Davis, T.	Kaufer	Oberlander	Walsh
Dawkins	Kauffman	Owlett	Ward
Day	Keefer	Pashinski	Warner
Deasy	Keller, F.	Peifer	Warren
DeLissio	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
DeLozier	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wentling
DeLuca	Kim	Pyle	Wheatley
Dermody	Kinsey	Quigley	Wheeland
Diamond	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	White
DiGirolamo	Klunk	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Rabb	Zimmerman
Dowling	Krueger	Rader	
Driscoll	Kulik	Rapp	Turzai,
Dunbar	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Dush			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—9

Dean	Haggerty	Kortz	Reese
Gabler	Kavulich	Ortity	Thomas
Galloway			

LEAVES ADDED—2

Evans	Miccarelli
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LEAVES CANCELED—1

Galloway

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2557, PN 4196**, entitled:

An act establishing intergovernmental cooperation authorities for certain cities of the third class; providing for powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

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

The SPEAKER. We do have a technical amendment for this bill. Representative Kim has filed an amendment, amendment 10338; amendment 10338 to HB 2557, PN 4196. It has to change from "controller" to "director of finance," I believe, in two locations. Both are on page 13; one is line 16 and one is line 20.

Is that correct, Representative Kim?

I am going to consult with the Parliamentarian. This is on third consideration. Typically, we do not – or the rules prohibit amendments on third consideration, but let me consult with the Parliamentarian.

My understanding is, both sides of the aisle, the majority leader and the minority leader, have agreed this is technical and can be – in fact, this technical amendment can, in fact, be passed at this time.

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

Ms. **KIM** offered the following amendment No. **A10338**:

Amend Bill, page 13, line 16, by striking out "CONTROLLER" and inserting

director of finance

Amend Bill, page 13, line 20, by striking out "CONTROLLER" and inserting

director of finance

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

The SPEAKER. So, Representative Kim, on the amendment, please. Thank you.

Ms. **KIM**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment A10338 is a technical amendment. It would basically correct a drafting error in HB 2557. This is an agreed-to amendment, and I ask my colleagues for a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Kim.

Representative Rothman, on that amendment.

Mr. **ROTHMAN**. Mr. Speaker, this is an agreed-to amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Barbin	Dush	Lawrence	Readshaw
Barrar	Ellis	Lewis	Reed
Benninghoff	Emrick	Longietti	Roae
Bernstine	English	Mackenzie	Roe
Bizzarro	Evans	Madden	Roebuck
Bloom	Everett	Maher	Rothman
Boback	Farry	Mako	Rozzi
Boyle	Fee	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Flynn	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Frankel	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Freeman	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Fritz	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gainey	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gillen	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Causer	Godshall	McNeill	Schweyer
Cephas	Goodman	Mehaffie	Simmons
Charlton	Greiner	Mentzer	Sims
Christiana	Grove	Metcalfe	Snyder
Comitta	Hahn	Metzgar	Solomon
Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Sonney
Cook	Harkins	Miller, B.	Staats

Corbin	Harper	Miller, D.	Stephens
Corr	Harris, A.	Milne	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harris, J.	Moul	Tai
Costa, P.	Heffley	Mullery	Tallman
Cox	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Hennessey	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Hickernell	Neilson	Toepel
Cutler	Hill	Nelson	Toohil
Daley	Irvin	Nesbit	Topper
Davidson	James	O'Neal	Vazquez
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Vitali
Davis, T.	Kampf	Oberlander	Walsh
Dawkins	Kaufer	Owlett	Ward
Day	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
Deasy	Keefer	Peifer	Warren
DeLissio	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Watson
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wentling
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Pyle	Wheatley
Dermody	Kim	Quigley	Wheeland
Diamond	Kinsey	Quinn, C.	White
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quinn, M.	Youngblood
Donatucci	Klunk	Rabb	Zimmerman
Dowling	Knowles	Rader	
Driscoll	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Dunbar	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Dean	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Reese
Gabler	Kavulich	Ortitay	Thomas
Galloway	Kortz		

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 third consideration as amended?

The SPEAKER. We are going to proceed right to the vote on HB 2557, PN 4196.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—185

Barbin	Dush	Lewis	Roae
Barrar	Ellis	Longiotti	Roe
Benninghoff	Emrick	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bernstine	English	Madden	Rothman

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

NAYS—5

Day	Keller, F.	McGinnis	Metcalfe
Gillen			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Dean	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Reese
Gabler	Kavulich	Ortitay	Thomas
Galloway	Kortz		

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

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

STATEMENT BY MR. ROTHMAN

The SPEAKER. The Chair now calls upon Representative Greg Rothman, on unanimous consent.

Representative Rothman.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Colleagues, thank you for your affirmative vote on HB 2557. I want to thank the gentlelady from Dauphin County,

Representative Kim, and the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Mehaffie, for all their work to get this bill passed.

Since 1812, the city of Harrisburg has hosted the capital city. The city of Harrisburg is the heart of this region, and for a healthy body region we need a healthy heart. This bill allows the city of Harrisburg to get out of the distressed status. It will encourage private investment in the city, which is the only solution to its revitalization. It sets up an Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, which will have oversight over the city, and prohibits a commuter tax, which would be devastating to the region. It allows an enhanced EIT (earned income tax) and LST (local services tax) for 5 years, in which case by that point it will sunset.

So I thank you all for doing this and look forward to a revitalization of the city of Harrisburg.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. D. COSTA called up **HR 899, PN 3487**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the life of former heavyweight wrestling champion and Pennsylvania hero, Bruno Sammartino, and expressing condolences on his passing.

