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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)  
PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER

HON. KAREN BOBACK, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you.

Heavenly Father, we express our thanksgiving for all the gifts You have bestowed upon us. We are servants, Lord, and pray for guidance in carrying out the duties that accompany our station in life. May we honor You in the capacity of the office we hold.

For those of us who govern, let us be reminded that this land, our Commonwealth, was founded as a Holy Experiment, a land that would lead the nation in its Constitution and practice; one nation under God.

And today and every day may we be cognizant of our responsibility as legislators to represent You first, O Lord, and then those who sent us to this great House.

In Your name we humbly say, Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 12, 2019, will be postponed until printed.

We are going to just briefly go at ease. So we are going to be at ease. As members come into the hall, the House will be at ease. Members, we will be at ease for just a few minutes.

The House will come to order.

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

**HB 280, PN 881** (Amended)

By Rep. COX

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in determination of compensation, appeals, reviews and procedure, further providing for determination of compensation appeals and for decision of referee and further appeals and reviews.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

**HB 425, PN 882** (Amended)

By Rep. COX

An Act providing for school-to-work programs; establishing the CareerBound program; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, Kerry Benninghoff, requests leaves of absence for Representative George DUNBAR of Westmoreland County for the day, and for Representative Tom MURT of Montgomery County for the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

The minority whip, Jordan Harris, requests a leave of absence for Dan MILLER of Allegheny County for the day.

Representatives WHEATLEY and YOUNGBLOOD have also requested a leave of absence for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

#### MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—193

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Reese
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Rigby
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roae
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Borowicz	Freeman	Madden	Rothman

Boyle	Fritz	Mako	Rozzi
Bradford	Gainey	Malagari	Ryan
Briggs	Galloway	Maloney	Sainato
Brooks	Gaydos	Markosek	Samuelson
Brown	Gillen	Marshall	Sanchez
Bullock	Gillespie	Masser	Sankey
Burgos	Gleim	Matzie	Sappey
Burns	Goodman	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gregory	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causar	Grove	Mehaffie	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Mentzer	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Merski	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metcalfe	Simmons
Conklin	Harris	Metzgar	Sims
Cook	Heffley	Mihalek	Snyder
Cox	Helm	Millard	Solomon
Cruz	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Culver	Hershey	Mizgorski	Staats
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Stephens
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullery	Struzzi
Davidson	Howard	Mullins	Sturla
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Thomas
Davis, T.	Irvin	Nelson	Tobash
Dawkins	Isaacson	Nesbit	Toepel
Day	James	O'Mara	Toohil
Deasy	Jones	O'Neal	Topper
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Ullman
Delloso	Kail	Ortitay	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufner	Otten	Walsh
DeLuca	Kauffman	Owlett	Warner
Dermody	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheeland
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	White
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Kirkland	Pyle	Zabel
Ecker	Klunk	Quinn	Zimmerman
Emrick	Knowles	Rabb	
Evans	Kortz	Rader	Turzai,
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Speaker
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	

## ADDITIONS—0

## NOT VOTING—0

## EXCUSED—8

Dunbar	Gabler	Murt	Wheatley
Ellis	Miller, D.	Schmitt	Youngblood

## LEAVES ADDED—3

DeLuca	Keller, F.	Webster
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The SPEAKER. We have 193 members on the House floor, so we have a quorum.

Members, I am going to be introducing some guests, so I do need everybody to please take their seats. Thank you.

Sergeants at Arms, could you just ask members in the back to please take their seats, if you would, just ask members. And if any guests are standing, they need to take a seat. With the assistance of the majority and minority whips, if they could have members please take their seats. Thank you.

Representative Barry Jozwiak is invited to come up to the rostrum for the purpose of congratulating a State championship team. They have traveled some distance to be with us. We are going to bring the entire team up front. If we could, let us bring the seniors and captains up to the rostrum, and the rest in the well of the House. Captains and seniors, please come up to the rostrum; the coaches and any teachers or administrators, please come on up, and then the rest of the young men will be in the well of the House. Thank you.

Also, young men, when Representative Jozwiak states your name, please raise your hand – true for the coaches and the athletic director as well. It is an honor to have you here.

### FLEETWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. We are so honored to have the Fleetwood High School Boys Soccer Team. Representative Barry Jozwiak, of Berks County, the floor is yours.

Mr. JOZWIAK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good morning, colleagues. I am honored to introduce a wonderful group of young athletes and their coaches. With us today is the 2018 PIAA Class AA State Champion Boys Soccer Team from the Fleetwood Area High School.

These young men brought pride and honor to their team, their school, their families, and their community. The team ended its championship season with a record of 20 wins, 6 losses, and 1 tie. In the playoffs first round, they beat New Hope-Solebury 5-0. In the quarterfinals, they beat Notre Dame-Green Pond 3-1. In the semifinals, they beat Mid-West 6-2. All these games led up to the last one, the State championship game against Dear Lakes High School at Hersheypark Stadium. Haydyn Zagorski kicked the ball toward the net, and when his shot did not score, Aidan Negron was there to put the ball in net with the game-winning goal, winning 1-0 in overtime. What a moment for the team and the school. I am sure each of these men will remember for the rest of their lives the overtime game-winning goal in the State championship match.

The entire team played excellent defense. They shut out their opponent in the State championship game, leading to the game-winning goal. While Haydyn and Aidan definitely deserve credit, this obviously was a team win. Every player and coach on the team contributed to this victory.

Coaches and players, please raise your hand when I call your name. The athletic director, Mr. Matt Diehl, head coach Keith Schlegel, and assistant head coach Ken Fick; players Justin Kramer, Abraham Jalloh, Sam Schappell, Lucas Strange, Jeremiah Atkins, Owen Breisch, Anthony Hunter, Konrad Koziol, Collin Smith, Haydyn Zagorski, Zach Haas, Ian Snyder, Andrew Slusser, Aidan Negron, Matt Avila, Levi Yoder, Jonathan Hope, Connor Heck, Jeff Rosenberger, Hunter Smith, and Adam Follweiler.

