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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. FRANCIS X. RYAN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.

In my faith, the Blessed Mother is someone that we honor and cherish as the mother of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. And at the Shrine of Lourdes, we have holy water that comes forth, and we were able to pray with three of our members this past week, and it is a prayer about miracles for children with special needs. So I would ask you to please join with me in prayer. It is prayer for children of special needs.

Dear God, please touch our children with special needs with Your healing hands. Bring them strength to face every difficult challenge in their life. Let them shower others with their love.

Father, please allow them to show others their beautiful and friendly personalities. Let others see their soul and their playful character, instead of their disability.

O Lord, please help the parents and caretakers to raise Your child with love. Give them the strength, patience, and understanding that they need. Please fill them with hope and unconditional love.

Dear Lord, our children with special needs are Your children and they need Your love. Send Your beautiful angels to watch over all of us. Please let them spread love and light around Your children. Bring our children and their family a beautiful life lived on earth. Let them see and feel Your healing love. 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, June 18, 2019, will be postponed until printed.

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

HB 1069, PN 2209 (Amended) By Rep. EVERETT

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

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 1316, PN 1535 By Rep. EVERETT

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 130, PN 1024 (Amended) By Rep. EVERETT

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to release a portion of the use restriction and reversionary interest affecting certain real property situate partly in the Township of Mahoning and partly in the Borough of Danville, County of Montour.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 701, PN 1025 (Amended) By Rep. EVERETT

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, through a competitive solicitation process; and making a related repeal.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 415 By Representatives KIM, KINSEY, ZABEL, HARRIS, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, ROTHMAN, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, McCLINTON, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, STURLA, BURNS, MARKOSEK, WILLIAMS, FITZGERALD, HOHENSTEIN and TOOHIL

A Resolution recognizing the historical importance of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and encouraging the establishment of a monument upon the grounds of the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1650 By Representatives KORTZ, MILLARD, BERNSTINE, NEILSON, READSHAW, B. MILLER, MARKOSEK, GOODMAN, DeLUCA, GILLEN, SAYLOR, STAATS and DUSH

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in obstructing governmental operations, further providing for the offense of contraband.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2019.

No. 1651 By Representatives KORTZ, MURT, HILL-EVANS, DeLUCA, SOLOMON and CALTAGIRONE

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for recall of elected public officers.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

No. 1652 By Representatives KORTZ, MURT, HILL-EVANS, DeLUCA and SOLOMON

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for recall election of State and local officers, for recall petition process, for review of recall petitions, for recall election and for prohibited practices.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

No. 1653 By Representatives WARREN, HILL-EVANS, McCLINTON, KINSEY, KULIK, RABB, T. DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, MATZIE, DeLUCA, GOODMAN, CALTAGIRONE, ISAACSON, FREEMAN, DEASY, NEILSON, SCHWEYER, FARRY, O'MARA, MADDEN, DAVIDSON, MALAGARI and WILLIAMS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, providing for out-of-state political committees and reporting.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

No. 1654 By Representatives B. MILLER, MURT, ZIMMERMAN, T. DAVIS, NEILSON, DeLUCA, BOBACK and RADER

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts or practices and exclusions.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, June 19, 2019.

No. 1655 By Representatives ISAACSON, CIRESI, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, HOWARD, KENYATTA, MARKOSEK, McCLINTON, McNEILL, MERSKI, READSHAW, SAINATO, SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, ULLMAN and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2019.

No. 1656 By Representatives HANBIDGE, McCLINTON, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, BURGOS, A. DAVIS, T. DAVIS, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, ISAACSON, JOHNSON-HARRELL, KENYATTA, KINSEY, MADDEN, MARKOSEK, McNEILL, MURT, RABB, RAVENSTAHL, SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SHUSTERMAN, THOMAS, ULLMAN, WEBSTER and OTTEN

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1992 (P.L.1144, No.150), known as the Credit Services Act, further providing for prohibited activities.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, June 19, 2019.

No. 1657 By Representatives DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, HILL-EVANS, A. DAVIS, YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW, SIMS, JOHNSON-HARRELL, KORTZ and ROZZI

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 reporting.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 19, 2019.

No. 1658 By Representatives DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, HILL-EVANS, A. DAVIS, YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW, SIMS, JOHNSON-HARRELL, McNEILL, KORTZ and ROZZI

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, providing for unlawful dissemination of visual depiction of school violence.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2019.

No. 1659 By Representatives DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, DUNBAR, HILL-EVANS, A. DAVIS and CIRESI

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school directors, further providing for filling of vacancies.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 19, 2019.

No. 1660 By Representatives RABB, KINSEY, DONATUCCI, SCHLOSSBERG, A. DAVIS, DAVIDSON, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, FRANKEL, CIRESI, DAWKINS, ROZZI, SOLOMON, McCLINTON and FIEDLER

An Act amending Title 46 (Legislature) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for demographic impact statements in consideration of legislation relating to crimes, offenses and sentencing.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2019.

No. 1661 By Representatives RABB, SOLOMON, OTTEN, ZABEL, HILL-EVANS, CIRESI, MADDEN and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in dates of elections and primaries and special elections, further providing for nominations for special election for Representative in Congress, Senator and Representative in the General Assembly and member of council or legislative body of cities, boroughs, towns and townships, providing for special election for Senator or Representative in General Assembly, creating the Special Election Fund and imposing duties on the Department of State.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

No. 1662 By Representatives DiGIROLAMO, KINSEY, ZABEL, SCHLOSSBERG, MILLARD, HOHENSTEIN, HOWARD, DeLUCA, SAYLOR, T. DAVIS, FREEMAN, NEILSON, SIMS, MOUL, HILL-EVANS, WEBSTER, POLINCHOCK, ROZZI, NELSON, STRUZZI, PASHINSKI, RIGBY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, COMITTA, GREGORY and MIHALEK

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1198, No.148), known as the Methadone Death and Incident Review Act, further providing for title of act, for short title, for definitions, for establishment of Methadone Death and Incident Review Team, for team duties, for duties of coroner and medical examiner, for review procedures and for confidentiality.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, June 19, 2019.

No. 1663 By Representatives BURNS, BURGOS, HARKINS, PASHINSKI, MULLERY, PETRARCA, CALTAGIRONE, BARRAR, JOHNSON-HARRELL, DeLUCA, T. DAVIS, SHUSTERMAN, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN and GALLOWAY

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, further providing for funding.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 19, 2019.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 733, PN 945

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 698, PN 1026 (Amended) By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions, for physician assistants and for physician assistant license.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

SB 699, PN 1027 (Amended) By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for physician assistants.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1065, PN 1226**, and **HB 1166, PN 1344**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip has no requests for leaves of absence.

The minority whip requests a leave of absence for Representative Mark ROZZI of Berks County for the day. Without objection, that will be granted.

We are going to hold off on the master roll just for a few moments. Members, please come to the House floor.

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:

HB 1065, PN 1226

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3033 over Redbank Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, as the CPL James Slagle 2nd Ranger Battalion Army Ranger WWII Memorial Bridge.

HB 1166, PN 1344

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services.

SB 190, PN 145

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Jeffrey C. Walker, certain lands situate in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

SB 338, PN 503

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for width of vehicles.

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

The SPEAKER. Pine Grove Area High School – Representative Mike Tobash, please bring the team up to the rostrum, into the well of the House. They will be followed by Representative Lewis with the Central Dauphin High School Girls Softball Team. So that team will be waiting in the wings. The entire team should come up. Bring the entire team up with Representative Tobash. Come down to the well of the House. I am not sure if you are bringing the seniors or the captains, and the rest of the team in the well of the House.

Young ladies, when your name is introduced, please raise your hand. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. The other softball team should come down here to my left to be ready to come on right afterwards.

**PINE GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL
SOFTBALL TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Tobash, you may proceed, sir. Mr. TOBASH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank you and I want to tell you a little bit about what happened to me on June 14, Friday. It was an amazing day. I was listening on the radio to a couple of softball games; one of them was Williams Valley, the Lady Vikings, and they won a State championship in single A, and then after that, it was the Pine Grove Girls Lady Cardinals Softball Team. They won a State championship on the very same day, both being from Schuylkill County.

You know, my thought at that point in time was, sometimes there is a fine line between being good and being lucky, and I can tell you, I am very lucky, because these young ladies are very good.

Their season ended with a perfect record, 28 wins and no losses. And behind me I have a few of the seniors: Avery Nagle, Amanda Schaeffer, Olivia Lehman, Katelyn Rittenbaugh, and Trish Kopinetz. Really tremendous day. And by coincidence, we have another group in the gallery. It is the Tremont Seniors. Tremont is a small town, a small borough, and it is in the Pine Grove Area School District, so we have some of their biggest fans here in the gallery, that they are cheering them on even to this day. In fact, Marna Heim is the grandmother of Skye Herring, who is one of the players on the team.

So it is a tremendous day here in the Capitol. I want to again congratulate the Pine Grove Lady Cardinals. I am blessed to be able to represent them, and I would like my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this State championship.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Twenty-eight and zero. That is impressive. Thank you so much for being with us today from Pine Grove Area High School, the girls softball State champions. They are going to take a team photo. Representative Lewis, please come up to the rostrum. Bring the seniors and the coaches to the rostrum and we will have the other ladies in the well of the House.

Thank you, team, champions. Thank you.

**CENTRAL DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL
SOFTBALL TEAM PRESENTED**

The SPEAKER. Representative Andrew Lewis is going to present the State championship team.

Representative Lewis, you may proceed.

Mr. LEWIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am very proud and excited to be standing here to recognize an outstanding group of women, along with coach Ken Williams and assistant coach Sam Hartley.

The Central Dauphin Rams Softball Team claimed the PIAA Class 6A Championship last week, and I think we can all agree that is an outstanding achievement in its own right. But on top of the usual nerves and stress that go along with playing in a championship game, these ladies had just a few other things to deal with.

Now, get this, the school had never won a State championship before, so how great would it be to help bring home the first title? Secondly, the school's beloved coach of 29 years, Ken Williams – where are you, Ken? Ken, raise your hand – announced at the beginning of the year that this would be his last year of coaching. So how great would it be to give him a much-deserved championship to close out his career? And then there was the weather; first the game's 11 a.m. start time was moved back to 2 p.m., and then with Central Dauphin ahead 3-1 with one out to go in the game, the weather let loose again and there was a second 3-hour delay. I cannot even imagine how nerve-racking that would be, but these young women, even with all of the pressure they were facing, kept it together. When the game resumed around 7:15 p.m., they got the last out and got the celebration they were waiting for all day long and that they had worked to earn all season long.

Congratulations to all of you, especially seniors Sam Gress – where is Sam? Raise your hand – who took a no-hitter heading into the sixth inning, and Tyler White, who of the five hits, she was 2 out of 3. Tyler. They get to close out their high school softball careers in the best way possible.

And I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Coach Williams – who is joined here by his lovely wife, Marlene. Marlene, can you stand up in the back? Marlene Williams, who is here – for their devotion to Central Dauphin softball for almost three decades. Your guidance, leadership, and support have made such a difference in the lives of these players here today and all who have had the privilege of playing with you over the years. I wish you well in your retirement.

And to the entire team, from players to coaches to parents, and on behalf of the Central Dauphin School District and our greater community, whom you have made so proud, congratulations. Join me in congratulating this great team.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Lewis, and also to the Central Dauphin High School Girls championship team, congratulations.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The World Affairs Council is with us today. The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, please stand. As I introduce your name, please raise your hand: Shweta, Sami, Kate, Zoya, Sophia, Alex, Melahat, Meryem, Alex, and Cole. Thank you so much for being with us from the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. These are the House Fellowship and Archives interns for the summer 2019 semester. Will they please stand. As I announce you, please raise your hand. We are so honored to have you folks. These are individuals that will be working in the House for the summer or they will be working at the State Archives. And many of our staff members on both sides of the aisle have begun their careers in this fellowship program, by the way, including my former chief of staff. So please understand, this could be the beginning of a career.

Deanna Campion. Deanna is at Penn State Harrisburg and is working with Representative Conklin and the Gaming Oversight Committee.

Alexander DeLuca. Alexander is at Widener University Commonwealth Law School and will be working with Chair Petrarca and the Children and Youth Committee.

Emily Kendall is at Shippensburg University and will be with the majority leader, Bryan Cutler.

Michael Duncan, Penn State University, will be with Chairman Caltagirone and the Urban Affairs Committee.

Jasmine Lamb, Temple University, with Chair Wheatley and the Finance Committee.

Madeline Myers, University of Pittsburgh, with Chair Roebuck and the Education Committee.

Daniel Wohlberg, West Chester University, will be with Chairman Dan Moul and the Local Government Committee.

Marwah Obaid, Gannon University, is with Chair Boyle and the State Government Committee.

For the House Archives: Andrew Burlingame. Andrew Burlingame is at Penn State's Harrisburg's campus. He will be with the House Archives.