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Mr. WENTLING called up **HR 1065, PN 4010**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 15, 2018, as "Sons of the American Revolution Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. HARPER called up **HR 1099, PN 4065**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 21 through 27, 2018, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up **HR 1120, PN 4154**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2018 as "Lifesharing Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1121, PN 4163**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 10 through 18, 2018, as "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1123, PN 4165**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 12 through 16, 2018, as "American Education Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1124, PN 4166**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 15, 2018, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1125, PN 4167**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating December 7, 2018, as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 1126, PN 4168**, entitled:

A Resolution designating December 15, 2018, as "Bill of Rights Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. KINSEY called up **HR 1129, PN 4171**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2018 as "Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to help Pennsylvanians recognize bullying, stop bullying and gain the tools needed to appropriately deal with situations involving bullies.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Barbin	Dush	Lawrence	Readshaw
Barrar	Ellis	Lewis	Reed
Benninghoff	Emrick	Longietti	Roae
Bernstine	English	Mackenzie	Roe
Bizzarro	Evans	Madden	Roebuck
Bloom	Everett	Maher	Rothman
Boback	Farry	Mako	Rozzi
Boyle	Fee	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Fitzgerald	Markosek	Saccione
Briggs	Flynn	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Frankel	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Freeman	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Fritz	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gainey	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gillen	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Gillespie	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Causer	Godshall	McNeill	Schweyer
Cephas	Goodman	Mehaffie	Simmons
Charlton	Greiner	Mentzer	Sims
Christiana	Grove	Metcalfe	Snyder
Comitta	Hahn	Metzgar	Solomon
Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Sonney
Cook	Harkins	Miller, B.	Staats
Corbin	Harper	Miller, D.	Stephens
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Costa, D.	Harris, J.	Moul	Tai
Costa, P.	Heffley	Mullery	Tallman
Cox	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Cruz	Hennessey	Mustio	Tobash
Culver	Hickernell	Neilson	Toepel
Cutler	Hill	Nelson	Toohil
Daley	Irvin	Nesbit	Topper
Davidson	James	O'Neal	Vazquez
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	O'Neill	Vitali

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Dean	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Reese
Gabler	Kavulich	Ortitay	Thomas
Galloway	Kortz		

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

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. NESBIT called up **HR 1153, PN 4216**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2018 as "Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and commending the work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

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Mr. EVERETT called up **HR 1156, PN 4218**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2018 as "Infant Safe Sleep Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Dean	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Reese
Gabler	Kavulich	Ortitay	Thomas
Galloway	Kortz		

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. At this time we will have a caucus announcement from the majority caucus chair.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus immediately.

We will be prepared to return to the floor at 3:15.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Democrats will caucus immediately. Democrats will caucus immediately. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time we will stand in recess until 3:15.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:45 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

All members are asked to please come to the House floor. All members are asked to please come to the House floor.

CALENDAR**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1205, PN 1848**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for corporate governance annual disclosure; and, in reserve liabilities, further providing for small company exemption.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 897, PN 2084**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of offenders, further providing for restitution for injuries to person or property; and, in sentencing, further providing for victim impact statements.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 915, PN 2085**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for victim and witness outreach; and, in post-trial matters, further providing for eligibility for relief and for jurisdiction and proceedings.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 916, PN 2086**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in post-trial matters, further providing for postconviction DNA testing; in DNA data and testing, further providing for policy, for definitions, for powers and duties of State Police, for State DNA Data Base, for State DNA Data Bank, for State Police recommendation of additional offenses, for procedural compatibility with FBI and for DNA sample required upon conviction, delinquency adjudication and certain ARD cases, providing for collection from persons accepted from other jurisdictions and further providing for procedures for withdrawal, collection and transmission of DNA samples, for procedures for conduct, disposition and use of DNA analysis, for DNA data base exchange and for expungement.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1092, PN 1710**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for offenses involving domestic violence in the presence of a minor.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1127, PN 1827**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for order authorizing interception of wire, electronic or oral communications; in trade and commerce, further providing for buying or exchanging Federal food order coupons, stamps, authorization cards or access devices and for fraudulent traffic in food orders; and, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for debarment or suspension.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1209, PN 1886**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1471, No.165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for sexual assault evidence collection program; and requiring the Pennsylvania State Police to complete and submit a report.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 353, PN 2088**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey to the Pennhurst Memorial Preservation Alliance, or its assigns, a certain tract of land with certain improvements on it situate in East Vincent Township, Chester County; authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to 812 Market, Inc., or its assigns, certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County; authorizing the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Two Farms Inc., certain lands situate in the Collegeville Borough, Montgomery County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of Chambersburg, Franklin County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Transportation and the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate partially in the 6th Ward City of Washington and situate partially in South Strabane Township, Washington County; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Governor, to grant and convey to Jose L. Ramos and Lisa Ramos, husband and wife, certain lands situate in the Township of Whitemarsh, Montgomery County.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 798, PN 1078**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission, further providing for establishment and membership.

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

The SPEAKER. That is, I think, with respect to the Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 31, PN 12**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, in Commonwealth universal research enhancement, establishing the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program and Spinal Cord Research Advisory Committee, further providing for

department responsibilities and for use of funds and providing for spinal cord injury research programs funding.

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

The SPEAKER. My understanding is that Representative DiGirolamo has withdrawn his amendment.
I do not see any other amendments.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 961, PN 2087**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for learner's permits and for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offenses of homicide by vehicle, aggravated assault by vehicle, homicide by vehicle while driving under influence, aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence and for accidents involving death or personal injury while not properly licensed; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for grading.