Mr. Speaker, these young men obviously have learned and demonstrated the value of teamwork, a lesson that will serve them well through their lives. I am especially proud of these athletes and their accomplishment.

On behalf of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to recognize these young men from the Fleetwood Area High School, our 2018 PIAA Class AA State Boys Soccer Champions.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

We are going to take a photo up here at the rostrum, and then you will go down to the well and they will take another photo there with the whole team. Thank you.

While they are getting a photo, we are going to be having Representative McCarter up to the rostrum. Representative McCarter has a championship team, and the Jenkintown Boys High School Cross Country Team, the seniors and captains, please come up. Is that the rest of the team back there? Young men, just start coming down this side. Coach Pennell, please come on up to the rostrum; any other coaches or athletic directors or administrators, please come up to the rostrum.

The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. We have another team that has traveled some distance to be with us. All members, please take your seats. Representative McCarter is here to present a citation to a championship team from Jenkintown High School, the boys cross country team.

### **JENKINTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative McCarter, the floor is yours. Mr. McCARTER. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Today I rise with immense pleasure to honor the Jenkintown High School Boys Cross Country Team; their coaches, Ali Tomzack and Carl Pennell; and Jenkintown Middle School/High School athletic director, Chris O'Brien. They are the 2018 PIAA Class A Champions.

Mr. Speaker, Jenkintown Borough is a vibrant little gem of a community in my district just outside of Philadelphia. It is small, but it is mighty. Some of you might recall congratulating the Jenkintown High School Girls Basketball Team, the PIAA Class A Girls Basketball Champions, last year on this very floor.

Today we are celebrating the Jenkintown Boys High School Cross Country Team, who this past fall also became the State Class A champs in an incredibly dominant fashion. The Drakes were undefeated their entire season. At their district cross country championships, the Drakes took 1st place, 2d place, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 10th place – an almost unbelievable showing. And at States, all five Jenkintown runners scored. Senior Jack Miller won the race in 16:33. Senior Pat Wagner was 14th, sophomore Carter Geer was 16th, Jack's brother and sophomore Luke Miller was 22d, and sophomore Aiden Michell was 24th. The Drakes' performance was so dominant that if all the results from every class from 6A down to A were bunched together, the Jenkintown boys would have placed sixth overall against much larger, much deeper teams.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of this incredibly impressive young team. Representing the team on stage today are five of the runners who secured the State crown for the Drakes. Team standout Jack Miller, please raise your hand; Pat Wagner, Carter Geer, Luke Miller, and Aiden Michell. Additional members of the team are up front, and again, let me get to their names here. Freshmen Leo Amorim – raise your hands as you are called here – Nathaniel Barnett, Sully Blake, Aden Dubin, Daniel Gifford, Merrick Mangan, Stephen Ridenour; Ernesto Garcia, Roan McCall, Andrew Schiller, Devin Shenk, Caden Spoerl, and Matt Visomirski. Seniors now: Christian Byler, Jack Herr, Travis Geer, and Danny Westcott; coaches Ali Tomzack and Carl Pennell; and Chris O'Brien, athletic director.

Mr. Speaker, it is an immense pleasure to honor these exemplary young high school athletes for their stellar performances. They are tremendous ambassadors, not only for Jenkintown, but for the Commonwealth as a whole. And I know at least one of them, if not more, is going to continue their running adventures, one going to Pitt coming up in the fall.

And again, I wish them the best, and again, please honor them, all of us together, for what their accomplishments are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative McCarter.

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

### **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. While we are taking some photos here with the championship team, I am going to introduce some guests who are with us today.

In the rear of the House, we welcome Christian Orlando. Christian, please stand. Christian is in the back. He is interning in Representative Rozzi's district office. Great to have you here today, Christian. Thank you.

Representative Mentzer has guests with us today. Jeff Sweigart – please stand – Bob Funk, Ron Rose, and Pierce Atwater, all from Lancaster County. Thank you so much for being with us today in the chamber.

To my left, John Rivera, please stand. John is a junior at Conrad Weiser High School, and he is with Representative Jim Cox today. And a gentleman by the name of Cameron Cavanaugh is also here. Cameron, please stand. He is a senior at Wilson High School and is interning in Representative Jim Cox's district office. Thanks so much for being with us today, gentlemen.

To my left, Ava Connell. Ava, please stand. Ava is a senior at Tri-Valley High School in Schuylkill County and is with Representative Tobash for the day. Thank you for being here today, Ava.

Cooper Rebert. Cooper, please stand. Cooper, where do you go to school? The South Western School District, in York County, right? And he is with Representative Kate Klunk for the day. Thanks for being with us.

Representative Craig Staats will be introducing some guests along with HR 105. We will be getting to those shortly.

### **LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. I would like to bring up to the rostrum the Pennsylvania House Fellowship and House Archives Interns for spring 2019. If they would come up to the rostrum, we will introduce them all.

These are the spring 2019 semester Pennsylvania House Fellowship Interns, and many of the staffers for both the Republican and Democratic Caucuses come from, young people that have served as interns from the various colleges around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. My own former chief of staff came out of this particular program and I know many other staff members who served the citizens of Pennsylvania here in the House of Representatives first started in this House Fellowship Program.

As I call their names out, they are going to raise their hands, and we will hold our applause until the end.

Kerry Buffenmeyer attends Lebanon Valley College and is working with Chairman Roebuck and the Education Committee. Laurel Hicks is attending Messiah College. She is working with Chairman Samuelson and the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee. Marissa Howe, who is attending Temple University, is working with Chairman Chris Sainato and the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. Christopher Huntingdon of King's College, up in the Wilkes-Barre community, is working with Chairman Briggs and the Judiciary Committee. Sarah Long of Messiah College is working with Chairman Mark Keller and the Commerce Committee. Casey McDaniel is attending Allegheny College and is working in the minority caucus chair, Joanna McClinton's office. Jesse Tomkiewicz of Allegheny College is working with Chairman Steve Barrar and the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

We also have with us three students who are working for the House Archives. Veronica Adams is a student at Penn State University, Harrisburg branch; Molly Breit of Duquesne University; and Noah Logan of Lebanon Valley College.