Michaela Hockenberry, Villanova University, will be with the Archives.

And Samantha Wessel, Washington and Jefferson College, will be with the Archives.

Thank you so much. They are with Jesse Teitelbaum, who manages the Legislative Fellows, and Heidi Mays, who supervises the Archives interns. Thank you so much for being with us today, young men and women. Thank you.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Addison Martin, please stand. Addison is a guest of Representative Martina White, and she proposed a law requiring equipment for disabled children on public playgrounds. Thanks so much, Addison, for being here today.

Lauren Wozniak, please stand. Lauren is a student at Laurel Highlands High School, and she is the goddaughter of Representative Matt Dowling and is interning today. Thank you so much for being with us.

Cleo Jarvis is in the rear of the House. Cleo, please come up to the railing. She is president of the African-American Network of the Poconos, and she is a guest of Representative Rosemary Brown. Thank you so much for being with us today, Cleo.

In the rear of the House, guests of Representative Torren Ecker include Ashlyn Booher, a Gettysburg College student, and Christina Martinez, a student at Arizona State University. Just wave right there. Thank you. Great. Thanks for being with us today.

Representative Ullman has some guests. In the rear of the House, Michael Creighton, please come up to the railing. He is at Villanova University. And Elizabeth Kunkel is at Bryn Mawr College. Welcome, Michael and Elizabeth. Thank you for joining us today.

Kathleen Millrood, please stand up. A senior at Tulane University, she is working in the Democratic Appropriations chair's district office, Representative Matt Bradford. Thanks for being with us.

In the rear of the House, Aidan Maxwell Levinson. He is a guest of Representative McNeill and a graduate of Emmaus High School, where he earned the 2019 Principal's Award and a 2019 Honor Grad. He will be attending American University. Thank you for joining us.

In the rear of House, Anne and DeClan Lynagh, please stand. Anne and DeClan Lynagh. Where is DeClan? There he is. He is a seventh grade student at William Meredith School in Philadelphia, and they are the guests of Representative Brian Sims. Thank you for joining us.

In the rear of the House, Andrew Dudziak, please stand. Andrew is over to my left. He is a senior at Shippensburg University and is the guest of Representative Andrew Lewis. Thank you, sir.

In the gallery are Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State Program participants. Stand up. We are so honored to have you here today; Girls State participants. Thank you for being with us today.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We need to do master roll first. All members, please proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Brooks	Gaydos	Masser	Sanchez
Brown	Gillen	Matzie	Sankey
Bullock	Gillespie	McCarter	Sappey
Burgos	Gleim	McClinton	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schmitt

Causser	Grove	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harrell	Millard	Sims
Cook	Harris	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cox	Heffley	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cruz	Helm	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hennessey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hershey	Mullery	Stephens
Daley	Hickernell	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Day	Isaacson	Nesbit	Toohil
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Ullman
Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kail	Ortitay	Walsh
DeLuca	Kaufer	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGiroalamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

LEAVES ADDED—1

Miller, D.

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Mako

The SPEAKER. We have 200 members on the master roll. A quorum is present.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Amanda Hafler, am I saying that correctly? Amanda, please stand. Amanda Hafler is from Elizabethtown College and is going to be working with the Minority Office of Legislation and Policy. Thank you so much for joining us today. Thank you.

Philadelphia Reign Women's Basketball, please stand. In the rear of the House, we are pleased to welcome guests of Representative Murt and Representative Rabb. These are members of the Philadelphia Reign Women's Basketball Team, the first professional women's basketball team in Philadelphia in over 25 years.

At this time we are going to have Representative Tom Murt and Representative Rabb on unanimous consent. On unanimous consent, and I would be glad to introduce everybody, but, Representative Murt, if you want to just get a mike and then I will follow with Representative Rabb.

In the interim, would Samuel Gerlach, Eva Sun, and Ishmael Brown please stand. They are interning with Representative Rabb for the summer. It is so great to have you here today. Thank you so much for being with us and for the summer.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt will start.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is great honor and a privilege to recognize and introduce the members and the management and the leadership of the newest team in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Reign. First of all, I am here with my colleague and my friend, Representative Chris Rabb. The team is currently undefeated with a record of 6 and 0, and they play their home games at Chestnut Hill College in the northwest part of Philadelphia.

With us today are Tamika Milburn, the owner of the Philadelphia Reign; Terry Frederick, the general manager; and Tanae Davis-Cain, the head coach of the Philadelphia Reign. I also want to recognize the players, the accomplished players both on the college level and now on the professional level that are with us today: Vanessa Neal, Alison Lewis, Ayshia Baker, Aanise Barnes, Lauren Postel, Renee Womack, Jewel Milhum, Mercedes Marie Walker, and Bianca Quevas Moore. We recognize these professional basketball players and these athletes for being with us today and the great work that they are doing, and now I would like to ask my colleague, Representative Chris Rabb, to make some remarks.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. RABB

The SPEAKER. Representative Rabb.

Mr. RABB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Representative. It is a real honor to bring the Philadelphia Reign to Harrisburg. Representative Murt and I were very proud attendees of their very first home game in my district at Chestnut Hill College. That was their second of many victories. And it is such a great opportunity to have another professional sporting team and celebrate women in sports, girls in sports, and building community wealth on the local level. It is just a real honor, and I am so glad you all could make it out and to Representative Murt for bringing them to Harrisburg.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Hugo Cortes, please stand. Where is Hugo? Hugo, thank you so much for being with us. He is working in Representative Fiedler's district office in Philadelphia; an honor to have you here. Thank you so much for joining us.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MERSKI called up HR 395, PN 2070, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 28, 2019, as "National Logistics Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MOUL called up HR 404, PN 2130, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2019 as "Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to coincide with a global initiative in Australia.

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Ms. KRUEGER called up HR 405, PN 2131, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the centennial of the Commonwealth's ratification of the 19th Amendment on June 24, 2019, and recognizing the Justice Bell as a symbol of the suffrage cause.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' for the resolutions, including Barrar, Benninghoff, Bernstine, Bizzarro, Boback, Borowicz, Boyle, Bradford, Briggs, Brooks, Brown, Bullock, Burgos, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Causer, Cephas, Ciresi, Comitta, Conklin, Cook, Cox, Cruz, Culver, Cutler, Daley, Davidson, Davis, A., Davis, T., Dawkins, Day, Deasy, DeLissio, Dellosa, Delozier, DeLuca, Fiedler, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Fritz, Gabler, Gainey, Galloway, Gaydos, Gillen, Gillespie, Gleim, Goodman, Gregory, Greiner, Grove, Hahn, Hanbidge, Harkins, Harrell, Harris, Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hershey, Hickernell, Hohenstein, Howard, Innamorato, Irvin, Isaacson, James, Jones, Jozwiak, Kail, Kaufer, Lee, Lewis, Longiatti, Mackenzie, Madden, Malagari, Maloney, Markosek, Marshall, Masser, Matzie, McCarter, McClinton, McNeill, Mehaffie, Mentzer, Merski, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Mihalek, Millard, Miller, B., Miller, D., Mizgorski, Moul, Mullery, Mullins, Murt, Mustello, Neilson, Nelson, Nesbit, O'Mara, O'Neal, Oberlander, Ortitay, Otten, Readshaw, Reese, Rigby, Roae, Roebuck, Rothman, Ryan, Sainato, Samuelson, Sanchez, Sankey, Sappery, Saylor, Schemel, Schlossberg, Schmitt, Schroeder, Schwyer, Shusterman, Simmons, Sims, Snyder, Solomon, Sonney, Staats, Stephens, Struzzi, Sturla, Thomas, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Topper, Ullman, Vitali, Walsh, Warner.

Table listing names of members who voted 'NAYS', 'NOT VOTING', or 'EXCUSED', including Dermody, Diamond, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Dowling, Driscoll, Dunbar, Dush, Ecker, Emrick, Evans, Everett, Farry, Fee, Kauffman, Keefer, Keller, M.K., Kenyatta, Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Klunk, Knowles, Kortz, Kosierowski, Krueger, Kulik, Lawrence, Owlett, Pashinski, Peifer, Petrarca, Pickett, Polinchock, Puskaric, Pyle, Quinn, Rabb, Rader, Rapp, Ravenstahl, Warren, Webster, Wentling, Wheatley, Wheeland, White, Williams, Youngblood, Zabel, Zimmerman, Turzai, Speaker.

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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

The SPEAKER. Members, these three colleagues have guests with them on the resolutions. We are going to do them one, two, three. Everybody is requested to be under 3 minutes. HR 404, Representative Dan Moul; HR 395, Representative Merski; and HR 405, Representative Krueger. If each of you could please come down to the well, we are going to go right in order. Representative Dan Moul, you will be first. HR 404. Each of you may introduce your guests as well in that timeframe. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. MOUL

Mr. MOUL. Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am sponsoring HR 404 to designate September 2019 as "Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Hirschsprung's disease is a life-threatening congenital condition affecting one in 5,000 births, and is more prevalent in boys. It occurs in the absence of intestinal nerve cells in the colon that would normally control the contraction of the colon to allow the elimination of bodily waste. Absent these nerve cells, solids are unable to move through the bowels and be expelled. This presents a very dangerous situation requiring surgery to correct. The cause of Hirschsprung's disease is unknown, but because the disease sometimes occurs in families, it is believed to be associated with a genetic mutation.

You may be wondering why I am putting this resolution forward today. When I put this resolution out for cosponsorship, I would have never guessed in a million years there would be another member on this House floor that would have had any idea as to what I was talking about, and within hours, Representative Danielle Otten got back to me and said that this disease affected her family as well. She said she would like to cosponsor this with me, and I said, "Absolutely. Not only that, I would like you to speak on this resolution for a short period as well."

So for this moment, I would like to turn it over to Danielle Otten.

STATEMENT BY MS. OTTEN

Ms. OTTEN. Thank you, Representative Moul, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to share the floor with Representative Moul today to bring light to the rare congenital disease, Hirschsprung's disease. On February 14, 2014, I received the world's most amazing Valentine's Day gift: our son, Jack, who is here with me today. I will never forget the first time I set eyes on him and the blissful first day holding and adoring his perfection.

On the second day of his life, the doctors entered the room to give us a choice to go home early because he looked great and I was doing really well after an emergency C-section. I was excited to accept, and we could not wait to take our baby home.

Later that night, a wonderful nurse, Janice, told me that she had a light load and asked if it would be okay if she spent some time with me to help with breastfeeding. Jack was having a little bit of trouble. She suggested after a little while that I should get some rest and asked if she could take Jack for a bath and give me a chance to get some sleep. Knowing we would be going home in the morning, I took her up on the extra help for one more night. At 3 a.m. she returned to my room with Jack to ask my permission to take him to the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit). He had vomited while she was bathing him. Babies spit up, right? Except for his vomit was green and that is a sign that there may be an obstruction of the bowel.

The following hours are burned in my mind and a blur at the same time – calling my husband in the middle of the night; walking into the NICU, with multiple babies in cribs, and wondering if I would even know which one was mine at that point, and the breathless moment of recognizing him immediately; watching him strapped into a special transport device that looked eerily like a coffin; the sweet man who would drive him to the city, transporting him to CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), and the gentle and thorough approach to helping to put me at ease while my world was crashing down; looking into my husband's eyes, both tearful, gripping each other's hands like a vise but completely silent; watching my husband climb into the ambulance and then watching them drive away with my baby. I was unable to ride with him because I still needed to be discharged, and my wonderful doctor came in for his shift hours early to make sure that I could get to my baby, and he shared his own family's story with scary experiences of taking your child to the NICU.

I sat on my bed, with my bags packed at my feet, waiting for my sister-in-law, who would take me on the longest ride of my life. Looking at a doctor that I had never met and responding to him, "Hirsch what?" and feeling incredibly alone. And that is why today raising awareness for rare diseases like Hirschsprung's disease is so incredibly important, because no family facing rare diseases should feel alone.

There are so many people who have dealt with these issues and there are so many resources and support available. I remember our church was praying for our family, and another member of the church reached out and called me – she happens to be a constituent of mine now – to share her story about how her 25-year-old son also has Hirschsprung's disease and ensuring me that life would be okay. And at a moment when you are wondering and not understanding what is happening, all you need to hear is someone who has been through it say, "Life is going to be okay."

We also need to fight for access to quality health care for every family in Pennsylvania, because as the Moul family will share their story, no one knew for a long, long time what Hirschsprung's was and how to diagnose this disease. And we have to work hard every day in this chamber to protect the public health and safety and our environment, because as Representative Moul mentioned, there is no known cause for Hirschsprung's disease, and we know for our family that it is not genetic, that it is likely an environmental cause.

A few weeks ago I was sitting in church on Pentecost Sunday and our pastor said, "I want everyone to take a big deep breath in and a big deep breath out." And she reminded us that that breath is what we share and it was once someone's first breath and it also was someone's last breath. We are all connected here in our humanity, and I want to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to share ours today, and thank you to Representative Moul for sharing your story as well.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you. The story goes on.