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

Mr. **MARSICO** offered the following amendment
No. **A10110**:

- Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by inserting after "influence", for accidents involving certain vehicles
 - Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "grading" and for penalties
 - Amend Bill, page 8, line 6, by striking out "and 3803" and inserting
, 3756, 3803 and 3804(e)(2)(ii)
 - Amend Bill, page 8, line 19, by striking out "was involved in an" and inserting
that contributed to causing the
 - Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 8 and 9 § 3756. [Accidents involving certain vehicles] Post-accident testing.
[(a) Testing requirement.—A police officer investigating an accident involving a motor carrier vehicle, bus, school bus or a vehicle transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded by department regulations and required to be investigated under this subchapter shall request that the driver of the vehicle submit to testing for alcohol and controlled substances. Costs for testing under this section shall be borne by the driver's employer.
 - (b) Penalty.—A driver who refuses to submit to alcohol or controlled substances testing under this section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$200.] The department shall promulgate regulations consistent with 49 CFR 382.303 (relating to post-accident testing).
 - Amend Bill, page 11, line 6, by inserting a bracket before "a"
 - Amend Bill, page 11, line 7, by inserting after "degree."
:
(i) A misdemeanor of the first degree if the individual has no more than one prior offense.
(ii) A felony of the third degree if the individual has two or more prior offenses.
- § 3804. Penalties.

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(e) Suspension of operating privileges upon conviction.—

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(2) Suspension under paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with the following:

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(ii) 18 months for a misdemeanor of the first degree or felony of the third degree under this chapter.

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Amend Bill, page 11, line 8, by striking out "in 60 days." and inserting as follows:

(1) The following provisions shall take effect immediately:

- (i) The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3756.
(ii) This section.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Chairman Marsico.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes; that is amendment 10110. It makes technical changes and incorporates HB 2547 into the bill. This amendment aligns Pennsylvania law with Federal law, thereby providing a more stringent, complete, and consistent standard, and adopts Federal standards to establish a post-accident test that is recognized by the Federal government and by PennDOT. It also establishes a Federal chain of custody report, which is currently absent.

I ask for a positive vote, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Table listing names of members who voted 'Yeas' (190 total): Barbin, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bernstine, Bizzarro, Bloom, Boback, Boyle, Bradford, Briggs, Brown, R., Brown, V., Bullock, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Causer, Cephas, Charlton, Christiana, Comitta, Conklin, Cook, Corbin, Corr, Dush, Ellis, Emrick, English, Everett, Farry, Fee, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Fritz, Gainey, Galloway, Gillen, Gillespie, Godshall, Goodman, Greiner, Grove, Hahn, Hanna, Harkins, Harper, Harris, A., Lawrence, Lewis, Longietti, Mackenzie, Madden, Maher, Mako, Maloney, Markosek, Marshall, Marsico, Masser, Matzie, McCarter, McClinton, McGinnis, McNeill, Mehaffie, Mentzer, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Millard, Miller, B., Miller, D., Milne, Readshaw, Reed, Roae, Roe, Roebuck, Rothman, Rozzi, Ryan, Saccone, Sainato, Samuelson, Sankey, Santora, Saylor, Schemel, Schlossberg, Schweyer, Simmons, Sims, Snyder, Solomon, Sonney, Staats, Stephens, Sturla.

Table listing names of members who did not vote 'Yeas': Costa, D., Costa, P., Cox, Cruz, Culver, Cutler, Daley, Davidson, Davis, A., Davis, T., Dawkins, Day, Deasy, DeLissio, Delozier, DeLuca, Dermody, Diamond, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Dowling, Driscoll, Dunbar, Harris, J., Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hickernell, Hill, Irvin, James, Jozwiak, Kampf, Kaufman, Kauffer, Kauffman, Keefer, Keller, F., Keller, M.K., Keller, W., Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Klunk, Knowles, Krueger, Kulik, Moul, Mullery, Murt, Mustio, Neilson, Nelson, Nesbit, O'Neal, O'Neill, Oberlander, Owlett, Pashinski, Peifer, Petrarca, Pickett, Pyle, Quigley, Quinn, C., Quinn, M., Rabb, Rader, Rapp, Ravenstahl, Tai, Tallman, Taylor, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Topper, Vazquez, Vitali, Walsh, Ward, Warner, Warren, Watson, Wentling, Wheatley, Wheeland, White, Youngblood, Zimmerman, Turzai, Speaker.

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Table listing names of members who were excused: Dean, Evans, Gabler, Haggerty, Kavulich, Kortz, Miccarelli, Ortitay, Reese, Thomas.

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? Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 1981, PN 4198, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of first-time home buyer savings accounts for first-time home buyers in this Commonwealth.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally? Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

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

NAYS—1

McGinnis

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Dean	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Reese
Evans	Kavulich	Ortity	Thomas
Gabler	Kortz		

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

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

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

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to the following **HB 153, PN 2993**, as further amended by the House Rules Committee:

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

On the question,

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

OBJECTION TO RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Michael Corr.

Mr. CORR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House rule 30, I hereby object to HB 153 as amended by the Committee on Rules.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Please turn to rule 30, for those that follow within the rules, "Bills Amended by the Senate." It states in the rules, "Any two members may object to the report of any bill or joint resolution containing Senate amendments amended by the Committee on Rules. The objection must be raised prior to the bill or joint resolution being put to a roll call vote."

We are going to need a second on that motion.

And I understand, Representative Schemel, you may proceed.

Mr. SCHEMEL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 30, I am the second objector on that.

The SPEAKER. On the objection, it is a constitutional majority. Given our makeup at this time, that would mean that 101 members would have to vote in favor of the objection.