Members, these two programs are sponsored by the House of Representatives through the Bipartisan Management Committee and the Office of the Chief Clerk. If any of you know of any students from your district or any students at any of the – they must be at a Pennsylvania university, a university or college in Pennsylvania – please recommend them to Kelly Fedeli or to Dave Reddecliff. This is an outstanding program. Let us please give them a warm welcome. Thank you so much for being with us.

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

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

**HB 64, PN 68** By Rep. HICKERNELL

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

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

**HB 138, PN 131** By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act amending the act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383, No.110), known as the Physical Therapy Practice Act, further providing for qualifications for license and examinations for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

**HB 296, PN 269** By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for adoption and foster care tax credit.

FINANCE.

**HB 330, PN 883** (Amended) By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, making editorial changes to incorrect references.

FINANCE.

**HB 538, PN 529** By Rep. PEIFER

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

FINANCE.

**HB 628, PN 884** (Amended) By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, further providing for investment of moneys.

FINANCE.

### **RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HR 110, PN 710** By Rep. PEIFER

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President of the United States to sign, legislation that will make apprenticeships more affordable for individuals seeking a skills-based education.

FINANCE.

### **UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

#### **RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. BRIGGS called up **HR 94, PN 545**, entitled:

A Resolution extending condolences and celebrating the life of Harris Wofford.

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Mr. PASHINSKI called up **HR 98, PN 569**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2019 as "Music in Our Schools Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BRIGGS called up **HR 99, PN 570**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2019 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. STAATS called up **HR 105, PN 632**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, and recognizing and honoring the legacy of The American Legion as a staunch advocate for veterans and their families.

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Mr. DEASY called up **HR 107, PN 634**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the late Marine Corps Private First Class Andrew Joseph Kukuruda of the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.

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Mr. MARSHALL called up **HR 122, PN 743**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2019 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the month of March 2019 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month."

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Mrs. DAVIS called up **HR 131, PN 880**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2019 as "National Women's History Month" and March 8, 2019, as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Reese
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Rigby
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roae
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Borowicz	Freeman	Madden	Rothman
Boyle	Fritz	Mako	Rozzi
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Bullock	Gillespie	Masser	Sankey
Burgos	Gleim	Matzie	Sappey
Burns	Goodman	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gregory	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	McNeill	Schlossberg
Causser	Grove	Mehaffie	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Mentzer	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Merski	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metcalfe	Simmons
Conklin	Harris	Metzgar	Sims
Cook	Heffley	Mihalek	Snyder
Cox	Helm	Millard	Solomon
Cruz	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Culver	Hershey	Mizgorski	Staats
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Stephens
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullery	Struzzi
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Dermody	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Diamond	Keller, F.	Peifer	Webster

DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheeland
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	White
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Kirkland	Pyle	Zabel
Ecker	Klunk	Quinn	Zimmerman
Emrick	Knowles	Rabb	
Evans	Kortz	Rader	Turzai,
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Speaker
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—8

Dunbar	Gabler	Murt	Wheatley
Ellis	Miller, D.	Schmitt	Youngblood

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

**PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION  
PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. At this time I call Representative Craig Staats to come up to the rostrum. Please bring up our guests from the Pennsylvania American Legion to the rostrum. Representative Staats, please come up here.

This will be on HR 105, which we just voted in favor of amongst the other uncontested House resolutions. Amongst the American Legion members, I must point out our former colleague, Representative Paul Clymer, of Bucks County. Paul, please raise your hand. Please welcome former Representative Paul Clymer of Bucks County.

Members, if you can, please take your seats. Representative Staats will be introducing our guests as part of his remarks on HR 105.

Mr. STAATS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Frequently this body recognizes individuals who serve or have served in our nation's Armed Forces, but today we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of an organization that serves our service men and women – and many more.

One hundred years ago this Friday, March 15, the American Legion came to life in Paris, France, when war-weary members of the American Expeditionary Forces, who fought in World War I, gathered for what became known as the Paris Caucus. There, and in the months that followed, they focused on how to support their wounded comrades, honor the fallen and assist their families, and chart a new course for future service members.

Congress rewarded their hard work on September 16, 1919, when it chartered the American Legion as a patriotic veterans organization in service to veterans, service members, and our communities. Today the American Legion has more than 2 million members and more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The Legion has worked to secure benefits and guard the interests of our nation's military veterans and service members. It created the U.S. Veterans Bureau, the precursor to the Veterans Administration, and today continues its work to secure adequate funding for medical, disability, education, and other benefits for our veterans.

The Legion has been an agent for positive change, initiating the GI bill of rights. Signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1944, the GI bill made higher education a reality for veterans, enabling them to get better jobs, improve their standard of living, buy houses, and raise a family. The GI bill is considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement.

In the aftermath of Vietnam, the Legion supported a study on the effects of agent orange on Vietnam veterans and a full accounting of all American prisoners of war and those missing in action. The Legion was also the largest single contributor to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the memorial wall in our nation's capital.

The Legion created the Family Support Network to assist families of service members and has consistently fought for the rights of our military service men and women. In addition to its work on behalf of veterans and active-duty military personnel, the Legion also provides important programs for children and youth. It supported the formation of youth leadership organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, Boys State, and Boys Nation, which provide tens of thousands of our nation's young people with an understanding of leadership and government.

Many of us are familiar with the American Legion Baseball program. Created in 1925, more than 80,000 youths play on Legion-sponsored teams each year, and more than half of all Major League Baseball players are graduates of that program.

The Legion also sponsors various scholarship programs, such as the national high school Oratorical Contest, which promotes a greater understanding of the United States Constitution, and awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships each year.