This is a such an insidious disease and most people are not aware of it, and the people who are affected by this – we have some of them here today; not just my family – but they wanted their story told so that you are aware of it as new parents, as new grandparents, that you know the symptoms and you educate yourself. I will have them stand in a moment.

But today we have Sheri Geyer. She is a retired Senate staffer here. She was a grandmother to a newborn named Caleb. Caleb was showing the elusive Hirschsprung's disease symptoms, was to three different medical facilities and 7 days old before the word "Hirschsprung's" was mentioned to them. Unfortunately, by that time it was too late. Caleb passed at 11 days old.

Dawn Rice and her daughter, Erica. Two of Dawn's four children had Hirschsprung's. Her son, Brendan, had total colonic Hirschsprung's disease and passed away from it. Erica, who is with us here today, is a Hirschsprung's disease survivor.

Monica Forte had a vivacious son named Tony, born on this day. Happy birthday, Tony. He fought Hirschsprung's disease his entire life, but with a big old smile. You may have seen him on your driver's license renewal, because he was the poster child for Donate Life Pennsylvania. He had a four-organ transplant in 2016. He got another brief chance at life, but a routine hospital stay turned wrong and took him last year at the age of 12.

Ladies, if you would please, stand up and be recognized.

Now I will tell you just a brief story about our journey and my family. Thirty-three years ago, we had a little baby girl named Lexi. We had never heard the words "Hirschsprung's disease" either, and back then, had it been 10 or 20 years earlier, maybe even a couple months earlier, we might have lost her. And we went through hell. And when she was about 6 1/2 months old, she started taking some solid foods, and that is when all the trouble started because she could not pass. She could not have a movement. And I was working in Washington, DC, at the time and I got an emergency phone call one day – well into having her at several hospitals, several doctors, trying to figure out what is wrong – and they said, "We rushed your daughter to Harrisburg Polyclinic. It's not good."

So I immediately beelined it from DC up to Harrisburg, and when I walked into the hospital, I was met by a member of the clergy, preparing us for the worst. And come to find out there is a gentleman, who is the most skilled and knowledgeable surgeon in this part of the country for intestinal-type surgeries and diseases, and he just happened to be located right here in

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. And by the grace of God, he was here, and they called him in to do emergency surgery, where he performed an ileostomy on my daughter. And 2 years and four more surgeries later, he got her to a point where she could live a normal life.

Now, we have heroes, we have stars; we have baseball players, football players, hockey players, foreign leaders, dignitaries, and we all look up to them and we all call them heroes and stars, but let me tell you something. When you have a little girl whose life was saved by the gentleman I am about to introduce, he is a star.

Let me tell you a little bit about Dr. Domingo T. Alvear, just to give you an idea of the character of this man. He founded, 20 years ago, the World Surgical Foundation. He put together a team of surgeons, nurses, assistants, and volunteers and traveled to Third World countries, and his team has performed over 9,000 free surgeries on children and people who would otherwise never have the opportunity to have their surgeries. He is also the 2015 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Outstanding Immigrant Award winner, and in my opinion, a guy like this goes to a level all of his own, way above all of those other people I just mentioned. So I would like to say to Dr. Alvear in person, thank you.

Standing beside Dr. Alvear are my daughter, whose life he saved, and my very cute – obviously, she does not look like me – little granddaughter. Now that part I might have had something to do with; she acts like me. And we have one on the way. But I cannot thank Dr. Alvear enough for doing what he does, not just for our family, but for other families like Representative Otten's family and anyone else, and this is about bringing awareness, today is about bringing awareness to this disease that most people have never heard of.

And on that note, I would like my wife to stand. And if you talk to her, say kind things about me, even if you have to lie a little bit. But since then, my wife has made it a crusade – a mission, if you will – in her life to bring awareness to this disease worldwide. She started organizations online, she has actually helped guide people, when they did not know what was going on, to go see the right doctor to have their disease diagnosed, and I commend her greatly for that. Thank you so much. She is my wife and my partner.

And we appreciate greatly your unanimous vote on HR 404. I know we went over time, but it was important.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representatives.

At this time, I know this is budget week so we are going to need to move to caucus and committee meetings. Representative Merski has some guests here. Representative Krueger has some guests here. What we are going to do is I am going to allow people to break. I am going to stay and do the resolutions. If members can stay, that is fine, but I know that we have to have these committee meetings and these caucuses, because we are here on Wednesday on the budget. So anybody that wishes to stay for the remarks and resolutions, I will be here with the guests. I know there are some committee announcements. We are going to do those quickly. I am going to do Representative Krueger next and Representative Merski, but I am going to let the committees – because I know they have to get to work on the budget items.

RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to announce a Rules Committee meeting immediately in the Appropriations conference room, and following that there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

There will be a Rules Committee meeting immediately in the Appropriations conference room, and following that there will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Steve Barrar I think has as a committee announcement.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee in B-31; two resolutions and one House bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee in room B-31.

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Garth Everett, for a State Government Committee notice.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the House State Government Committee in 205 Ryan Building to take up SB 48 and HB 163. Again, immediate meeting at the break, 205 Ryan.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

There will be an immediate meeting of the House State Government Committee in 205 Ryan Building.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 1 o'clock. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 1:45. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

House Democrats, we will caucus at 1 o'clock; that is 1 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Thank you.

Right now, members, I am going to stay here on the floor for Representative Krueger and for Representative Merski, with their guests. If you are going to stay on the floor for those remarks – they can also wait until we come back to the floor, which is at 1:45. But we do need to move the day along, and I apologize, but the first resolution took a little longer than we had thought.

All members, please take your seats.

STATEMENT BY MS. KRUEGER

The SPEAKER. Representative Krueger is recognized on HR 405.

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 405 recognizes 100 years to the date, on June 24, when Pennsylvania ratified the 19th Amendment. Women in Pennsylvania would still have to wait another year before they could vote or hold public office, while Pennsylvania suffrage heroes like Anna Dickinson and Lucretia Mott continued to fight on the national level.

Unlike some other States by that time, Pennsylvania would not allow women to run for office until 1920, supposing that because they could not vote, they could not hold such posts. Except for a few recorded instances of women running for school board positions under statutes eased during the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention of 1872 and 1873, the first real opportunities for women in the halls of State, local, and Federal government were not available until 1920 either.

This General Assembly had passed legislation in 1913 and 1915 extending the right to vote to Pennsylvania women, but the measure was defeated by more than 55,000 votes in a public referendum comprised completely of male voters. At the time, 11 States and the territory of Alaska had extended full voting rights to women. Five years later – and only thanks to the amazing, difficult, and dangerous work the women's suffrage movement took across the country – in 1920 Pennsylvania women put themselves in the voting booths – and on the ballots – for the first time in the Commonwealth, nearly 1 1/2 centuries after this country's founding.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my guests who are being honored today for their tireless work sharing the empowering story of the women's suffrage movement – through that of the Justice Bell, a Pennsylvania and American icon that will be known the world over in 2020 – as the United States of America reflects on the fact that liberty did not reach women in this country until 100 years ago.

Nevertheless, we persisted.

Back then, with the right to vote on the line, on March 31, 1915, Katharine Ruschenberger, an early suffrage leader from Chester County, paid \$2,000 to commission the Justice Bell. It was made to resemble the Liberty Bell, except for the added engraved words "Establish Justice."

After production, the bell was mounted on a truck and driven to all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Its clapper was chained, preventing the bell from ringing. This symbolized the silence of women who did not have the right to vote. The bell's 5,000-mile road trip was designed to raise awareness for women's suffrage in Pennsylvania – the very movement that failed in 1915.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to be joined on the House floor by Amanda Owen, Mingo Stroeber, and Michele Stingle for their work continuing to show and tell our story. Thank you, ladies.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Krueger.

If those individuals – Amanda Owen, Mingo Stroeber, and Michele Stingle – would please come down to the well of the House, we would love to get your photo with Representative Krueger. Please, you are welcome, just come straight down to the well of the House.

Ms. KRUEGER. Please come and chat with them. Their work is truly amazing, ahead of an important anniversary for America and women. For those of you who have not heard about their work, the Justice Bell Foundation is a nonprofit whose mission is to educate, inspire, and mobilize current and future women voters. With programs for schools, a film about the women's suffrage movement, and a replica Justice Bell that will tour Pennsylvania in 2020, the Justice Bell Foundation is committed to reclaiming women's history and highlighting women's contributions.

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to tell their story on the House floor today.

The SPEAKER. Thank you so much with respect to the Justice Bell Foundation. Thank you, Amanda, Mingo, and Michele for being with us. Please take your time to get a photo with Representative Krueger and to talk to any of the members. After we do the next remarks, please feel free to have discussions with any members on the floor. Thank you so much.

Representative Merski is going to speak on HR 395. He is joined by Representative Ryan Bizzarro and Representative Pat Harkins.

STATEMENT BY MR. MERSKI

The SPEAKER. Representative Merski will proceed.

Mr. MERSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, colleagues, for your unanimous vote on HR 395, designating June 28 as "National Logistics Day." We introduce this resolution to highlight the essential role that logistics – the coordination of complex operations involving many people, facilities, or supplies – plays in the success of modern business. You may have noticed that successful companies share at least one important trait: they all manage to get their product to the market smoothly, efficiently, and on time. Moving goods and supplies through different channels of commerce – from production to distribution to delivery of the finished product – requires complex coordination and planning. Whether it is the efforts of a warehouse worker operating a forklift, a trucker hauling a load on the highway, or freight operators shipping goods by rail, sea, or air, keeping things running smoothly and according to plan is the key to success.

National Logistics Day was championed by Logistics Plus, a worldwide provider of transportation, logistics, and supply chain solutions, right in our hometown of Erie, Pennsylvania. We are honored to have several guests here today from the company: Gretchen Blough, manager of Custom Broker Solutions; Josh Nkomo, export services specialist; Adam Mook, manager of the compliance department and training; and Scott Frederick, vice president of marketing.

We are extremely proud of Logistics Plus, which is headquartered in Erie, for the role it plays as a job producer and employer in the region, and also for its role as a skilled provider of logistics that benefits commerce throughout the world. Here are a few interesting facts, courtesy of the company. Logistics as a concept can be traced back more than 750 years to when Marco Polo traveled to China on the Silk Road and kept a record that would be used by future traders and merchants traveling between Europe and China. The first horseless carriage semi-truck was invented in 1896, and the first container ship sailed from the port of New Jersey to Texas in 1956. Today there are more than 53,000 merchant ships transporting goods around the world. There are more than half a million trucking companies operating more than 15 million trucks in the United States alone. There are 140,000 miles of railroad tracks in the U.S., the equivalent of more than 5 1/2 trips around the globe. And there are more than 17,000 warehouses in the United States, providing more than 215 million square feet of storage capacity. Not surprisingly, warehousing and fulfillment is one of the fastest growing sectors of the logistics industry. But regardless of the ways in which goods and supplies are transported, one thing is clear: our modern economy cannot function without logistics.

Please join me in recognizing the vital role logistics plays as Pennsylvania's many highways, ports, and airports bring America's bounty to the world. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The other Representatives, do you wish to say anything, sirs? No. Okay.

And then Representative Merski, do you want to bring your guests down. Have you introduced everybody, though? You introduced everybody. Yes, please bring them down. So Gretchen Blough, Moustafa Elhadary, Josh Nkomo, Adam Mook, and Scott Frederick, please come on down. Thank you so much for being with us today.

RECONSIDERATION MOTION WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Jozwiak – is Representative Jozwiak on the floor, please? Okay. Representative Jozwiak had submitted a motion to reconsider on June 12 that was to have HB 305 receiving second consideration. It was not a vote; we just announced it and moved into second consideration. He wanted to have that reconsidered. Representative Martina White signed it with him. My understanding is that they have withdrawn that motion to reconsider. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 1:45 p.m.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 2 p.m.; further extended until 2:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

HB 1185, PN 1371

By Rep. CUTLER

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property and waters, further providing for the offense of damage to property; in protection of property and waters, further providing for the offense of littering; in preliminary provisions relating to boats and boating, further providing for boating education; and, in operation of boats, further providing for the offense of operating watercraft under influence of alcohol or controlled substance and providing for the offense of aggravated assault by watercraft.

RULES.

HB 1188, PN 1385

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1222, PN 1570

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 10 (Charities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act; and making related repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1479, PN 1886

By Rep. CUTLER

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 35729, on that portion of State Route 3041 in Texas Township, Wayne County, as the PFC Raymond P. Schwesinger Memorial Bridge.

RULES.

HB 1510, PN 1895

By Rep. CUTLER

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 183 from Segment 0040/Offset 2555 to Segment 110/Offset 1180 in Berks County as the Trooper Wayne C. Ebert Memorial Highway.

RULES.