So those voting "aye" would be in favor of the objection, and the consequence of an "aye" vote would be to send it back to the Rules Committee. It would send this bill back to the Rules Committee. That is what the objection would do.

On the question,

Shall the House object to the report of the Committee on Rules to HB 153?

The SPEAKER. Representative Corr, do you wish to speak on the objection? I know you made the objection, but do you want to speak on the objection and why members should be voting in favor of it?

I also see Representative DiGirolamo wishes to speak and Representative Dush wishes to speak. So I have two other members that wish to speak. Representative Knowles wishes to speak.

So Representative Corr and then I will — Representative Boback.

Mr. CORR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 153—

The SPEAKER. Sir, before you proceed, I apologize; my apology for interrupting.

Also, the Parliamentarian has informed me each person on this has the ability to speak once, so when you speak, understand you will not have a second opportunity.

So it will be Representative Corr, Representative Schemel, Representative DiGirolamo, Representative Dush, Representative Knowles, Representative Boback, Representative Mentzer.

Mr. CORR. Mr. Speaker, as the primary objector, is it appropriate for me to go last, sir?

The SPEAKER. You can go last, yes.

Mr. CORR. I choose to go last.

The SPEAKER. Yes, absolutely. I can place you last.

Representative Schemel.

Mr. SCHEMEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill was voted on in the last session and everyone had the opportunity at that point to approve it, which it approved overwhelmingly. This simply gives the members the opportunity to vote on the bill in its original form. It needs two votes in two successive sessions, and it gives then the people of Pennsylvania the opportunity to determine how many Representatives there should be in this House.

So I am in full support of the objection. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The SPEAKER. Representative DiGirolamo, on the objection.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A point of parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. And this is the first time that we have ever had this in front of us, so I am going to be consulting the Parliamentarian as we move forward.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Did I hear you say that for this motion to pass we need a constitutional majority of 101?

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Further parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. If this would pass and go back to Rules, would the language that includes the Senate in the bill be taken out when it goes back to Rules?

The SPEAKER. "If the House rejects the report..." – this is rule 30, "Bills Amended by the Senate" – "If the House rejects the report of any such bill or joint resolution, the bill or joint resolution shall be automatically returned to the Committee on Rules as last passed by the Senate."

So it would go over – or excuse me – it would return to the Rules Committee as it was before amended by the Rules Committee.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Further parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. When it goes back to Rules, is the Rules Committee able to amend it again in Rules?

The SPEAKER. Yes; it could be amended by Rules again.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. On the motion?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Okay. Here we are again. And just a little history of this bill. Earlier this year I offered an amendment to include the Senate in this bill, and that amendment passed by a

substantial majority of the House and went over to the Senate. The Senate, back in June, amended it again and took themselves out of that bill and it came back to us in June. We were told in June that this bill had to be passed by some date in August because they needed 3 months to get it on the ballot, to prepare to get it on the ballot for the November election. The bill came back to Rules, and with a vote in the Rules Committee, the Senate language was again put back into that bill in Rules.

So here we are today, and why would we want to send this bill back to the Rules Committee again? We have spoken at the House that we wanted the Senate in it. The Senate took themselves out. The Rules Committee spoke that they wanted the Senate included back in it. If anything, we should be putting up a vote on final passage of the bill as it is.

So there is a motion on the floor to send it back to Rules again, which can then be amended to put the Senate back in; we are playing like a Ping-Pong game back and forth. Does it make any sense?

So I am just going to ask the members – and I think there are a substantial number of people that are against this without the Senate included – to vote "no" – would I be correct, Mr. Speaker? The correct vote?

The SPEAKER. Correct; that would be a "no" vote.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. To reject this motion and vote "no" is the right vote. Thank you.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Point of parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker, if a motion were made to proceed to the question at this point, we would be voting on the bill as it came out of Rules. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. Good question. Let me find out. So are you saying that you are contemplating moving the previous question?

Mr. DUSH. That is correct.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So I am going to have to look at that— Mr. DUSH. That is fine.

The SPEAKER. —and where it ties in with rule 30.

This is in consultation with the Parliamentarian. If you were to move the previous question and that passed, we would go to an immediate vote on the objection, and then after the objection was voted, we would go to an immediate vote on the concurrence vote.

Mr. DUSH. Well, Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. So you would have to have a vote on the objection first.

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker, that was the reason before you had recognized anyone why I was trying to get your attention down there—

The SPEAKER. I recognized Representative Corr first because he raised his hand first.

Mr. DUSH. My question is, does this motion not take precedence over the objection?

The SPEAKER. I have already ruled, and that was in consultation with the Parliamentarian.

Mr. DUSH. So the ruling is that the objection actually takes precedence over—

The SPEAKER. That is not the ruling. The ruling is that your motion for – you have not made it – actually, I apologize. I have not ruled because you are just conjecturing.

Are you going to make a motion to move the previous question? If you do, we will make a ruling.

Mr. DUSH. Well, that is my question, Mr. Speaker, is—

The SPEAKER. Sir, if you want to move the previous question, you can do so. I have already told you where we think we would be ruling.

Mr. DUSH. All right. Another point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

Does the objection have precedence over a motion to proceed to the previous question—

The SPEAKER. No; you are making—

Mr. DUSH. That is my question.

The SPEAKER. I have already told you where we would rule. Do you want to make a motion to move the previous question? I am sure you do, but if you want to, just go right ahead and do it. There is nothing prohibiting you from making a motion. If you want to make the motion, make it.

Mr. DUSH. Not if it is going to the motion, no – or not if it is going to the objection.

The SPEAKER. Do you want to speak on the objection, sir?