In more recent years, the American Legion has supported a number of charities to improve the physical and mental health of American citizens and the welfare of our children and victims of national emergencies, such as hurricanes and floods. With the strenuous insistence of the American Legion, the Veterans' Administration achieved Cabinet-level status in 1989 on the argument that veterans deserve representation at the highest levels of government.

I could not agree more. As a Navy veteran and father of a young man currently in service to our country as a Marine, I am thankful for the American Legion and everything it is doing to protect the interests of our military personnel on whom we rely to protect us. On behalf of a grateful nation, I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations to the American Legion on its 100 years of distinguished service to our country.

And today I am proud to welcome the officers of the Pennsylvania American Legion to the hall of the House. Gentlemen, when I announce your name, please raise your hand.

With us we have State Adjutant Kit Watson and Eastern Vice Commander Craig Wilhelm, and members of the Hartzell-Crouthamel Post #280, which is located in the 145th Legislative District in Perkasio: my good friend, my predecessor, and former colleague to many in this room, commander and former State Representative Paul Clymer; Mr. Ed Snyder, Mr. Ken Detweiler, Mr. David Strouse, and Mr. Ted Zajac. And Ted and I are Brother Knights back home with the Knights of Columbus, so, Ted, it is good to see you.

Gentlemen, thank you for all that you do, and may God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Staats. We are so honored that you would bring the State adjutant and the other members of the American Legion to be with us today. We are going to take a photo here, and then I would invite any veterans, any members who are veterans of our armed services, if you will come to the well of the House, we will have you take a photo with the American Legion, including Representative Staats. Representative Mihalek, Representative Readshaw, many others, I know, please come on up.

Thank you all for your service, and thank you to the American Legion.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Farry; where is Frank? Chairman Farry? Representative Frank Farry of Bucks County, our Ethics Committee chair, is here with his lovely wife, Kristen, and son, Jacob. Let us give him a warm welcome. Kristen, thanks for being with us too. Thank you.

We are going to do announcements at this time.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. HENNESSEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Tim Hennessey wants to be recognized.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, Representative Tim Hennessey has the floor.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day, which is coming on March 17, on Sunday, we have some dancers from the Carraig School of Irish Dance who will be dancing in the East Wing Rotunda right about now. So starting at noon, they will be dancing on several sets through the course of the lunch hour, in the East Wing Rotunda. We also have our traditional Irish buffet in room 60, East Wing.

So the Carraig School of Irish Dance from North Front Street in Harrisburg, they will be dancing several sets in the East Wing Rotunda, starting now. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Hennessey.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Moul, for a committee announcement, I believe.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a voting meeting – this is a reminder for a voting meeting for the Local Government Committee in room G-50, Irvis Office Building, at the break. At this first break, G-50, Local Government, voting meeting. It will take about 20 minutes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

There will be a Local Government Committee meeting in room G-50, Irvis Office Building, at the break.

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor, for a committee announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Appropriations Committee and it will be in the majority Appropriations conference room. Again, that meeting will take place in the majority Appropriations conference room, immediately.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

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

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12:20. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 1 o'clock. That is 12:20 and return to the floor at 1 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Democratic chair, Joanna McClinton. Representative Joanna McClinton, for a caucus announcement.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

House Democrats, we will caucus at 12:20 and return to the floor at 1 p.m. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. Representative Fred KELLER has requested to be placed on leave for the remainder of the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER. Members, we will return to the floor at 1 p.m.

**RECESS EXTENDED**

The time of recess was extended until 1:15 p.m.; further extended until 1:30 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 235, PN 877**

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in petition for adoption, further providing for consents necessary to adoption.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 387, PN 371**

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands to be acquired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

**HB 407, PN 878**

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further providing for definitions.

**APPROPRIATIONS.****BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,  
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**HB 510, PN 885 (Amended)**

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intergovernmental cooperation, further providing for ordinance, for content of ordinance, for joint purchases with private educational establishments, for required review of specified agreements and for effect of joint cooperation agreements.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

**HB 511, PN 497**

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for intergovernmental cooperation.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

**HB 512, PN 498**

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for municipal authorities and cooperation with other political subdivisions.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

**HB 547, PN 886 (Amended)**

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for ordinances and resolutions; and, in finance and taxation, further providing for tax levies and for tax rates to be expressed in dollars and cents.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

**HB 548, PN 887 (Amended)**

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mayor, further providing for president or vice president of council to act as mayor; in taxation and finance, further providing for tax levy and for tax ordinance; in ordinances, further providing for ordinances and resolutions, for enactment, approval and veto, for recording, advertising and proof and for codification of ordinances; in council, further providing for ordinances and resolutions, for journal of proceedings, recording and

withholding of vote, for records of ordinances maintained by city clerk and for time ordinances go into effect; and, in taxation, further providing for tax levies.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

We are going to turn to the House calendar. We are going to do second consideration bills. Please turn to the House calendar. Members, take your seats.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Ryan, on unanimous consent. Representative Frank Ryan has asked to speak to the body.

Mr. RYAN. Members, if I could ask for your attention for just a second.

At 1:30 today, on March 13, 1955, 64 years ago, my father passed away. He was an unbelievably great person. And about 4 years ago, my nephew, Dr. Charles Lancelotta, found a video of my dad's voice, speaking from World War II to my grandmother and to my mom.

I would encourage all of you, if you get a chance, that if you have a parent that is alive – because to me, at the time, I was 64 when I heard my dad's voice for the first time – I would encourage you, if you get a chance, call your mom, call your dad, tell them you love them when you have a chance. Thank you so much.

#### CALENDAR

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 370, PN 360**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 404, PN 380**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in controlled plants and noxious weeds, further providing for noxious weed list.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 441, PN 427**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for definitions and for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 752, PN 802**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property and buildings, further providing for price paid for acquisitions and improvements.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 131, PN 857**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses and for breweries; in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited wineries and for distilleries; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for construction and applicability.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 325, PN 303**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, establishing the Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 324, PN 302**, entitled:

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



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

### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 235, PN 877**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in petition for adoption, further providing for consents necessary to adoption.