HB 1522, PN 1917

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for minors serving in volunteer emergency service organizations.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1537, PN 1936

By Rep. SAYLOR

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 contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1538, PN 1955

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole procedure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1547, PN 1963

By Rep. CUTLER

An Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 422 with Pennsylvania Route 66, Manor Township, Armstrong County, as the Senator Donald C. White Interchange.

RULES.

HB 1557, PN 1996

By Rep. CUTLER

An Act amending the act of September 24, 1968 (P.L.1040, No.318), known as the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, further providing for designating areas unsuitable for coal refuse disposal.

RULES.

HB 1590, PN 2183

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, establishing the Dairy Investment Program and Dairy Investment Program Account.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1609, PN 2083

By Rep. CUTLER

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

RULES.

HB 1614, PN 2184

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for sale or transfer of firearms; and, in commencement of proceedings, further providing for Statewide municipal police jurisdiction, for nonmunicipal police extraterritorial jurisdiction and for agents of the Office of Attorney General and providing for interpretation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 399, PN 947

By Rep. SAYLOR

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, for rights of sexual assault victims and for report by Pennsylvania State Police.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 469, PN 476

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 479, PN 498

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 585, PN 946

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, establishing the Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

HB 163, PN 2190 (Amended)

By Rep. EVERETT

An Act repealing the act of May 1, 1913 (P.L.155, No.104), referred to as the Separations Act, and making related repeals.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

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

SB 589, PN 1028 (Amended)

By Rep. BARRAR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in military educational programs, further providing for definitions, for eligibility, for grants, for amount of grants, for limitations, for recoupment of grant payments, for regulations, for administration and for Educational Assistance Program Fund and providing for a military family education program; and making editorial changes.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 247, PN 1502

By Rep. BARRAR

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to facilitate and ensure implementation of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

HR 343, PN 1881

By Rep. BARRAR

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize and fully fund the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS.

SENATE MESSAGE**RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
June 19, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on the week of Sunday, June 23, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Sunday, June 23, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 421 By Representatives WHITE, STAATS, SCHLOSSBERG, BARRAR, MILLARD, ZIMMERMAN, MACKENZIE and MOUL

A Resolution calling upon the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to establish rules to expedite the resolution of cases in which it appears that the constitutional rights of a litigant are being infringed, minimize the costs of resolving suits that are brought for the purpose of stifling speech in matters of public importance and ensure that litigants who abuse the judicial process face appropriate consequences.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2019.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 118, PN 998

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 19, 2019.

SB 235, PN 986

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 236, PN 987

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 237, PN 988

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 238, PN 989

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 239, PN 990

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 240, PN 991

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 242, PN 993

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 243, PN 994

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 321, PN 996

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

SB 432, PN 401

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 19, 2019.

SB 572, PN 997

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 19, 2019.

SB 634, PN 995

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 19, 2019.

SB 661, PN 1001

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 19, 2019.

SB 724, PN 999

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 19, 2019.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 956, PN 1081**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, further providing for powers and duties of secretary.

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

Mr. **JONES** offered the following amendment No. **A01956**:

- Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "2022" and inserting 2024
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "23%" and inserting 20%
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 20, by striking out "2022" and inserting 2024

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

The **SPEAKER**. Representative Tom Murt.
Mr. **MURT**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the amendment, and this amendment is agreed to. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

Dawkins	Innamorato	Nelson	Toohil
Day	Irvin	Nesbit	Topper
Deasy	Isaacson	O'Mara	Ullman
DeLissio	James	Oberlander	Vitali
Delloso	Jones	Otten	Walsh
Delozier	Jozwiak	Owlett	Warner
DeLuca	Kail	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Kauffman	Peifer	Webster
Diamond	Keefer	Petrarca	Wentling
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Wheatley
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Polinchock	Wheeland
Dowling	Kim	Puskaric	White
Driscoll	Kinsey	Pyle	Williams
Dunbar	Kirkland	Quinn	Youngblood
Dush	Klunk	Rabb	Zabel
Ecker	Knowles	Rader	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kortz	Rapp	
Evans	Kosierowski	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Everett	Krueger	Readshaw	Speaker
Farry	Kulik		

NAYS—4

Kaufar	Lawrence	O'Neal	Ortitay
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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

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

The **SPEAKER**. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 440, PN 984**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for flexible instructional days.

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

Mr. **TOPPER** offered the following amendment No. **A02164**:

- Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by inserting after "students" and professional employes
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by inserting after "families" and employes
- Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 1 and 2 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede or preempt the rights, remedies and procedures afforded to school employes or labor organizations under Federal or State law, including the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public Employe Relations Act," or any provision of a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between a school entity and an exclusive representative of the employes in accordance with the "Public Employe Relations Act."

Amend Bill, page 4, line 2, by striking out "(G)" and inserting (h)

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Topper is recognized.
Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment addresses the need for the school entity's procedures to reflect the technological accommodations for professional employees. It already does it for the students. We are making sure the professional employees are added to the language, as well as dealing with making sure that we are consistent with the rest of the School Code when it comes to talking about the impairment of existing contracts. I would ask for a "yes" vote.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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

Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai, Speaker
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 712, PN 845**, entitled:

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.

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 695, PN 833**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for medical assistance payments for institutional care; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for time periods; and, in hospital assessments, further providing for time period.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1590, PN 2183**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, establishing the Dairy Investment Program and Dairy Investment Program Account.

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 Pashinski, on the bill.

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

And I would like to commend the maker for his good work and remind everyone that the PA Dairy Investment Program was established, Act 42, in 2018 with the idea to establish and to direct the money towards helping our farmers, especially our dairy farmers, and promoting the products that they produce. This program was one of several incentives presented by the Governor's administration, and it is truly exciting to promote the first-time-ever farm bill presented by Governor Wolf.

The PA Dairy Investment Program was only implemented a year ago, and the general rule of operation was to evaluate the results of the program. Generally, in the second round, the second year, we make the necessary adjustments to accommodate those needed adjustments. This is the concern with 1590, that it may not allow enough flexibility in order to make those adjustments. So as we move this bill forward today, I would like to suggest that the appropriate consideration be given to this concern.

Once again, I commend the good gentleman for his due diligence and look forward to continuing to combine our efforts to help our PA farmers.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Brooks	Gaydos	Masser	Sanchez
Brown	Gillen	Matzie	Sankey
Bullock	Gillespie	McCarter	Sappey
Burgos	Gleim	McClinton	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causar	Grove	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harrell	Millard	Sims
Cook	Harris	Miller, B.	Snyder

Cox	Heffley	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cruz	Helm	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hennessey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hershey	Mullery	Stephens
Daley	Hickernell	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Day	Isaacson	Nesbit	Toohil
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Ullman
Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLozier	Kail	Ortitay	Walsh
DeLuca	Kaufner	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGirolo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
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Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Whealand
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Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
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Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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 **SB 585, PN 946**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, establishing the Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

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—200

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 399, PN 947**, 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, for rights of sexual assault victims and for report by Pennsylvania State Police.

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—200

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

Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 469, PN 476**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

Representative Vitali, you may speak on the bill. It is SB 469. Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This I believe is very similar to HB 503 that we voted on this session. It is opposed by the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), and it basically shrinks the right of face-to-face in-court testimony, which makes our judicial system less likely to do the right thing. So I will be voting "no."

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-178

Barrar	Everett	Lewis	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Farry	Longiotti	Reese
Bernstine	Fee	Mackenzie	Rigby
Bizzarro	Fitzgerald	Madden	Roae
Boback	Flynn	Malagari	Roebuck
Borowicz	Frankel	Maloney	Rothman

Boyle	Freeman	Markosek	Ryan
Bradford	Fritz	Marshall	Sainato
Briggs	Gabler	Masser	Samuelson
Brooks	Gainey	Matzie	Sankey
Brown	Galloway	Mehaffie	Sappery
Bullock	Gaydos	Mentzer	Saylor
Burns	Gillen	Merski	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gleim	Metzgar	Schmitt
Causer	Goodman	Mihalek	Schroeder
Ciresi	Gregory	Millard	Schweyer
Comitta	Greiner	Miller, B.	Shusterman
Conklin	Grove	Miller, D.	Simmons
Cook	Hahn	Mizgorski	Sims
Cox	Harkins	Moul	Snyder
Cruz	Heffley	Mullery	Solomon
Culver	Helm	Mullins	Sonney
Cutler	Hennessey	Murt	Staats
Daley	Hershey	Mustello	Stephens
Davis, A.	Hickernell	Neilson	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Howard	Nelson	Sturla
Dawkins	Irvin	Nesbit	Thomas
Day	James	O'Mara	Tobash
Deasy	Jones	O'Neal	Toepel
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Toohil
Delloso	Kail	Ortitay	Topper
Delozier	Kaufert	Otten	Ullman
DeLuca	Kauffman	Owlett	Walsh
Dermody	Keefer	Pashinski	Warner
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warren
DiGirolamo	Kim	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kirkland	Pickett	Wheeland
Dowling	Klunk	Polinchock	White
Driscoll	Knowles	Puskaric	Youngblood
Dunbar	Kortz	Pyle	Zabel
Dush	Kosierowski	Quinn	Zimmerman
Ecker	Krueger	Rader	
Emrick	Kulik	Rapp	Turzai,
Evans	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	Speaker

NAYS-22

Burgos	Harris	Lee	Sanchez
Cephas	Hohenstein	McCarter	Vitali
Davidson	Innamorato	McClinton	Webster
Fiedler	Isaacson	McNeill	Wheatley
Hanbidge	Kenyatta	Rabb	Williams
Harrell	Kinsey		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 479, PN 498**, entitled:

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

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on 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—199

Barrar	Fiedler	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lee	Readshaw
Bernstine	Flynn	Lewis	Reese
Bizzarro	Frankel	Longietti	Rigby
Boback	Freeman	Mackenzie	Roae
Borowicz	Fritz	Madden	Roebuck
Boyle	Gabler	Malagari	Rothman
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Brooks	Gaydos	Marshall	Samuelson
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Burns	Goodman	McClinton	Saylor
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DeLuca	Kauffer	Ortitay	Warner
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Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Peifer	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Petrarca	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Polinchock	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Puskaric	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Pyle	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Quinn	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rabb	
Everett	Krueger	Rader	Turzai,
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1222, PN 1570**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 10 (Charities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act; and making related repeals.

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—200

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

Daley	Hickernell	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
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Deloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kail	Ortitay	Walsh
DeLuca	Kaufer	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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 1188, PN 1385**, entitled:

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

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—195

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Ravenstahl
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Reese
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Rigby
Borowicz	Freeman	Madden	Roae
Boyle	Fritz	Malagari	Roebuck
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Ecker	Kortz	Pyle	Zimmerman
Emrick	Kosierowski	Quinn	
Evans	Krueger	Rabb	Turzai,
Everett	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Farry			

NAYS—5

Kenyatta	Sanchez	Vitali	Webster
Kirkland			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Rozzi

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Zach Mako is on the House floor, back from Guard duty.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1538, PN 1955**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole procedure.

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 Zabel, on the bill.

Mr. ZABEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support today of HB 1538. While I was a negative vote in committee, at the time I misunderstood the effect of the bill. Upon further review and analysis, I understand this bill provides the parole board discretion to consider parole applications and does not serve as a bar and in fact will give the parole board better opportunity to consider meritorious applications.

So I encourage an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Martina White, on the bill.

Ms. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to thank the gentleman for what he just said in support of this legislation. And I just am standing here on behalf of Karen – who suffered a significant and horrendous incident – whom this bill is being named after. She was from the northeast Philadelphia area, and I think that victims across our Commonwealth deserve to be treated better throughout our judicial system, and in this way, we will be able to help support them.

So thank you very much for your consideration, and I urge a "yes" vote on this legislation. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jake Wheatley, on the bill.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask the maker of this bill for interrogation.

The SPEAKER. Representative, will you so stand?

Yes, she will so stand for interrogation.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just for clarity, how many cases of parolees are granted release on their first application?

Ms. WHITE. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I cannot hear the question over here.

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. The good gentleman is entitled to ask a question, because the maker of the bill has agreed to answer questions, and they have to hear each other to be able to conduct the interrogation. Please take your seats. Thank you.

Representative Wheatley, if you could please restate your question, sir.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Sure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder, for clarity, how many of our current parolees are granted – especially our violent offenders – are granted parole when they are first eligible for parole?

Ms. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, I would have to speak with the parole board regarding that. Primarily, what this legislation does is just allows the parole board to have discretion when it comes to a parolee's application. And parolees are currently allowed to apply every single year for parole, and that is fine; that is going to continue. They can continue to apply. And the parole board is going to be able to have a little bit more discretion in their granting of that parole for a 3-year period.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Has there been – I am trying to get to a sense of, one, why we would need to give them that discretion, as well as what the potential implication could mean if granted this discretion. So have we seen a rash of applications that have been granted and then these people have reoffended, or has research come out that shows, you know, instead of being allowed to make application—

Ms. WHITE. Is there a question in there?