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker, for all the reasons I have stated before, this is a bad piece of legislation overall anyway.

I felt that the objection that I was trying to raise at the very outset in order to get this back to what it was supposed to have been should have had precedence, but given the ruling—

The SPEAKER. Well, no—

Mr. DUSH. —I am just going to say vote "no."

The SPEAKER. —you have not made a motion, so there is no ruling. If you want to make a motion, you may proceed to do so.

On the objection, Representative Knowles. Representative Jerry Knowles.

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this motion. A "yes" vote on this will reopen the door for the opportunity for the voters of Pennsylvania to decide if the House of Representatives shall consist of 203 or 151. Many of the 117 who voted for this the last time have come to me and asked me to continue to pursue this because they want to have an opportunity to vote on the original HB 153.

Mr. Speaker, this is the vote. This is the vote. If you vote "yes," the process will continue and the opportunity for the voters of Pennsylvania to decide whether we should have 203 or 151, that process will continue. If you vote "no," the bill dies. The bill is dead.

Mr. Speaker, I would appeal to you all to vote "yes" on this amendment. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Karen Boback.

You are on the list. Representative Diamond, you are on the list.

Representative Karen Boback.

Members, I just want to say just because this is the first time that we have ever had this rule 30 objection made, if I am not mistaken, not just with me as Speaker but with – or we are taking a vote on it. It is the first time we are taking a vote on it.

The bill in Rules came back with just the House. The original bill was House, was amended here to include the Senate. It went to the Senate; the Senate withdrew reducing the Senate. It came

over here; the bill went to Rules; in Rules the minority leader moved to have the prior printer's number, and by a vote of 18 to 14, the minority leader's motion for a prior printer's number in the Rules Committee was passed. That bill is what we have in front of us on concurrence, and it includes both the Senate and the House right now.

The objection being filed by Representative Corr, seconded by Representative Schemel, would send the bill back to the Rules Committee as it was originally sent over by the Senate, and that was just the House.

So that is what we have in front of us in terms of procedural history.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls on Representative Boback.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You may have answered my question, but to rephrase it – and help me with my language so I know that I am asking correctly – has there ever been a time where the House circumvented a vote from our Rules Committee?

The SPEAKER. Well, it is not circumventing. It is provided in the rules that you can object to the report and send the bill back to the Rules Committee as it came over from the Senate. It is in the rules. It is rule 30, "Bills Amended by the Senate."

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you for that, Mr. Speaker.

I do object to the motion, but I thank you for your clarification.

The SPEAKER. Okay.

Representative Steve Mentzer.

Mr. MENTZER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion to send this back to Rules. I am not a long member in this body – three terms, 6 years – but every year, every session I have been a member here, we have attempted, we have attempted to place on the ballot for the people to decide the reduction in the size of this body. Basic, Mr. Speaker, to our form of government not only in the United States but in the State of Pennsylvania is the idea of self-governance. That means governance by the people. They have decided to provide us with a General Assembly and a Senate. But those same people, Mr. Speaker, should have the right to decide the size of their legislature.

This motion to send back to Rules allows us one more chance, one more chance to have this bill placed on the ballot, simply placed on the ballot so the people of Pennsylvania can decide what size they want their legislature to be.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Also just a point of clarification. This is, while it is a House bill, it is a constitutional amendment, which requires it to be voted upon in two sessions, so this is the second session.

Representative Brad Roae, on the objection.

And keep in mind, if you are in favor of the objection, you are a "yes"; if you are opposed to the objection, you are a "no."

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am urging a "yes" vote. People who want to reduce the size of the legislature, just like you voted on before, the prior session, should be voting "yes." There are enough people in this room, if you vote "yes" on this, as another Representative earlier stated, you will keep this alive. There are enough people in here, if

everybody that voted "yes" on this in the last session votes "yes" on the motion, we can actually reduce the size of the House. If people voted "yes" before and then they vote "no" on this motion, that means they are inconsistent.

I think we really owe this to the voters to get this to the ballot so they can vote on it. I urge, I strongly urge a "yes" vote. If you want to kill the legislation, you would vote "no," but that seems to be inconsistent with your "yes" votes earlier to reduce the House to 151. So I would urge everybody that voted before to reduce the House to 151, vote "yes" on the motion and be consistent with your votes. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dermody, on the objection.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the amendment in Rules, all that did was put the bill back into the same language, the same form that it overwhelmingly passed this House and went over to the Senate. The Senate took themselves out. The only thing that happened in Rules was they were put back in. And we ought to vote "no" on the motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Russ Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the motion to object to the committee report. The reason I oppose it is because ever since I have gotten here, was elected to this seat by the people who sent me here, I have been told and I believe that we should trust the committee process. I have had a number of bills come out of committee not the way I like them, but I have never objected to a committee report because I trust the committee process. The Rules Committee amended this bill.

Also, I would like to address what a previous speaker said about the people having this on the ballot to decide. Mr. Speaker, there is a very important part of that process, which is the vetting of those constitutional amendments by this body, the General Assembly. So what that this General Assembly thought last session that only the House should be reduced. This session, which comprises a different slate of members, thinks that the Senate should be included. We are the filter for all those constitutional amendments before they go to the ballot. What we decide in this House and across the way in the Senate is what goes on the ballot. This is part of that process.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on this motion to reject the report of the committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Rick Saccone.

Mr. SACCONI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the objection. We have been fighting this battle for at least 5 years through our previous Speaker. We have spoken. The people across this State have spoken in polls overwhelmingly, 75 to 80 percent approve the shrinking of the legislature.