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?

Does anybody wish to speak on the bill?

Representative Toohil, on the bill.

Members, please take your seats.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This legislation was discussed for two sessions and it was amended in committee.

The SPEAKER. Representative, if you will please suspend for just a moment. Thank you.

Members, we are on HB 235, PN 877. I would ask you to please take your seats. The sponsor of the bill is entitled to be heard. Some other members wish to speak on the bill as well, so I am going to ask everybody to please take their seats. Thank you.

Representative Toohil, if you will begin from the start. Thank you.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This legislation was discussed for two sessions. Last session it was the bill of our former colleague, Representative Harry Lewis. It passed unanimously out of the House. It went over to the Senate and passed out of the Senate Judiciary unanimously, and then that was the end of the trail for the bill. It is part of a larger adoption package. Pennsylvania is one of the worst adoption States in the nation, and so we were trying to move that package of bills through the House and the Senate in order to make adoptions – some parts of the adoption process easier. This legislation only deals with if someone is trying to voluntarily relinquish their parental rights and deals with the witnessing of that document.

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

Ms. HOWARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to share with you a perspective I have on this bill. I formerly worked as a child abuse investigator and as an advocate for children in foster care. I am opposed to HB 235, allowing correctional staff to serve as witnesses to signatures of incarcerated parents forfeiting their parental rights. First, the

coercive environment of incarceration puts undo pressure on parents to relinquish parental rights. Relinquishment of parental rights does not occur suddenly and there should be no urgency to having correctional staff witnesses. Other supportive witnesses, such as counselors, social workers, family members, or clergy, would be more appropriate to serve as a witness.

We are, as everybody is aware, facing a crisis of drug addiction, including incarceration of those suffering from drug addiction. Our goal should be to see that these individuals receive necessary treatment and return to healthy and productive lives. There is ongoing bipartisan support for decreasing the numbers of those incarcerated; surely, we would like those incarcerated to be able to return to their families, including their children. As someone who has worked in child welfare, it is the policy that families should stay together whenever possible and that all reasonable efforts are made to reunify families, even when a parent has been incarcerated.

This is a time when we seem to be coming together in a bipartisan way to address issues of restorative justice, dealing with addiction, mass incarceration, and effects on the children. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Howard.

Representative Cris Dush, on the bill.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this bill. As somebody who has worked with inmates and over 16 years in the Department of Corrections, when they want to be able to do something like this, take legal action, it is very difficult for them to have an attorney or somebody come clear across the State, if they are from Philadelphia and coming up to Forest or if they are from Erie and going down to Graterford or Phoenix. That is a very difficult and very undue financial burden on the inmate and the family.

When they make this choice, generally they are making this choice because they have come to a point in their life where they realize they have not been making good choices and they want to get their children into a place where they have a better environment and better opportunities than they perhaps had themselves.

I think this is a noble effort and I rise in support of the bill and I hope everyone will vote "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Maureen Madden, on the bill.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. She has indicated she will so stand.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you.

When you say that the adoption laws in Pennsylvania are among the worst, could you just – I am sorry, just give me a little bit of information about that.

Ms. TOOHIL. So in Pennsylvania, people basically go to—

Ms. MADDEN. I am having a hard time hearing you.

Ms. TOOHIL. Okay.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, Representative Madden has asked to use interrogation with respect to the legislation. Representative Toohil, the prime sponsor, has agreed to answer her questions.

Just a reminder, no member has to stand to take questions, but you may. Interrogation is designed to elicit information about the underlying bill that is not available to that particular member. That is the purpose of it. Representative Toohil has agreed to answer Representative Madden's questions. Let us please give them the courtesy of being heard.

Ms. TOOHIL. We had hearings here in the Children and Youth Committee on the House side about the problems of adoption in Pennsylvania, where couples will choose, if they are adopting – so this is a little bit separate from the bill itself, but so I guess the question that she is asking, the question that is being asked is not about the bill itself. But Pennsylvania, we had a lot of testimony about Pennsylvania and the difficulties with adoption, where people will go to other States or will go and have an international adoption rather than adopting children that are available right here in Pennsylvania and need permanency and need homes.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you.

And I understand that the bill is really just streamlining the process to allow a correction officer to act as a notary if he chooses to do so.

But I have another question. When an incarcerated person voluntarily gives up their parental rights, is this after they have received counseling or they have had legal advice and they are completely aware that they are never going to see this child again, never be able to speak to this child? What is in place before we are streamlining the process for them to actually give up their children? What are they afforded before they do that?

Ms. TOOHIL. So I disagree with the part of the question where this is streamlining anything. This is allowing inmates who have a parental right – they have many parental rights and they are trying to relinquish, voluntarily, their parental right. So right now in Pennsylvania specifically, more so in State corrections than in county corrections, there is a problem where correctional employees – be it the nurse, the notary, the, you know, janitorial staff, whoever is in the building; so it is correctional employees, not just correctional officers – they refuse to act as a witness for inmates who are trying to make this tough decision, which is a decision that will impact them throughout their lives. Their attorney, their defense counsel or parents' counsel will drive 3 hours to a prison and they will not have witnesses, because the parents' counsel and the defense counsel, they are interested parties in the case. They are not supposed to be acting as witnesses.

So we worked on this language with the Department of Corrections. It is an informal verbal policy, where people in the corrections system do not witness these documents for the inmates, and they are saying that they would be allowing – which was the amendment that we worked on, in the language, so and it is not a "shall," but the department said that they would do this. The Pennsylvania State Department of Corrections is saying, for our inmates, that they would have a designated employee, by the correctional facility, and they did say that they were more comfortable with that being a bonded, licensed notary. So basically, because of this law, it is a "may"; it is not a "shall," and we are hoping that the Department of Corrections is going to follow through and that they will change their policy.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill?