Mr. WHEATLEY. Well, yes, I am trying – yes, the question is, why do we need it? Why do we need to give them the discretion if they have the power already to grant or not grant based off of the facts of the case?

Ms. WHITE. So the trouble is that there are victims of crime all across the Commonwealth, including, in this case, the reason that this bill is being brought forward is on behalf of Karen. So Karen, if you are not familiar with her case, she suffered severely. She was raped, nearly murdered. She was stabbed several different times, and unfortunately, her offender had a 15- to 40-year sentence. And now every single year he applies for parole, over and over again, even though he is not going to be able to get parole for 20 years. So sadly, this woman, and many other victims all across Pennsylvania, has to relive over and over and over again by having to testify for the parole board. And it is a way that offenders are able to revictimize their victim over and over and over again.

So that is why this bill is being brought forward. I think it is extremely important that we address this situation here in Pennsylvania, and I again urge everyone here to vote "yes" on this bill.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. On the bill, sir?

Mr. WHEATLEY. On the bill.

The SPEAKER. Yes. Representative Wheatley.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Mr. Speaker, I can appreciate us trying to be sensitive to this victim. It is my understanding that under our current process and law, the victim does not have to appear each and every year. It is up to the victim's discretion if they want to appear or not appear. The fact of the matter is that giving this discretion, you are also potentially harming people who find themselves and did something that they are regretful for, who do everything that we instruct them to do while they are under our institutions, and then you are catching them up in this process as well. So what I am saying is – and I am not even sure this would help Karen in her particular situation, but I do know, we should be very mindful of all the criminal justice and social justice reform stuff we have been doing in here, that we do not try to do things to get us applause that ultimately hurts our system in the

end. And what I am really suggesting – again, we are all for victims. We want to make sure victims are not revictimized, but we also want to create a process that allows for citizens who find themselves in our institutions to be encouraged that if they do everything that we say that they are supposed to do and they are reformed and rehabilitated in our institutions, that there is a day where there will be light at the end of their process.

I am not convinced that this law, this bill, is necessary. I am not convinced that the parole board does not already have the power to do exactly what we are trying to incentivize in this bill. That is why I asked the question.

Now, the Speaker was very, you know, taken aback by my question. My question is, why do we need the bill? I still have not heard the answer that says that our current system makes it harder for a victim to have justice done without having to show up themselves in the parole hearings every time a person applies for the parole. So why do we have to give— And where do we decide 2 years or 3 years? If we do not believe a person can be rehabilitated, then why do we not just change the law and say you just serve the maximum sentence? If you do not believe they can be rehabilitated, you do not believe in rehabilitation, then why do we not just change the law and say, "Hey, you get maxed out at 15 years and that's it." We obviously believe people can change and be rehabilitated. We have processes in place so that we have individuals who will look at an individual case by case and make a determination.

Again, I do not think this is a necessary bill. I appreciate the sentiment behind the bill of not wanting to revictimize victims. Again, it is my understanding that the victim does not have to show up each and every year at a hearing. It is up to their discretion. And from what I understand, most of our offenders, when they are – especially of a violent nature – typically do not get granted the parole.

So again, I think it is an unnecessary bill and I would advise and I would encourage all of us to be smart about this and vote against this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand in support of this bill. When the parole boards are making their decisions, one of the things that they are taking into consideration is whether or not that victim is willing to participate in that parole process. Sometimes it is a conscious decision; sometimes it is not so very conscious. But when they are weighing whether or not to parole this individual and the victim fails to show up or fails to submit written comments, that personal connection in front of the parole board actually carries a significant weight.

Making that person, that victim, come back, especially in a crime as personal and as personally violative as a rape situation, to compel that person to come back every single year, to take time to make that appearance – off of work, travel in some cases – that is a significant burden on the part of the person who is the victim.

The perpetrator is the one who bears the weight of responsibility for his or her actions, and in this case, I think this bill is significantly a help to the people who have been victimized. And it also makes the person who is there inside the corrections facility have a lot more consideration about what they are going to be doing going forward as far as their treatment plans, as well as their behavior within the institution, because if they mess up while they are in the institution, fail to follow

through on their plans, then there is a 3-year period where they could screw up and end up losing that right to parole, or that privilege of parole.

So, Mr. Speaker, for those reasons and for the sake of the victims in this case and not compelling them to over and over and over again become a victim, I would ask members to please support this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jeff Pyle.

Mr. PYLE. Will the maker please answer a couple of questions?

Ms. WHITE. Yes.

Mr. PYLE. Thank you.

I want to make sure I understand this, because I am not on Judiciary anymore and this is kind of new to me. If I understand what you are describing correctly, whenever a person can apply for parole hearings, they are entitled to them, or they have to wait so many years? How does that work?

Ms. WHITE. So it primarily has to do with sex offenders and other specific types of crime, not all offenders of all different crimes. Specific to this bill, we are talking primarily about sex offenders, and those are pretty horrific types of crime and they are also the kinds that the victims have to relive over and over again their experience when the parolee requests parole.

However, what this bill does not do is have any kind of restrictions on the grants of approval by the parole board. So there are no restrictions on the parole board being able to actually grant approval over that period of time, and they have that full discretion to grant the parolee the parole, when they deem fit. But what this does is it says that someone who is applying for parole each and every year and they have this type of an offense, that the parole board does not necessarily, since they have already made a ruling, that they do not approve the parole, they do not have to hear it again within a 3-year period unless they would like to.

Mr. PYLE. And please feel free to correct, but every time this person requests a parole hearing, if it is not within that 3-year period you just identified, does the person in jail get that hearing?

Ms. WHITE. Whether it is within the 3-year period or beyond, the individual parolee still has the ability to file an application for parole. They are never restricted of that. They can continue to apply, and whether they are denied the application, you know, denied parole or it is approved, obviously, but if they are denied parole, that does not mean that they are adjudicated in any way either. So, you know, or I mean – but they are approved, yes.

Mr. PYLE. But my question is, if this person applies for a parole hearing, he is more than likely going to get a hearing, yes or no?

Ms. WHITE. Current law states that you have to wait a year.

Mr. PYLE. And every time this person requests that hearing, the person who is victimized—

Ms. WHITE. So each year that the parolee would be applying, in current law, the board is required to hear the case each and every single year—

Mr. PYLE. Oh, wow.

Ms. WHITE. —and therefore, the person who was previously victimized has to come forward each year to tell their story, and therefore be revictimized, even though the person is likely not to get parole.

Mr. PYLE. Mr. Speaker, may I speak on this bill?

The SPEAKER. Yes, absolutely.

Mr. PYLE. Mr. Speaker, what that Representative just described to you is barbaric. Please vote for this. These people have lived their own version of hell. Do not make them do it more than they have to. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Barb Gleim.

Mrs. GLEIM. Thanks.

I would like to speak on behalf of this HB 1538 as a person with experience, and I will just tell you, 40 years ago, my father was murdered. It was in a different State, but the person who was the murderer, who is still alive today and in jail, gets a parole hearing every 5 years, okay? So what Representative Pyle was saying is, even if you do not go to the actual hearing, as a family member or as the victim you still have to write a letter opposing it. You still have to sit down and think about what had happened to you, whether it was personally or if you are a family member, and you have to oppose it so that person does not get the parole or does not get out of jail. And it is not a very – you know, it is disturbing every single time, and I think we need to think about, sometimes, the victims and what they have to go through in order to keep their perpetrator in jail and actually serving the sentence that they were given. So that is all I have to say.

So I would urge you to vote "yes" on this bill.

The SPEAKER. Representative Barry Jozwiak.

Mr. JOZWIAK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to remind everybody in the room that this is a good bill. It is supported by the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, the Coalition for Victim Advocacy, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, the State Troopers Association, the Corrections Officers Association, and the PA Chiefs of Police.

This is a good bill and it is supported by all law enforcement. I would urge a "yes" vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Barrar	Fee	Krueger	Rapp
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bizzarro	Flynn	Lewis	Reese
Boback	Frankel	Longiotti	Rigby
Borowicz	Freeman	Mackenzie	Roae
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Dowling	Keller, M.K.	Pashinski	Wentling
Driscoll	Kenyatta	Peifer	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kim	Petrarca	White
Dush	Kinsey	Polinchock	Williams
Ecker	Kirkland	Puskaric	Zabel
Emrick	Klunk	Pyle	Zimmerman
Evans	Knowles	Quinn	Turzai,
Everett	Kortz	Rader	Speaker
Farry	Kosierowski		

NAYS—7

Burgos	Miller, D.	Sims	Youngblood
Lee	Rabb	Wheatley	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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 1614, PN 2184**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for sale or transfer of firearms; and, in commencement of proceedings, further providing for Statewide municipal police jurisdiction, for nonmunicipal police extraterritorial jurisdiction and for agents of the Office of Attorney General and providing for interpretation.

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 Rob Kauffman, on the bill.
 Mr. KAUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you.
 In the interest of time, I will submit my remarks for the record.
 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.
 I presume you are asking for a "yes" vote?
 Mr. KAUFFMAN. That goes without saying, Mr. Speaker.
 Thank you.
 The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

I ask for the members' support of HB 1614 to make certain that our communities are able to coordinate law enforcement actions to protect our citizens. This bill is designed to remedy the recent PA Supreme Court decision of *Commonwealth v. Hubin*. I worked closely with Chairman Tim Briggs to write and advance this bill. I appreciate his bipartisanship and support in co-prime sponsoring this bill.

Since at least 1982, our local police have acted together – or with the State Police, the Attorney General, District Attorneys, or Federal law enforcement – in task forces to protect our communities. Those task forces involve all kinds of criminal activity, from DUI (driving under the influence) checkpoints to human trafficking task forces; county heroin interdiction operations, and quick-response antiterrorism forces. The *Hubin* case renders these joint task force operations illegal.

The bill preserves the authority our local police have successfully used since 1982 to act together in task forces. It strikes an appropriate balance between law enforcement needs and political accountability to local authorities. This bill does not eliminate local authorities from the decisionmaking process over law enforcement deployment. On the contrary, we expect local authorities to maintain control over those police decisions in the same way that they have maintained control over all other police decisions. This allows a municipality to enter into a MOU (memorandum of understanding) or other intergovernmental agreement, but it also allows a police chief to act quickly when prompt joint action is necessary and desirable.

Maintaining the ability of our police to work together for the joint purpose of protecting our communities is something all of us support, and so I ask for a "yes" vote on HB 1614.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1614 CONTINUED

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—200

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Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
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Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Causar	Grove	Mentzer	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Merski	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar	Simmons
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Cook	Harris	Millard	Snyder
Cox	Heffley	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cruz	Helm	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hennessey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hershey	Mullery	Stephens
Daley	Hickernell	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Day	Isaacson	Nesbit	Toohil
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Ullman
Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kail	Ortitay	Walsh
DeLuca	Kaufner	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS—1

Miller, D.

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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 1522, PN 1917**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for minors serving in volunteer emergency service organizations.

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—200

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Mako	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Malagari	Ryan
Bradford	Gainey	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Samuelson
Brooks	Gaydos	Marshall	Sanchez
Brown	Gillen	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gillespie	Matzie	Sappey
Burgos	Gleim	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McClinton	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Causer	Grove	Mentzer	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Merski	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Harrell	Mihalek	Sims
Cook	Harris	Millard	Snyder
Cox	Heffley	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cruz	Helm	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hennessey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hershey	Mullery	Stephens
Daley	Hickernell	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Day	Isaacson	Nesbit	Toohil
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Ullman
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Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS—1

Miller, D.

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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 1537, PN 1936**, entitled:

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 contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees.

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—201

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Mako	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Malagari	Ryan
Bradford	Gainey	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Samuelson
Brooks	Gaydos	Marshall	Sanchez
Brown	Gillen	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gillespie	Matzie	Sappey
Burgos	Gleim	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McClinton	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Causer	Grove	Mentzer	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Merski	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Harrell	Mihalek	Sims
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Cruz	Helm	Miller, D.	Sonney
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Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mustello	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	Neilson	Toepel
Day	Isaacson	Nelson	Toohil
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DeLissio	Jones	O'Mara	Ullman
Delloso	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Vitali
Delozier	Kail	Oberlander	Walsh

DeLuca	Kaufer	Ortitay	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Otten	Warren
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Donatucci	Kenyatta	Peifer	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Petrarca	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Polinchock	Williams
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Ecker	Knowles	Pyle	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Quinn	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rabb	
Everett	Krueger	Rader	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Rapp	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 985, PN 1117**, entitled:

An Act providing for auditor qualifications for the Department of the Auditor General, for new department employees, for current department employees, for employee certification, for forensic audits, for fraud audits and for committee standards.