What I am getting from people back home right now is they feel like there is some political trickery going on, that we are holding this up at the last minute. We are at the final step of this becoming a constitutional amendment that the people will pass overwhelmingly. We owe it to the taxpayers to complete this constitutional amendment. This is the last stage. People back home are saying, they do not think we will do it. They think we were pulling the wool over their eyes all this time in the last 4 years, through two sessions, trying to get this through. They do not think we have the ethics and the integrity and the courage to

actually finish the job we started. Let us prove them wrong. Let us prove them that we do have the integrity. Let us show them that we can give them what they want.

Please vote for this objection. Let us have the debate. Let us bring this to a final passage and get this bill on the ballot in the spring.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dush.

Representative Dush had a parliamentary inquiry. He did not speak on the motion itself, so he may speak now on the motion.

And I just remind everybody a "yes" vote means that you agree with the motion to object to the committee report and the bill would go back to the committee; a "no" vote would be that you reject the motion and that you do not want the bill to go back to the Rules Committee.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to object to the objection. In other words, let us vote "no" for this. You know, it is interesting this body at a time when we have fewer people in it has still more seats. We are supposed to be a representative republic, and that means getting the representation in the people's House the closest and most intimate that it can be. In reducing just the House, we are saying that we are trying to make our House more like the Senate, isolating ourselves from our constituents. It is a bad choice.

There is a reason why the Farm Bureau is against it. There is a reason why the township supervisors are against it, even the county commissioner on the opposite side in Indiana County, one of my two counties. It is because we know that in rural Pennsylvania it is going to isolate us from our constituents. The folks that are in the more urban areas where the cost of running a campaign is astronomical already and they have to go looking for money, that is an impact in those districts. It is bad all around.

I am glad that we are going to have the opportunity to say "no" on this, and I am going to urge a "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Corr will be our last speaker other than the leader. So if anybody else wishes to speak on the objection, now is the time because I am going to go to Representative Corr, who is the maker of the objection, and then to the majority leader. Okay. Thank you.

Representative Corr.

Mr. CORR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, a bit of background because I think there has been some misstatement of the facts. First of all, this bill, HB 153, is a proposed constitutional amendment. It seeks to or would reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 203 members to 151 members. In order for the amendment to be put on the ballot, thereby enabling the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to decide how they wish their government to be structured, the bill must pass the General Assembly in two successive sessions in identical fashion.

HB 153 passed the General Assembly by overwhelming bipartisan majorities in both the House and the Senate in the prior session. In the prior session, the bill passed 139 to 56, including 32 Democrats. In other words, the bill could not have passed in the prior session – well, I guess it could have passed in the prior session, but in any case, the bill passed in the prior session by an overwhelming majority. As the Representative from Schuylkill County has pointed out, 117 of those members are present in the House today. And of those who have retired from the House in

the preceding session, many of them have been replaced by people like me who also support the bill, thereby suggesting that there are more than 117 of us who are in support of the bill based on the prior session's vote.

When the bill was brought forth before the House of Representatives in the current session, an amendment was proposed by the gentleman from Bucks County to add the Senate into the bill. The purpose for doing that was to kill the bill. But the bill passed with the amendment as proposed by the gentleman from Bucks County and was sent to the Senate. The Senate then amended the bill to take out the provisions of the House amendment. The reason the Senate did that was to put the bill in the position so that the language of HB 153 was identical to the language used in the prior session, thereby enabling it to be put before the voters on the ballot who then had a say in how the government should be structured and whether the amendment should or should not pass.

Unfortunately, when the bill came back from the Senate as amended, it was referred to the Committee on Rules, and there the minority leader and every Democrat on the committee voted to amend the bill to restore the language that included the Senate as well as the House in the reduction of the General Assembly. The purpose for the Democrats to do that was to derail the bill and kill it. I assert the truth as an absolute defense—

The SPEAKER. Representative Corr, please refrain. Just on the facts, please, and your argument in favor of the objection. Everybody has a reason to vote, and we cannot impugn that in any way. So please, just refrain from that perspective.

Mr. CORR. I did not mean to impugn. I simply meant to offer conjecture.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

But I do respect your ruling. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. No, I understand, but thank you, sir. If you could, just on the objection.

Mr. CORR. So the purpose of the objection is to take back out the amendment that was put in by the Committee on Rules so that the bill can be restored to the original language from the prior session, thereby rendering it identical and put in a position to be passed by the General Assembly in two successive sessions and included as a ballot question.

The gentleman from Lebanon County has argued that we should not disrupt the committee process. That is the purpose of the objection. It is included in the rules to be a check on the committee process. And that is why the objection has been raised.

So therefore, Mr. Speaker, in light of the overwhelming bipartisan majority that supported HB 153 in the prior session, there is a reasonable expectation that an overwhelming bipartisan majority will support the bill in the current session. I therefore ask for support on the motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Majority Leader Dave Reed, on the objection.

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

I would ask the members to support the objection to the committee report. Now, I do not necessarily think that objecting to the committee report is going to change the final vote on this issue. I think it is going to be what it is going to be. But many of us have worked for a number of years on this issue. As previous speakers had talked about, the exact language that was sent over from the Senate was voted on and passed overwhelming by this body in the last legislative session. This session it seems like

there has been every attempt possible made to ensure that there is just not a straight-up vote on the issue. The only thing I would like to see at this point is a straight-up vote on the language that was passed by this General Assembly in the last legislative session. If you are going to be "no," you are going to be "no." I respect that. I do not judge you for that. And if you were "yes" last time and you are going to be "no" this time, that is okay too. People are allowed to change their minds. We live in a free representative democracy.