The SPEAKER. Yes. You may proceed.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HB 235 and I stand with my colleague, the gentlelady from Chester County. I do not think in any way, shape, or form we should be making it easier for parents, even incarcerated parents, to give up the rights to their children. By her own admission, the maker of the bill said the adoption laws are terrible in Pennsylvania, so I have to think that if they are terrible for those trying to adopt, they are not any better

for those who are incarcerated looking for solutions and what is the best way to deal with parenthood while they are in prison.

And in my district, this makes me think of my friend, Rocky. My friend, Rocky, was born to a life that was predetermined that he would eventually end up some day in jail. He grew up in a drug-infested home. By the time he was 14, he was a drug addict. He was breaking into homes to support his habit and he ended up in jail. Fast-forward to today, 2019. Rocky is released. He is an exemplary citizen. He has a nonprofit to help children stay out of trouble. But he gave up the rights to his daughter, and now his daughter is in a bad domestic situation and he cannot stand up for her, he cannot communicate for her, and he cannot defend her as her father.

I just think we should really be taking a close look at the system that allows people who are incarcerated to give up their children and never, ever see them again.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Donna Bullock, followed by Representative Tedd Nesbit.

Members, our colleagues are entitled to be heard. Please take your seats.

Representative Bullock, the floor is yours.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 235. I honestly see it as a problem in search of a – or a solution in search of a problem. Right now current law allows any individual over the age of 18 to sign as a witness to these adoption papers. There is no need to explicitly authorize or explicitly permit, through statute, correction employees, when they are already permitted. The policy of the department is their policy, and I believe that even if we pass this law, they can continue to have that same policy. Our Department of Corrections I believe is looking out for our Commonwealth's best interest, and any insider, any perceived coercion that could happen when a correction employee can use that power of signing or witnessing a document over an inmate and use that to also leverage privileges within the facility or any other purpose.

At the end of the day, when we are sitting here and explicitly authorizing the Department of Corrections employees to sign or witness a document that has so much meaning in an inmate's life, we are giving them power over that particular individual. It is not necessary and it just does not feel comfortable; it does not feel right. And for those reasons I oppose this bill and ask my colleagues to join me.

The SPEAKER. Representative Tedd Nesbit.

Mr. NESBIT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this bill and I wanted to correct something that I heard as part of the discussion.

As a way of background, I have been involved in these cases from beginning to end, representing both the children, the parents, and the agencies in some of these adoptions. This bill is not designed to streamline the process and it is not designed in any way, shape, or form to take away the rights of the incarcerated individual, and they are entitled to counsel, they are entitled to due process, they are entitled to hearings, and in most cases, they have court-appointed counsel specifically for these situations. All this is designed to do is give the opportunity for somebody that is in the prison system to be a witness.

From a practical point of view, it is very difficult to get witnesses into a prison because of the high security. So this does not require the Department of Corrections to have one of the guards be a witness; it just allows it, and that is why it is a "may"

rather than a "shall." And so this would actually help children that are in the system that are trying to get a permanent placement. It is not designed in any way to get rid of a defendant's rights or an incarcerated person's rights or a father or mother that is going to go ahead and voluntarily relinquish any of those rights. They are still entitled to counsel. But what this does is just simply allow – not mandate – but allow somebody in the prison to be a witness, and so it actually would help the process from a practical point of view, because other witnesses are normally not available.

So I would encourage you to vote in the affirmative for this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

Does anybody else wish to speak before we call on Representative Toohil, as the prime sponsor? She would be the last speaker, unless the leaders wish to speak as well. Otherwise, does anybody else wish to speak?

Representative Tarah Toohil, on the bill.

Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to clarify again for the members that were having some issues with the bill that it is a step in the process and there are protections in this step in the process. So it is a paper that is a consent to voluntary relinquishment, and inmates that we are talking about, they actually have more protections because the judge knows where they are, knows how to find them. There are 30 days that go by that you have to revoke what you signed. If there was any fraud, coercion, or duress that could be alleged, it would nullify this consent to voluntary relinquishment, so that is a protection right there. It is a protection also that if the inmate chooses, they would be transported to the hearing. Also, that the witnesses on this document are more easily found than on other documents that are witnessed in Pennsylvania. If it is a licensed, bonded notary, you are going to be able to find that licensed, bonded notary. If it is employees of a correctional facility, you are going to be able to find them and be able to prove that, yes, you were there and that, yes, this was something that was voluntarily consented to.

And just once again to note that we all voted for this bill last time and that some of the members that are rising against the bill did vote for it last time. So I would request that they consider an affirmative vote, and I thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF HB 235 CONTINUED**

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—134**

Barrar	Gillen	Marshall	Reese
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Masser	Rigby
Bernstine	Gleim	Matzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Gregory	McNeill	Rothman
Boback	Greiner	Mehaffie	Ryan
Borowicz	Grove	Mentzer	Sainato
Brooks	Hahn	Merski	Sanchez
Brown	Harkins	Metcalfe	Sankey
Burns	Heffley	Metzgar	Saylor
Caltagirone	Helm	Mihalek	Schemel
Carroll	Hennessey	Millard	Schlossberg
Causer	Hershey	Miller, B.	Schroeder
Ciresi	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Simmons
Conklin	Irvin	Moul	Snyder
Cook	James	Mullery	Sonney
Cox	Jones	Neilson	Staats
Culver	Jozwiak	Nelson	Stephens
Cutler	Kail	Nesbit	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Kaufner	O'Neal	Thomas
Day	Kauffman	Oberlander	Tobash
Deasy	Keefer	Ortitay	Toepel
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Owlett	Toohil
Diamond	Klunk	Pashinski	Topper
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Peifer	Walsh
Dowling	Kortz	Petrarca	Warner
Dush	Kulik	Pickett	Wentling
Ecker	Lawrence	Polinchock	Whealand
Emrick	Lewis	Puskaric	White
Everett	Longietti	Pyle	Williams
Farry	Mackenzie	Quinn	Zabel
Fee	Mako	Rader	Zimmerman
Flynn	Malagari	Rapp	
Fritz	Maloney	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Gaydos	Markosek	Readshaw	Speaker