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

Mr. **LAWRENCE** offered the following amendment No. **A00802**:

- Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 16 and 17
 - (3) Auditors employed by the Department of the Auditor General should conduct forensic audits as required by act of the General Assembly.
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after "General"
 - Forensic
- Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 23 and 24
 - (c) Forensic audit of PENNVEST.—
 - (1) The department shall conduct a forensic audit of PENNVEST relating to the \$25,450,115 loan issued to Lyme Timber Company LP and the \$24,549,885 loan issued to Lyme Emporium Highlands II LLC.
 - (2) The department shall provide the results of the forensic audit to the Governor, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

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

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair calls upon Representative Lawrence.

Mr. **LAWRENCE**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment requires the Auditor General to conduct a forensic audit of the \$50 million Lyme Timber deal in northwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as I am sure you will recall, Lyme Timber is a private equity fund based out of New Hampshire that received a \$50 million State-backed loan that was not publicly advertised or competitively bid at a 1-percent interest rate with generous repayment terms to help purchase 60,000 acres of timberland in northwestern Pennsylvania for the benefit of their private equity investors. The \$50 million loan came from PENNVEST (Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority), a State agency that is supposed to lend money to local municipalities to fix broken municipal water and sewer systems.

Mr. Speaker, part of the deal specified that a portion of the 60,000 acres had to be accessible to the general public, although the details of that public access were not specified until after the deal was consummated, and it turns out that the public access is very limited and any change to this limited public access arrangement will be made at meetings that are not open to the general public.

Mr. Speaker, this House passed a resolution last year asking the Auditor General to review this transaction, which, frankly, has the hallmarks of cheap and easy government money going to well-connected insiders. We learned in this year's Appropriations hearings that this audit has not taken place. With that in mind, in speaking with the Auditor General's Office earlier this week, I have been assured that an audit will commence this fall.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. **LAWRENCE**. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I take the Auditor General at his word and will withdraw this amendment at this time. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. Thank you, Representative Lawrence.

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

Mr. **RYAN** offered the following amendment No. **A00957**:

Amend Bill, page 6, line 15, by striking out "subject to" and inserting
accessible under
Amend Bill, page 6, line 16, by inserting after "Law,"
from the department

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

The **SPEAKER**. On the amendment, Representative Ryan.
Mr. **RYAN**. Mr. Speaker, I would ask for an affirmative vote on this amendment. It provides a technical clarification to ensure that any records that may be subpoenaed by the Auditor General would not be subject to the Right-to-Know Law. However, the underlying documents would still be, if they were eligible for the Right-to-Know Law, would still be able to be gotten from the

source agency, so it would not affect anybody's specific rights, but it does protect those documents that have been subpoenaed. And I would ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Mako	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Malagari	Ryan
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Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Samuelson
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Burgos	Gleim	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McClinton	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Causer	Grove	Mentzer	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Merski	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
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Evans	Kosierowski	Rabb	
Everett	Krueger	Rader	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Rapp	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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 33, PN 2182**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for definitions, for general assistance-related categorically needy and medically needy only medical assistance programs, for the medically needy and determination of eligibility and for medical assistance payments for institutional care; in hospital assessments, further providing for definitions, for authorization, for administration, for no hold harmless, for tax exemption and for time period; and, in Statewide quality care assessment, further providing for definitions.

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. So the bill had already moved from second to third consideration. Subsequent to that Representative DeLissio filed amendment 02194. She has to move to suspend to have her amendment considered.

Representative DeLissio, please state your motion.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do move to suspend the rules. When we debated my amendment to include veterans, it was advised subsequently by my good friend, the majority leader, that I did not distinguish between an honorably or a dishonorably discharged veteran, and this amendment will correct that oversight, and I encourage everybody to consider suspending the rules.

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

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend, Representative Dunbar.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is very similar, almost identical in fact to the one we voted down on second consideration by a vote of 88 to 103. There is really nothing different other than the change in the definition, and I would respectfully ask for a "no" vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—91

Bizzarro	Dermody	Kirkland	Ravenstahl
Boyle	Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw
Bradford	Driscoll	Kosierowski	Roebuck
Briggs	Evans	Krueger	Sainato
Bullock	Fiedler	Kulik	Samuelson
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Lee	Sanchez
Burns	Flynn	Longietti	Sappey
Caltagirone	Frankel	Madden	Schlossberg
Carroll	Freeman	Malagari	Schweyer
Cephas	Gainey	Markosek	Shusterman
Ciresi	Galloway	Matzie	Sims
Comitta	Goodman	McCarter	Snyder
Conklin	Hanbidge	McClinton	Solomon
Cruz	Harkins	McNeill	Sturla
Daley	Harrell	Merski	Ullman
Davidson	Harris	Miller, D.	Vitali
Davis, A.	Hohenstein	Mullins	Warren
Davis, T.	Howard	Neilson	Webster
Dawkins	Innamorato	O'Mara	Wheatley
Deasy	Isaacson	Otten	Williams
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Youngblood
Delloso	Kim	Petrarca	Zabel
DeLuca	Kinsey	Rabb	

NAYS—110

Barrar	Gillespie	Masser	Rigby
Benninghoff	Gleim	Mehaffie	Roae
Bernstine	Gregory	Mentzer	Rothman
Boback	Greiner	Metcalfe	Ryan
Borowicz	Grove	Metzgar	Sankey
Brooks	Hahn	Mihalek	Saylor
Brown	Heffley	Millard	Schemel
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Everett	Knowles	Polinchock	Wentling
Farry	Lawrence	Puskaric	Wheeland
Fee	Lewis	Pyle	White
Fritz	Mackenzie	Quinn	Zimmerman
Gabler	Mako	Rader	
Gaydos	Maloney	Rapp	Turzai,
Gillen	Marshall	Reese	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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

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

We are now on the underlying bill.

For the leaders, this is who we have that have requested to speak on the bill. For the majority, Representative Dunbar; for the Democratic Party, Representative Fiedler, Representative Kenyatta, Representative Krueger, Representative Johnson-Harrell, Representative Innamorato, Representative Dawkins, Representative Frankel, Representative Gainey, and Representative Austin Davis.

Representative Dunbar, you are the prime sponsor. Do you wish to go first? Yes. Okay.

So again, Representative Dunbar, then we have Representatives Fiedler, Kenyatta, Krueger, Johnson-Harrell, Innamorato, Dawkins, Gainey, Frankel, Austin Davis, and Otten.

Representative George Dunbar is recognized on the bill.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we all know, the cash assistance general assistance program was discontinued in 2012. This was done by the legislature in response to an audit that was performed by then Auditor General Jack Wagner, which showed some rampant problems with the program and some lack of accountability. As we are well aware, the Supreme Court last year overturned the elimination of the program based on a technicality. A few months after the Supreme Court decision, the Governor reinstated the program even though it was not funded in our current budget.

This program at its maturity was costing the Commonwealth \$150 million a year when it was eliminated in 2012. The funding for this program this fiscal year was only requested by the Governor after he reinstated the program through a supplemental appropriation. This bill will again eliminate the program.

During second consideration we had a lot of discussion, and we heard that this program works sort of like a loan and a lot of times these costs are recouped once individuals get disability. Let me be clear, there are some repayments that the Commonwealth does receive, but in total it is less than 20 percent of the cost incurred. And believe me, if this program truly was a loan program, I would not be standing here right now.

I have said countless times as we went through the committee meetings and second consideration about if this program was so important, why has not anyone introduced the legislation to bring it back any time in the last 6 years? I even heard some people say, well, they were waiting for the court decision to become finalized. The court decision had nothing to do with whether or not you wanted to reinstitute a program. If the courts had decided any way, you could have instituted legislation to bring it back at any time.

The bill was amended yesterday in the Appropriations Committee to include additional funding for the Medicaid Day One Incentive program for nursing homes that take medical assistance patients. It also extended the Philadelphia hospital assessment that was set to expire in 2019 to 2024 and provided additional dollars for funding for those on medical assistance in Philadelphia hospitals. I really do truly appreciate the concerns that were brought up in committee and on the floor, not only now but back in 2012 as well.

The point is this: This was a dormant program. It did not exist. This was only brought back by the Governor, who did it without consulting with the General Assembly. Every dollar spent here is one dollar we cannot spend elsewhere. The amended bill, the bill that we amended in Appropriations, reflects some items we can now prioritize by no longer having cash assistance.

I understand, I understand this is not an easy vote. This is not an easy vote for either side of the aisle, and it is very difficult. But this is budget time and budget time normally brings out all the tough decisions. This is certainly one of them, but I respectfully ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, what we tend to do on bills of this nature where there are a lot of speakers, I will go back and forth between each of the sides. So Representative Barrar has asked to go on. I am going to go with Representative Fiedler first, then I will be over to Representative Barrar, and then if there are members on each side, I will go back and forth. If not, then I will just finish the list with respect to each, each, you know, whoever has the most speakers.

Representative Fiedler, you will be first. Just take a moment. I will get people situated.

Members, please take your seats. If we have conversations, if you could take them off the House floor, please. Members, please take your seats. Members, please take your seats. If you have to have a conversation, if you could please take it off the floor.

Representative Fiedler, you may proceed.

Ms. FIEDLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill, and to prepare my remarks I spent a while thinking back to a particularly dark time in my life.

Quite a long time ago, before I worked here as a Representative, I spent my days as a volunteer and then as an M.S.W. (master of social work) student working with child survivors of domestic violence. To this day, their stories haunt me. Inevitably, the children talked not just about the physical abuse that they suffered but also the abuse suffered by their parents, usually their mothers.

I appreciate your attention. Thank you so much.

The violence that these domestic abuse survivors suffered was inhumane and horrifying. And if you are so fortunate as to not have images of abuse burned into your mind from personal or professional experience, I feel it is important for me to share with you the daily reality of our fellow Pennsylvanians: a human being handcuffed to a bed and forced to endure beatings with electrical cables; human beings starved as punishment, beaten within an inch of their lives, subjected to verbal abuse and financial abuse meant to control and manipulate every breath they take. These are our fellow Pennsylvanians. And in most cases, but not all, they are women.

I want domestic violence survivors to have a chance at survival. Simply leaving a domestic violence situation can be very difficult and very dangerous. And as Representatives we should not make it harder for women to leave abusive situations. Repealing GA does just that. The \$200 per month that domestic abuse survivors receive allows them to rent a room in a friend's house instead of sleeping outside on a bench, buy a bus ticket to escape their abusive situation, or get a warm coat in the winter. It is not a lot of money, but it is literally the difference between living and dying for many people.

Many of us will never know what this personal experience is like. We should consider ourselves fortunate and consider it our duty to fight for domestic violence survivors and to value their lives. I urge a "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Barrar.

Mr. BARRAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation and I would like to see it pass today without any amendments.

Mr. Speaker, the last time we debated this issue there were some concerns over this being a needed program for the veteran community. Since that period of time, I had concerns that maybe we were doing a disservice to our veterans by voting against that amendment that was offered. But I did have contact with the Department of Welfare, or Human Services, and I asked if they had any knowledge of veterans that would be denied this opportunity to be part of this program. They could not identify, from the information they gave me, not identify any veterans that needed this. After that I had contact with the War Veterans Council of Pennsylvania, and I asked them if they felt that this program would be needed to help our veterans, and they said, no, they could not identify a service.

I did offer during that debate to the maker of the amendment and one of the other members that expressed a lot of concern over this program, I offered to sit with them and to come up with a program that would be administered, hopefully, through the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and I would say now if you can identify a need within the veteran community for this, I would be more than willing to work something out. The majority leader had told me that if there is a need, that he would stand by us and look at a program that would help our veterans.

But, Mr. Speaker, I will tell you, I have been the Veterans Affairs chairman for almost 10 years now, and I will tell you that a vote against this bill, or a vote for this bill is not a vote against our veteran community. If there was a true need for this program, I believe that I would have heard from the dozens and dozens of veteran organizations that I deal with every single year. I bring them, at the beginning of the year, I bring them into the office and ask them about their legislative priorities. This program has never been mentioned in the 10 years that I have been the chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee. So I would ask, I would tell my members here to vote for this bill with confidence that you are not in any way voting against a veteran concern here.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Malcolm Kenyatta.

Mr. KENYATTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is the angriest I have been since I have been a member of this body. This is the most saddened that I have been since I am a member of this body because I know that a majority of my colleagues, after we are finished these remarks, are going to vote against the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians. They are going to choose gimmicks and games over people's real lives. But in 1989 the great filmmaker, Spike Lee, produced and directed a movie called "Do the Right Thing," and you all have an opportunity today, my colleagues, to do the right thing.

When we talk about general assistance and we talk about this program – and I heard in the remarks from one of my colleagues that if this program was so important, why did somebody not in the last 6 years introduce a bill to fund this program? Maybe somebody should have introduced a bill 6 years ago, but we have an opportunity in this chamber right now to do the right thing.

One of my colleagues said that for every dollar we spend on this program, it is a dollar that we cannot spend on something else. If that something else is hundreds of millions of dollars of tax breaks for big corporations, then I would ask you to do the right thing.