I just think the people of this State deserve a straight-up vote on the language that was passed last time so folks can be on the record on where they actually stand on this issue and not a finessed response of, well, you know, I am really for reducing the size but only if we do it this way or only if we do it that way but we just ran out of time. Let us just do a straight-up vote, and if it fails, it fails and we can all move on with our lives and that is okay.

So I would ask the members to object to the committee report, which I understand is a "yes" vote, according to the Speaker, sending it back to the committee. We can bring it back out so that folks can have a legitimate up-and-down vote, and whether it passes or fails, we can all move on to other issues and you all can move on to other issues into the next term.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Those wishing to object to the report, which will send it back to the Rules Committee, will vote "aye"—

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The SPEAKER. I am sorry. Representative Day, for what purpose do you rise?

Mr. DAY. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DAY. Mr. Speaker, I was curious, we are so close on this rule 30, and I think it is a question to be asked now, is the rule 30 objection considered a main motion, a subsidiary motion, or an adhering motion? Could we have a ruling on that?

The SPEAKER. It is a motion provided under rule 30, "Bills Amended by the Senate."

Mr. DAY. Would that be categorized as any one of those three motions?

The SPEAKER. Of what relevance is the question?

Mr. DAY. The possibility of what other motions could be made at this point.

The SPEAKER. You are going to have to tell us the motion and we will address it at that time. If you want to make a motion, please feel free.

Mr. DAY. The parliamentary inquiry is just to understand what the ruling would be as to what type of motion is this. I do not know. We have never done this before. So I do not know if it is a subsidiary—

The SPEAKER. It does not need to be characterized for purposes of rule 30. Here, I will read you the rule we are operating under. If you want to turn to page 22 of the rules, it is in there.

Mr. DAY. Okay.

The SPEAKER. "When said bill or joint resolution has been favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, either as committed or as amended, said bill...."— I apologize. Let me just move down on that.

Mr. DAY. Mr. Speaker, I—

The SPEAKER. "Any two members" – it is paragraph 3 – "Any two members may object to the report of any bill or joint resolution containing Senate amendments amended by the Committee on Rules. The objection must be raised prior to the bill or joint resolution being put to a roll call vote. The question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members elected to the House. If the House rejects the report of any such bill or joint resolution, the bill or joint resolution shall be automatically returned to the Committee on Rules as last passed by the Senate."

Nowhere in the rule does it use any of the three terms that you have identified.

Mr. DAY. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you for reading that for the record and for the body and for my education.

In Mason's Manual it does matter, under certain other motions that could be made at this time, it does matter whether it is a main motion, a subsidiary motion, or an adhering motion, and I was hoping that the Parliamentarian could either say it is one of those or it is not any of those. I do not know. I really do not know. So that is why I am asking the question.

The SPEAKER. Yeah. I do not know what you are hoping to do in terms of a motion. If you want to make a motion, you certainly can and I will get to the point in Mason's Manual where you are referencing. But I do not know where you are headed.

Mr. DAY. Okay.

The SPEAKER. What is in front of us, and we are ready to take a vote, is a motion to suspend – or not a motion to suspend, an objection to the committee report based on the language in rule 30, and I read it. It is, while it is the first time in front of us, it is pretty explicit.

Mr. DAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for recognizing me today.

The SPEAKER. If you have another motion, I am glad to entertain it. You can state it for the record.

Mr. DAY. So I cannot make the motion— I can only make the motion if I understand—

The SPEAKER. Please approach the rostrum.

We are going to wait until Representative Day comes up and talks to the Parliamentarian. Nobody else is going to speak. We will be taking the vote as soon as our discussion is done, unless he has another motion to make.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. Members, to the good gentleman, we just made clear that first of all, our rules trump – no pun intended – trump any Mason's, you know, any rules in Mason's. Mason's augments our rules. It does not supplant our rules. Second, the Speaker does not issue pronouncements. If a member has a rule to cite, whether it be in our rules or in Mason's Manual, and wants to proceed with a motion based on his or her reading of the rules, then they just need to come up and state it. The Speaker does not issue pronouncements in the abstract. It is what is being put in front of us. So if you have a motion, state your motion, state your rationale behind the motion, and state what rule you are citing for the motion.

At this time we are going to take a vote on the objection to HB 153, the report of the committee with respect to HB 153.

So those wishing to object to the report so that the bill will go back to the Rules Committee, you will be voting "aye"; those who oppose the objection and do not want to see the bill go back to the Rules Committee, you will be voting "no."

On the question recurring,

Shall the House object to the report of the Committee on Rules to HB 153?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—76

Benninghoff	Harris, A.	Masser	Saccone
Bernstine	Heffley	McGinnis	Santora
Bloom	Helm	Mentzer	Saylor
Christiana	Hennessey	Metcalfe	Schemel
Cook	Hickernell	Metzgar	Simmons
Corbin	Hill	Miller, B.	Sonney
Corr	Irvin	Milne	Stephens
Cox	Kampf	Murt	Tobash
Cutler	Kaufner	Mustio	Toepel
Delozier	Kauffman	Nelson	Topper
Dowling	Keefer	Nesbit	Walsh
Dunbar	Keller, F.	O'Neal	Ward
English	Klunk	Peifer	Warner
Everett	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Watson
Fee	Lawrence	Quinn, M.	Wentling
Gillen	Mackenzie	Reed	Wheeland
Gillespie	Maher	Roe	
Greiner	Maloney	Roe	Turzai,
Grove	Marshall	Rothman	Speaker
Harper	Marsico		