**NAYS—56**

Boyle	Dermody	Howard	Otten
Bradford	Donatucci	Innamorato	Rabb
Briggs	Driscoll	Isaacson	Roebuck
Bullock	Evans	Kenyatta	Rozzi
Burgos	Fiedler	Kim	Samuelson
Cephas	Fitzgerald	Kinsey	Sappery
Comitta	Frankel	Kirkland	Schweyer
Cruz	Freeman	Krueger	Shusterman
Daley	Gainey	Lee	Sims
Davidson	Galloway	Madden	Solomon
Davis, A.	Goodman	McCarter	Sturla
Dawkins	Hanbidge	McClinton	Ullman
DeLissio	Harris	Mullins	Vitali
Delloso	Hohenstein	O'Mara	Warren

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—11**

DeLuca	Gabler	Murt	Wheatley
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Schmitt	Youngblood
Ellis	Miller, D.	Webster	

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 387, PN 371**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands to be acquired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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?

Does anybody wish to speak on the bill?  
Representative Otten, on HB 387.  
Ms. OTTEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to thank everyone for being a part of a 57-acre land acquisition that is adding more trails, wetlands, and recreational area to Marsh Creek State Park in exchange for a piece of land that will go to widening the turnpike. I think this benefits all Pennsylvanians, and the citizens of Chester County thank you for adding to our Commonwealth and quality of life.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Borowicz	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Boyle	Fritz	Mako	Rothman
Bradford	Gainey	Malagari	Rozzi
Briggs	Galloway	Maloney	Ryan
Brooks	Gaydos	Markosek	Sainato
Brown	Gillen	Marshall	Samuelson
Bullock	Gillespie	Masser	Sanchez
Burgos	Gleim	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Goodman	McCarter	Sappey
Caltagirone	Gregory	McClinton	Saylor
Carroll	Greiner	McNeill	Schemel
Causar	Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Cephas	Hahn	Mentzer	Schroeder
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Merski	Schweyer
Comitta	Harkins	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Conklin	Harris	Metzgar	Simmons
Cook	Heffley	Mihalek	Sims
Cox	Helm	Millard	Snyder
Cruz	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Solomon
Culver	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullery	Stephens
Davidson	Howard	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, T.	Irvin	Nelson	Thomas

Dawkins	Isaacson	Nesbit	Tobash
Day	James	O'Mara	Toepel
Deasy	Jones	O'Neal	Toohil
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Topper
Delloso	Kail	Ortitay	Ullman
Delozier	Kaufar	Otten	Vitali
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Walsh
Diamond	Keefe	Pashinski	Warner
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warren
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wentling
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Ecker	Klunk	Pyle	Zabel
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn	Zimmerman
Evans	Kortz	Rabb	
Everett	Krueger	Rader	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

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An Act amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further providing for definitions.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.  
The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Representative Sue Helm will be speaking on HB 407.  
Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 407 is an important addition to the ongoing fight against blight in our neighborhoods. By providing a stable definition for the term "blighted property," we are building a stronger foundation for blight fighters, who are using our laws to rebuild resilient communities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to note that this bill is a product of the bicameral bipartisan statewide Blight Task Force, the dynamic group behind our new and innovative blight laws. House and Senate members and staff, local government groups, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, Pennsylvania Association of

Realtors, the Housing Alliance, landlord groups, and the Department of Community and Economic Development are among the people and groups who helped make this legislation.

Thank you in advance for supporting this bill. I have no doubt it will help our local governments continue to rebuild and stabilize their downtowns and neighborhoods.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Helm. Representative Tom Caltagirone, on the bill.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to say a follow-up to Chairman Helm, that we worked closely together on this piece of legislation. It is a good piece of legislation and I would ask the members on both sides to support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

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Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Borowicz	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Boyle	Fritz	Mako	Rothman
Bradford	Gainey	Malagari	Rozzi
Briggs	Galloway	Maloney	Ryan
Brooks	Gaydos	Markosek	Sainato
Brown	Gillen	Marshall	Samuelson
Bullock	Gillespie	Masser	Sanchez
Burgos	Gleim	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Goodman	McCarter	Sappey
Caltagirone	Gregory	McClinton	Saylor
Carroll	Greiner	McNeill	Schemel
Causar	Grove	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Cephas	Hahn	Mentzer	Schroeder
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Merski	Schweyer
Comitta	Harkins	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Conklin	Harris	Metzgar	Simmons
Cook	Heffley	Mihalek	Sims
Cox	Helm	Millard	Snyder
Cruz	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Solomon
Culver	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullery	Stephens
Davidson	Howard	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, T.	Irvin	Nelson	Thomas
Dawkins	Isaacson	Nesbit	Tobash
Day	James	O'Mara	Toepel
Deasy	Jones	O'Neal	Toohil
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Topper
Delloso	Kail	Ortitay	Ullman
Delozier	Kaufer	Otten	Vitali
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Walsh
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Warner
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warren
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wentling
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White

Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Ecker	Klunk	Pyle	Zabel
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn	Zimmerman
Evans	Kortz	Rabb	
Everett	Krueger	Rader	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—11

DeLuca	Gabler	Murt	Wheatley
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Schmitt	Youngblood
Ellis	Miller, D.	Webster	

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. BRIGGS**

The SPEAKER. Representative Briggs is recognized to speak on HR 94. This is honoring the passing of former Pennsylvania United States Senator Harris Wofford. I would ask all members to please take their seats. Members, if you could, please take your seats, and the Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. Members please take your seats; staff members as well.

Thank you, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. BRIGGS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, colleagues, for recognizing one of the greatest figures of American politics – and history – former Senator Harris Wofford, a man whose life was a lesson in the potential for small actions to have large impacts.