When we talk about this program, let us be very clear what we are talking about. This is not a giveaway. This is not a gift. Most of this money, most of these general assistance funds will be paid back to the Commonwealth. And I know some of my colleagues are not listening because they have already made up their mind, but it is important that they know that most of this money is coming back to the Commonwealth. So if you care about fiscal responsibility, do the right thing.

When we talk about this program, let us be very clear whom we are putting on the chopping block. We are putting on the chopping block a constituent of mine, Sean, who said that general assistance, while he was waiting to get a determination from Social Security, general assistance allowed him to get on the bus to go to doctor's appointments. And a "yes" for this is a "no" to Sean for him to get to his doctor's appointment, and it is a "no" to all the Pennsylvanians that are asking you to do the right thing.

And I said it before, when we come into this chamber people assume where our allegiances are. They assume that when these votes go up, one board is going to be one color, the other board is going to be another color. I need every single one of my Republican colleagues to do the right thing. I have talked to you. I have talked about my district. I have talked about your districts. And when I talk about this program, you are literally saying to people in my district that, no, you cannot keep your bed in the treatment program that you are in. You are saying to people in my district and across Pennsylvania that, no, we do not care if you are a woman who is fleeing domestic violence; we do not care. You are saying to veterans – and I know that some of my colleagues think we have done enough for veterans, but we need to do more because there are veterans that are struggling and that benefit from this program – and you are saying to them that, no, we do not care about your needs and concerns.

I am angry because I think that I know how this vote is going to go. But I am hopeful that some of my colleagues will not look at that board but will look into their hearts and say that, no, you will as an elected official, not just for your district but for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will not leave people out to dry because it does not suit what some in your party want to do. I need some Republicans in this chamber to have enough courage to stand up and say this might not be popular but this is the right thing to do. We have a responsibility to not ignore those on the margins, to not ignore the most vulnerable, to listen to the hundreds and hundreds of people that have filled this building over and over again asking us to save this program – a program that we will be reimbursed for. So when people talk about short-term loans, short-term loans for our businesses, there are Pennsylvanians that need some short-term help and they need that help right now.

And so I have a sense what you are going to do. I have a sense that I am going to have to go back to my district, that colleagues are going to have to go back to their districts and say, I am sorry. I am sorry you have to leave your residential treatment program while you are trying to get help for opioids. I am sorry. I am sorry that you are waiting to find out whether you are going to get disability insurance. I am sorry. Because we cannot afford it.

The idea of scarcity is a lie. When we want to fund something in this building, we look through the cushions, we look under everywhere, a maneuver is made, something is slipped into a code. People are sick of the games. People are asking to survive. And I ask my Republican colleagues to look into your heart, to remember why you ran for office in the first place, to do something that is unexpected, and do the right thing.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Krueger.

Ms. KRUEGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose HB 33. And in this debate, I recall chapter 10 from the Book of Isaiah, which reads, "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches? Nothing will remain but to cringe among the captives or fall among the slain. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised." Isaiah 10:1-4.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill because it deprives the poor of their rights and withholds justice from the oppressed of God's people. Now, I know that many of us in this chamber believe ourselves to be people of faith. I am one of them. So I appeal to you, I appeal to you based on your values to reject this bill that cuts essential support from the most vulnerable amongst our society – from children, people with disabilities, people who are undergoing substance abuse treatment that means they cannot work in order to get better, survivors of domestic abuse who are fleeing their abusers at the most vulnerable time for them.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill and I believe that all people of faith should vote "no" today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Johnson-Harrell.

Mrs. HARRELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition of HB 33, and I rise in opposition of HB 33 because in the 1990s I would not have been able to be as successful as I am today had it not been for general assistance. Suffering with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) as a result of seeing my father murdered, I turned to self-medication, and I would have lost my children had it not been for general assistance and being able to get a bed in a residential facility to seek treatment. Because of that general assistance and that help, I was then able to go on to get my high school diploma, to work two jobs to come off of general assistance, to go to college full-time for 5 years with four children, and become very successful. Because of that help, like so many others need at some point in their life, I was able to do what I needed to do for my family. But had that help not been available, I would not stand before you today.

So we have to remember when we come to this House that we are voted into position to fight for the most vulnerable in our constituencies, in our districts, and we know that general assistance is not just a handout, it is a hand up. It is to help people get on their feet. It is to help people to become successful. It is to help people seek treatment. It is to help people take care of their children. It is to help people from becoming homeless where we would be spending more money than general assistance. It is critical that we protect the most vulnerable among us.

As a social worker and helping veterans, I know of many veterans who needed general assistance so that they would not be homeless while they were waiting for their SSI (supplemental security income) or while they were waiting for their SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) or while they were waiting for their benefits to kick in. We have a very large population of homeless veterans in this Commonwealth. So it is important that we make sure that this assistance is available to anyone that needs it.

And let me say this, let us be very, very clear, while I had to use general assistance in the 1990s, I paid that money back, and I paid that money back 10 times over, and I have helped other people to utilize that service but to then also pay it forward so that other people could benefit from that. Are we not our brother's keeper? It is our responsibility to look out for everyone in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I am in opposition of HB 33. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Innamorato.

Ms. INNAMORATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Many of us just celebrated Father's Day. My father, he was a civil engineer. He played the accordion. He fostered in me a love of streetcars and roller coasters. He was also an addict. My father, he struggled with addiction my entire life. He had a job that allowed him to support his family and take time off for rehab, he had insurance to cover the expenses, and he had a family who loved and supported him. Still he was shopped around from rehab to rehab and ended up in a massive amount of debt. He died on the side of a highway in Florida. He died alone and without dignity.

We know that addiction is all-consuming. It is devastating to our families. It is devastating to our communities. I know that many of us in this chamber, we know intimately the struggles of addiction. Even with all the support that he had, his addiction was too much to bear. But that is why I am here. That is why I choose to serve to honor his memory and fight for the people who have less, who are the most vulnerable among us.

Ten percent of the people who are on general assistance are those who are going through intense substance abuse therapy. They receive as little as \$174 a month and only up to 9 months. This amount has not been updated since I was 4 years old. This meager sum of money allows people to purchase transportation like bus passes so they can get to job interviews. It allows them to buy their pets' food because EBT (electronic benefit transfer) does not cover that. Working with some of my local women's shelters, I know many of the women who escape abusive situations relied on their abusive partners who kept them dependent on drugs. Many enter rehab with nothing but the clothes on their back.

I wish I could stand up here and tell you about my father's story of recovery, but that is not the case. My father, he never recovered. I know what is at risk. I know how this can be all-consuming. So if we as a chamber are seeking compassionate solutions to the opioid crisis, we must recognize the hypocrisy of stripping emergency assistance from those who are on the pathway to recovery and to a new life.

Please, vote against this bill and preserve the meager allowance that this gives because for many it is an opportunity. It is the only piece of hope that they have on their dark pathway to recovery. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jason Dawkins.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So let me start off saying as the Philadelphia delegation chairman, I really have to applaud our two members on the other side for convincing their delegation to send us \$165 million, to the city of the first class. So I really want to give you guys a round of applause because this bill sends \$165 million to the city of Philadelphia. So thank you.

Secondly, when the gentleman made the comment about asking the Department of Human Services why they were unable to identify vets on the benefits in which they receive, the issue is they are homeless, and the reason they are homeless is because they do not have enough resources at their disposal to ensure that they are not. And if you do not believe me, ride down any interstate and see whom you see on the side of the road with a sign that clearly says "homeless vet."

So I am not okay with voting against homeless vets, I am not okay with voting against women who have survived domestic abuse, I am not okay with voting against folks with disabilities, and I am not okay with voting against folks with addictions.

We are a better caucus. And I am really surprised that we were able to get around the single-subject rule to add that provision, but again I thank you.

We have to do better for our most vulnerable citizens of this Commonwealth. We are talking about a program that was only budgeted for \$50 million but we spent \$115 million more to kill that program. The number just does not make sense. I do not understand the logic. But I am appreciative that you are looking out for Philadelphia. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Greg Rothman.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am a little angry too and I am a little offended. This debate from my friends on the other side is trying to present a picture that we as a body, we as a State, we as the taxpayers, we as the representatives' taxpayers, we as government do not care. We do not care about homeless. We do not care about veterans. We do not care about those who are sick, those who are suffering from abuse, those who are hungry, those who do not have transportation.

Mr. Speaker, we spend in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$182 million on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. We spend \$155 million every year on the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP. We spend \$848 million on low-income TANF and for TANF families. We spend \$2.6 billion on food stamps paid directly by the Federal government and not appropriated by the State. We administer billions of dollars through this State, through our counties, through our local governments to help those people in need, as we should. We spend billions of dollars on public education, from pre-K even all the way up through – yes, we do; billions of dollars.

We are talking about a program, the issue in this program is accountability. It was a Democratic Auditor General who found, found the fraud and abuse and lack of accountability. Cash. This is about cash assistance. We live in 2019 in America. You can pay for credit almost everywhere, and if you cannot take credit, you can take a debit or you can use the card, right?

We have programs in every county in Pennsylvania to provide transportation, as my friend from Philadelphia talked about his constituent. This program has not been in effect for 6 years. We are talking about \$30 million. We are going to vote on a budget hopefully next week for \$34 billion.

We have programs for veterans. We spend \$500 million on CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) to provide insurance for our children. We care. I am offended that you think that we do not care. We care.

We are talking about accountability. The people of Pennsylvania who send their tax dollars to Harrisburg to be redistributed have every right to know where that money is going. And every dollar of fraud and abuse is a dollar wasted that should go to someone who needs it. We care. I care. I know my colleagues care.

This is about accountability. Accountability. What is wrong with accountability? We need to teach our children that they are accountable for what they do. If you gave someone money, you would not expect – now, look, I am not questioning anything anybody does. But what is wrong with the accountability? We have a program to help every person in need in this State. Everything that has been discussed, from domestic violence to transportation to health care, we have a program, a Federal – we spend probably \$100 billion in the State when you take the Federal money that comes in and the local money that comes in. This is about cash. Cash. That is what this is about.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for accountability, vote against cash and cash assistance. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gainey.

Mr. GAINNEY. I rise to oppose HB 33. Mr. Speaker, to whom much is given, much is required. We can stand here and talk about all day what we fund, from public education to health and human services, but as a State, as a State government, we should fund those programs. So to sit up here and say that we care because we do what we are obligated to do through the State does not mean that we care, it just means that we are doing our job.

See, when we say we care, we have to go that extra mile because people who voted us into office voted us to do the right thing, as my colleague said, and part of doing the right thing is looking out for people.

We talk all the time in this General Assembly how we love veterans. I got some veterans in my neighborhood that need just a little bit of help. They do not need a lot, but they need just a little bit. And guess what? They live in each one of your districts too.

I got some single moms that are going through some things. They just need a little bit. They just need a little bit of help.

We always talk about the opioid and the drug addiction, and everything that we want to do for them, but we know that if we are not there to give them some assistance, that it is difficult to get up. But we cannot continue to talk in one way, walk in another way, and get up here and say we are doing taxpayer protection, and you know all along that we are blowing more money on taxpayers than anything I have known. If you really want to do something for taxpayer protection, let us talk about some reform that will help us save somebody, put some life back in people, bring humanity back, and make sure that we are functioning as a State that shows that we care. Let us look at it from that perspective.

I stand here today to oppose this, because guess what? We are going to walk it like we talk it from where I am from. And when my community needed a little help, a little help, I told them I would give them a whole lot of help, because to whom much is given, much is required. So at the end of the day, I oppose this for one reason, because I want to show my community they did not just send somebody up here, they sent someone who loves them up here.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In terms of the comments of my Republican colleague from Cumberland County, I think he misses some of the details of why this general assistance money is so critical to the lives of those most vulnerable people in Pennsylvania.

First of all, much of this money is used by people who are applying for Social Security disability income, which takes months to get, and while they are waiting, they get this meager amount of money that allows them to survive. And when they get their Social Security benefits, they repay that money. It is taken back. So the vast majority of this money comes back to the Commonwealth.

And this money is used by others who apply for other assistance from the State that he outlined because those programs do not come in quickly and they are restricted in the way they use those dollars, and I would like to talk a little bit about why that is important. So let us go back to the beginning here. General assistance provides a small amount of cash each month – as little as \$175 in some places, but \$200 on average. It is difficult for most of us in this room to imagine \$200 as make-or-break money, not just because we have steady, predictable income, but because most of us have a reliable support system – friends and family who have steady income and can help us when we are in a pinch. These advantages make it difficult to imagine how not having the money to pay for a speeding ticket can be the first domino in a short sequence of events that causes you to lose your license, lose your job, and lose your home.