NAYS—114

Barbin	DeLissio	Kinsey	Rader
Barrar	DeLuca	Kirkland	Rapp
Bizzarro	Dermody	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Boback	Diamond	Kulik	Readshaw
Boyle	DiGirolamo	Lewis	Roebuck
Bradford	Donatucci	Longietti	Rozzi
Briggs	Driscoll	Madden	Ryan
Brown, R.	Dush	Mako	Sainato
Brown, V.	Ellis	Markosek	Samuelson
Bullock	Emrick	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Farry	McCarter	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Fitzgerald	McClinton	Schweyer
Carroll	Flynn	McNeill	Sims
Causar	Frankel	Mehaffie	Snyder
Cephas	Freeman	Millard	Solomon
Charlton	Fritz	Miller, D.	Staats
Comitta	Gainey	Moul	Sturla
Conklin	Galloway	Mullery	Tai
Costa, D.	Godshall	Neilson	Tallman
Costa, P.	Goodman	O'Neill	Taylor
Cruz	Hahn	Oberlander	Toohil
Culver	Hanna	Owlett	Vazquez
Daley	Harkins	Pashinski	Vitali
Davidson	Harris, J.	Petrarca	Warren
Davis, A.	James	Pickett	Wheatley
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Pyle	White
Dawkins	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Youngblood
Day	Keller, W.	Rabb	Zimmerman
Deasy	Kim		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Dean	Haggerty	Miccarelli	Reese
Evans	Kavulich	Ortitay	Thomas
Gabler	Kortz		

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the objection failed.

On the question recurring,

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

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. At this time we will be going over HB 153.

STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan, for what purpose do you wish to be recognized? Representative Frank Ryan, for what purpose do you wish to be recognized?

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

Ladies and gentlemen, members, I would like to ask your indulgence for just a second if I could.

The SPEAKER. Sir, if you could, please. For what purpose do you wish to be recognized?

Mr. RYAN. Personal privilege, please.

The SPEAKER. Unanimous consent. You may proceed.

Mr. RYAN. Thank you.

Ladies and gentlemen, if I might have just your attention for a second. I promise you I will be quick. The day is long.

One hundred years ago today my mom was born. She passed away, Mom passed away in 1996. But I wanted to give you a little flavor of someone who was just a real trailblazer, someone whom I love obviously as my mom, but equally as important, I respected and admired my mom as well.

Our dad died – Mom and Dad had five children – our dad died in 1955. And shortly after my mom's death, we found a letter that she had written to our father about the undying love that she had for him and her children, and it serves as a testimony. We called it "A Mother's Love." It showed the tremendous responsibility that my mom took on going back to work. My sister was 3 months old – excuse me – 6 months old when our dad died, and Mom held us together. She denied herself her entire life. She is someone who had a tremendous understanding within— Mom always taught us, because we did not have a significant amount of money, she always taught us to value education, and so when other kids were getting toys, Mom would get us books. And I remember late at night sitting up and talking economics and politics to my mom, and I think that is a good bit of why I am the way I am today.

But I am going to ask you a huge favor for each and every one of you. Your parents are not going to be with you forever, and if you have a chance, if you learn anything from all of this, I would ask you to give your mom and dad a call if you can. I have not had that chance for a long time, and the time that I did, it was just a tremendous gift that I ever got from Christ. So call your mom and dad and please tell them that you love them.

Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

STATEMENT BY MR. MACKENZIE

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, the Chair recognizes Ryan Mackenzie. Representative Ryan Mackenzie.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to thank the members for their unanimous agreement on a resolution earlier today recognizing October 15, 2018, as "Sons of the American Revolution Day" in Pennsylvania. The Sons of the American Revolution is an important organization that helps educate today's citizens about the history of our great nation. The organization also helps with genealogical research and the preservation of documents and artifacts relating to our country's history.

In doing my own family genealogical research, I found that I have my own personal connection to the Revolutionary War with my ancestor Christian Billheimer. He came to America from Germany and went on to serve in the Revolutionary War in the Northampton County militia. As a ninth-generation resident of Pennsylvania, it all started for me with my ancestor Christian Billheimer. Learning of this connection has only served to increase my curiosity and desire to learn more about that time period and the Revolutionary War. And this is what the Sons of the American Revolution aims to do – to generate a thirst for further knowledge and interest in the beginnings of our country and the men and women who shaped it.

Designating this day as the "Sons of the American Revolution Day" in the Commonwealth helps generate greater awareness of this organization and the valuable contributions it makes to the preservation and celebration of our nation's origins.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again, I appreciate all the members' affirmative votes earlier.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, on unanimous consent.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record. On October 10, 2018, I was erroneously recorded as a "no" vote on SB 299, PN 1849. I would like to be recorded as a "yes."

The SPEAKER. There are no further votes.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

SB 31;
 SB 353;
 SB 798;
 SB 897;
 SB 915;
 SB 916;
 SB 961;
 SB 1092;
 SB 1127;
 SB 1205; and
 SB 1209.

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 562;
HB 1097;
HB 2303;
HB 2615;
SB 627;
SB 676;
SB 771;
SB 772;
SB 773;
SB 796;
SB 919;
SB 947;
SB 948;
SB 949;
SB 1007;
SB 1098; and
SB 1171.

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 919 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.

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 919 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1024, PN 2518**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 7, 2010 (P.L.484, No.70), known as the Adult Protective Services Act, in reporting suspected abuse by employees, providing for Statewide adult abuse registry.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1024 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1024 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up **HR 604, PN 2703**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution urging the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate action to preserve the underwater graves of servicepersons who died defending this nation.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 604 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 604 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 Aaron Bernstine moves that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, October 16, 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 5:07 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.