Born in 1926 in New York City, Harris served in the United States Army Corps and attended Howard Law School, the first white male student to do so, before finishing his degree and graduating from Yale Law School. Among his many accomplishments, Wofford was a civil rights activist, was instrumental in the early stages of the Peace Corps, and served as president of Bryn Mawr College for nearly a decade in the 1970s.

Because of his work as a civil rights activist and lifelong public servant, many saw Wofford as a visionary who was ahead of his time. He spent his years striving to make a better life for all living in Pennsylvania, the United States, and across the planet.

This unique insight was gained at the age of 11, when as a young man, Senator Wofford had the fortune of traveling across the world for 6 months with his grandmother, taking him from Shanghai to Rome to India. It was that stop in India that changed his life and prepared him to change the lives of countless others. In India, he became captivated with Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolent civil disobedience. He used his knowledge of these nonviolent teachings to aid President John F. Kennedy, civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others. Wofford believed so strongly in this philosophy that he brought a disciple of Gandhi's on a tour of the South. Together, they helped to convince a civil rights retreat to introduce these teachings to many activists, including Rosa Parks.

For any other person, these would be a lifetime's worth of achievements, but not for Senator Wofford. As a United States Senator from Pennsylvania, a one-time Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry, and the former chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, Harris Wofford continued to spend years of his life dedicated to our Commonwealth. For almost a decade, Senator Wofford served as chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Federal agency that runs AmeriCorps and other domestic volunteer programs, and more recently served on the boards of several charities and service organizations, including America's Promise, Youth Service America, and the Points of Light Foundation.

As many call the turning point of the 2008 Democratic primary, Harris introduced then Senator Obama in Philadelphia at the National Constitution Center before Obama's speech on race in America, "A More Perfect Union." In 2012 Senator Harris Wofford was recognized with the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Obama for his many contributions to our Commonwealth, country, and world.

I think it is pretty safe to say, we will never see another Harris Wofford.

Before I finish, I want to thank Senator Wofford's family for sharing this great man and his gifts with us. He was preceded in death by his wife, Clare, and is survived by his three children, six grandchildren, and his husband, Matthew Charlton.

Thank you again for joining me today in honoring the life of a Pennsylvania icon by adopting this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Briggs.

My understanding, and you may have cited this, but just in reading about Senator Wofford – but prior to his being U.S. Senator – his involvement with civil rights is that he worked with Sargent Shriver and then Senator Kennedy, running-for-President John Kennedy, and that he was the one who advised Sargent Shriver to get Senator Kennedy to call to check on Martin Luther King when Martin Luther King was incarcerated, to check on his safety and to make sure that he was safe. And many books that I have read attribute that to Harris Wofford, that action being taken, and it is a sign of a very caring and important figure in the civil rights history of our country.

Thank you so much for your remarks.

Representative Eddie Pashinski will be speaking on HR 98, Music in Our Schools Month. As always, we do ask everybody to keep their remarks under 3 minutes with respect to these uncontested resolutions.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER. Representative Pashinski.

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

Today, I rise to thank all my fellow legislators for joining me in recognizing the importance of something that crosses language barriers, classes, cultures, and even political boundaries. What is that? Go ahead; raise your hand if you know the answer.

What? Yes, ma'am. You are correct. Music. Music is that ability that brings us all together, whether it is listening, singing, dancing, or performing. It brings us together because it is natural, it is innate, and it is powerful. And that is why I am proud to declare March as "Music in Our Schools Month" for 2019.

As many of you know, I spent quite a number of years teaching music before joining the legislature. As a choral director—

The SPEAKER. Good sir, please suspend. Members, if you can, Representative Pashinski will be short and to the point in talking about music in our schools. If we could give him our attention, we would certainly appreciate it. So please.

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

The SPEAKER. He may sing here shortly.

Representative Pashinski, please.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, sir.

So because of the fact that I had this incredible experience as a music teacher and a choral director, I saw firsthand the impact that music had on kids. It truly helped them. How many times did it help them? The skills go far beyond just singing or reading sheet music. When students learn music, it improves language skills, listening skills, self-esteem, math skills, creativity, and they tend to perform better overall scholastically. Research has shown that the children who partake in music at an early age are more likely to pursue higher education, have lower high school dropout rates, and score significantly higher on standardized tests than students that are not involved in music studies. The skills, knowledge, and confidence obtained through music education assists learners in their daily lives by providing our students with a great means to relax and the ability to work together as a team, a choir, a marching band, or a rock band. It also requires a high degree of concentration and discipline, two very important characteristics needed to become successful in life.

That is why it is imperative that music education continues to be an integral part of our State's overall education system and that we support our music educators in Pennsylvania, who are committed to maintaining and improving our school and music programs for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds without regard to their musical abilities. By unanimously recognizing March as "Music in Our Schools Month," we are sending a message that Pennsylvania Representatives – all of you – believe that every child should have the opportunity to succeed, and that music should be in their schools to provide that pathway to success.

To all my colleagues and Mr. Speaker, I thank you very much for this moment. I thank you all for supporting HR 98, music education, Music in Our Schools Month 2019.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Kenyatta, on the resolution?

Mr. KENYATTA. No, Mr. Speaker. I just want to correct the record.

Mr. Speaker, on HB 235 I was recorded in the negative, and I actually want to be in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER. On HB 235?

Mr. KENYATTA. Correct.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. KENYATTA. Thank you.

**BILLS RECOMMENDED**

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

HB 131;  
HB 324;  
HB 325;  
HB 370;  
HB 404;  
HB 441; and  
HB 752.

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

**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

HB 265;  
HB 297;  
HB 334;  
HB 393;  
HB 394;  
HB 522;  
HB 751; and  
SB 113.

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

The SPEAKER. There are no further votes for today.

**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 Pam DeLissio moves that the House be adjourned until Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:21 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.