While the actual dollar amount of general assistance is small, what it represents is extremely meaningful: it is the only, the only flexible income that so many low-income people have access to. And it represents not only a bit of security, but also independence, dignity, and freedom. It is the ability to buy underwear, purchase a pan from Goodwill, and buy toothpaste and deodorant without anyone checking your receipts because these things are not available through the other assistance programs. That is why this flexible funding is so critical to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

The number one expense we heard about from those organizations who represent people with general assistance was for housing. People seeking housing support need to put up a small amount of their own funds. General assistance gives them the ability to do just that.

While we do not have any ability to track the outcomes from a reduction of general assistance, Allegheny County does track homelessness. When we stopped providing \$200 a month – a number that has not increased in a quarter of a century, by the way – homelessness increased in Allegheny County by about 10 percent. That was in the 2012-13 year as Pennsylvania was pulling out of the Great Recession.

One specific group that qualifies and desperately needs general assistance is, as you have heard earlier, people fleeing from domestic violence. According to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, financial abuse occurs in nearly 98 percent of abusive relationships. Abusers control their victims by controlling the money. Small amounts of cash can determine whether you can make phone calls, get food, travel even short distances. Without this money, you cannot be independent, you cannot get free from a dangerous situation, like an abusive partner.

Funds through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families are available for women with children. If she does not have children, a woman, the assistance we provide as a Commonwealth to help her get out of the situation is absolutely critical. Often when women or men flee domestic violence, they leave with nothing, nothing. Their homes are unsafe; so are their workplaces. General assistance is not much, but it can be enough to make escape possible for our most vulnerable residents. With this small amount of money, we can help clear away some of the practical obstacles that keep people in dangerous situations.

One social worker from the Coalition Against Domestic Violence – and we heard from one of our social workers in our caucus who articulated this so well – said that of her 30 clients, almost half have qualified for general assistance. General assistance is an option for them to purchase transportation or gain a semblance of normalcy by being able to buy food. She goes on to describe a client whose face was beaten so badly by her abuser that she needed emergency facial surgery but had no way to pay. In order to get victim's compensation to pay for the surgery, she needed to get a police report. In order to get a police report, she needed \$15 of unrestricted money.

Two hundred dollars might not represent much for many of the people in this room, but as lawmakers we must try to imagine the lives of those we represent. For people with disabilities, caretakers, people trying to break from addictions, and people fleeing from domestic violence, \$200 represents their chance at some independence and the opportunity to preserve their dignity as they rebuild their lives.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill should be voted down. Thanks.

The SPEAKER. Representative Austin Davis.

Mr. DAVIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to oppose HB 33. In my almost 2 years in the legislature, I have only come to the well of the House a few times, but I feel compelled to speak out against HB 33 because it strips away much-needed funding from our most vulnerable residents. This program provides small amounts of cash support to people who desperately need it and who are in urgent need of stabilizing their lives. As you heard from some of the previous speakers, this includes people in our disability community, people who are seeking relief from domestic violence, children who are being cared for by neighbors and friends.

This is a small amount and it is a temporary program. It is not depleting the Commonwealth's resources. Moreover, these funds are typically used for our citizens most basic needs. It keeps our residents out of shelters and roofs over their heads, most times being spent in our local communities. The GA program is one that works for Pennsylvanians. It provides assistance to those who need it and gives them a moment to breathe.

We need to take a moment to ask ourselves as elected officials who were sent here by the residents of our district, is eliminating this program in the best interest of them and this Commonwealth? I think it is not. All of us here today were sent here, so eloquently like my colleague, Representative Kenyatta, said, to do the right thing by our constituents. I urge each and every one of you to remember the constituents that you represent and to do the right thing. Repealing this program is the exact opposite of what we were sent here to do.

And my Republican colleague from the other side of the aisle mentioned accountability. Well, we can introduce accountability measures. I have not seen that bill come to this floor. Let us not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Let us keep the GA

program. Let us help struggling families. And let us be clear, if we are for accountability for the GA program, let us be for accountability for EITC (educational improvement tax credit), and let us be for accountability for all the other bills that come to the House floor.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote "no" on HB 33 and do what is best for their constituents. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Please, members, take your seats. Everybody is entitled to be heard. Members, please take your seats. And let us close the doors of the House. If there are any conversations, if you could take them off the House floor.

Representative Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in support of this bill and also to thank the constituents of my district because, quite honestly, I have not had a single person approach me to oppose this bill, and I think it is because my churches, my ministeriums, the people in my district are so wonderfully generous and take care of people who are truly in need. My local ministerium provides more than this on occasions that I have been aware of because we have referred people to the ministerium. They have been there and personally taken care of the needs of the people in my district. We have local business owners who have stepped up and done the same thing for people who have been in these types of situations. When it comes to immediacy and cash needs, they have been there.

And I consider myself truly, truly blessed. Although we do not have an awful lot of income – our median family income is nowhere near the State average – but I will say this, we have got people who step up to the plate and know how to be a community and take care of things, and the nice thing is that if it is somebody who decides they would use money for things that we would not necessarily approve of, then they are not going to get that, they will get help in a way that truly benefits them.

So I thank my constituents, and I look forward to a solid vote for this HB 33. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Otten.

Ms. OTTEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

General assistance is a program that is a lifeline for people who are literally on the edge of losing everything. It is a chance when it feels like all of the odds are against you. And let me tell you something about people who have risen up in the darkest depths of devastation. When they rise, they rise to do great things, just like some of the people who sit on this House floor. They rise to do things like run for office to make things better for people who travel the road behind them. They rise to become advocates to raise awareness and funding for research and help for people. They rise to reach back and lift somebody else up.

Disability, illness, addiction, are all life circumstances that know no race, economic status, geography, religion, or political affiliation. Caring for a family member who is disabled or going through a difficult time can put immense strain on a family – financial, emotional, and physical.

For 2 very difficult years my life was put on hold to care for my young son who was born with Hirschsprung's disease, a life-threatening condition that required multiple hospitalizations, surgeries, recovery, and intervention. At the same time my sister was living her own struggle with a child who was born with multiple disabilities, and our mom was caring for our elderly grandmother who was immobile and suffering from dementia.

Needless to say, everyone was spread thin and there were not a lot of extra hands to help, and returning to work was not an option.

We spent a lot of time in hospitals, and when you are going through the hell of illness with a family member, you get to know the people who curl up on the waiting room couch to sleep next to you. You stand in the hallways and exchange hugs with other mothers who are walking parallel journeys and they become part of your own story. Some of them are not fortunate enough to live close to the hospitals. Some are not fortunate enough to have jobs that will allow them time off beyond the 12 weeks of FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993) without consequence. So many families are pulling double duty caring for a loved one who is hospitalized while at the same time juggling other family member's children and elderly parents. I have seen parents who are breadwinners lose jobs, lose children, lose their homes, lose their marriages, lose their own sobriety and mental health while going through the immense stresses of childhood illness.

This program is about cash. It is about cash to pay the toll to drive across the State to get to the hospital where your child is on life support. It is about cash to grab a sandwich in the middle of the night when you have been up to beeping monitors and code alarms.

Life-changing tragedy can happen to any one of us in the blink of an eye. It has always been my way to say yes whenever I can to helping to give someone a chance to rise. The general assistance program is one of those easy yeses. It represents less than 1 percent of the annual State budget. At a time when the Commonwealth has realized a \$200 million surplus, it an easy yes. It is a program to give a small amount of assistance to help people hold on to a shred of dignity when they are at the very bottom of life's circumstances. Voting to take this vital program away is nothing short of cruel.

I urge a "no" vote on this legislation.

The SPEAKER. Representative Madden.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 33. One point five million people in Pennsylvania live in abject poverty; 3.5 million people in Pennsylvania live near poor. That is 5 million poor people out of 12.8 million people in Pennsylvania. When those impoverished people get done paying their rent, they have very little for anything else. So what is \$200 a month? It is bus fare, it is toiletries, it is diapers for your baby; it is a host of things that you would not be able to afford without this small sum of money each and every month.

Outside of property tax reform, the most feedback I get from my constituents is on the general assistance cash fund: Please, Representative Madden, go to Harrisburg and argue and fight for our \$200 a month. So here I am, the 115th District and all of the people of the Commonwealth, fighting for you, fighting for you 5 million poor people who depend on this \$200 a month.

I would not even presume to tell my colleagues how to vote except to vote your conscience, but for me personally, my conscience tells me to vote for this bill would be unconscionable. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mike Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of arguments today as to why HB 33 is not a good idea. We have also heard some attempts to justify HB 33 as a way to make sure we have accountability and to let us know that some people take care of their own and others apparently do not. I would like to take some of those ideas to task.

If, as a legislature, our measure is if a program is accountable, we keep it; if it is not, we get rid of it, then we better get rid of the EITC, because we know that that is not accountable. We better get rid of charter schools, because we know that they are not accountable to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania—

The SPEAKER. Please—

Mr. CUTLER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. —please, please suspend.

Mr. STURLA. We better get rid of—

The SPEAKER. Please suspend.

You are not on the bill. Please, Representative, please speak to the bill.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the reason, the rationale given why we need to get rid of the assistance is because someone said it was not accountable. Now, what we have done with other programs that are not accountable is, at least some of us have attempted to try and make them accountable. Other people have said no reason to even make them accountable. If somebody wants to say, "Hey, you know what, let's keep general assistance but we need to have it be more accountable," I and a lot of other colleagues here might be willing to say, "Sure, let's make sure it's accountable, but let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater." We do not seem to have that same set of standards for other programs, like I just mentioned. But when it comes to the most vulnerable, the poorest of the poor in our State, then we want to be very prescriptive about how they can spend their last dime, how it gets given to them, and, oh, you know what, do not even bother with that, just get rid of the program altogether.

Now, I also heard that some communities take care of their own. Well, I have got news for you: my community's average income is way below the statewide average and we do a really good job of taking care of our own. But guess what? My district is the only district, up until about a year or two ago, that had any homeless shelter in the entire county, and so for years when a family would become homeless in one of the other 15 school districts, in one of the other 59 municipalities, they would find a way to make it to my district, and my district took care of not only the people in my district that became homeless or were disabled or fell on hard times or had an emergency, they took care of the other 59 municipalities' constituents and the other 15 school districts' worth of kids also. It is real easy to say we take care of our own when the way to take care of them is to buy them a bus ticket to somebody else's district.

Mr. Speaker, what we have now seen in my county, and I will go back 25 years to tell a story, when I first learned about the fact that we have a thousand homeless kids that are identified in my school district every year. The homeless student program told me that 30 percent of those kids came from outside of my school district, but we were the only school district that had a homeless shelter in it. Now the county has stepped up and said, you know, we need to put some homeless shelters in some other places in my county, and every school district reports having homeless students that originated in those districts. And one of those districts even has a parking lot that is patrolled at night so that people that are living out of their cars can sleep safely. What you think is someone else's issue is actually your issue if you pay attention to it. There are poor folks in every district in this State, from the wealthiest district to the poorest district. There are folks that have disabilities, folks that fall on hard times, folks that find themselves on the street on a moment's notice, and that is what this cash assistance is for. And if you want to try and regulate it

to make it a little more accountable, let us have at it; but if you want to eliminate it, I say you are (word stricken) and you do not understand your own district.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You may want to – I could rule that it should be stricken, but you may want to just strike it yourself, Representative.

The phrase is stricken from the record.

Representative Christina Sappey.

Ms. SAPPEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today as a woman of faith from the wealthiest county in this Commonwealth. I have spent many years as a staff person in the House and the Senate as well, and I never had any shortage of work in assisting those who needed help. In Chester County we are blessed with an inordinate faith community that works very, very hard every day to assist those in need, and that is why I am deeply troubled to see that we have 3 1/2 pages of organizations from the faith community and our nongovernmental partner agencies in opposition to HB 33. We cannot do it alone as government. I agree, we need accountability, and that is why I think we need to look at the fact that we have over \$500 million in tax giveaways. But I also think that our partners need us to stand up and help them as well.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join the 3 1/2 pages of organizations and faith organizations that oppose this bill and I ask my colleagues respectfully to consider their hearts and vote "no" on this as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Zabel.

Mr. ZABEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was not planning to rise and speak about this bill. I think we are all – my sense is we are all pretty settled on where we are going to end up with it. As a piece of policy, I think it is a proper use of Commonwealth funds, a proper and good use of the funds. But I rise today, in particular, to speak for some people who are not here to speak for themselves, because when I hear concerns about fraud and abuse – I want to make something very clear – the difference between the poorest and us, the people sitting here, is not an elevated character. They are of no lower character, they are no less honest than us, they are no less upright. The only difference between them and us is fortune, is good fortune, and I will not listen to their character being impugned, as if the poorest are somehow more susceptible to abuse and fraud than the million-dollar and billion-dollar corporations that we pass out tax credits to. So please do not insult the indigent as somehow being of lower character. Call it like it is: you do not want to spend the money on this. That is fine. But please do not insult those who are not here to speak for themselves. Truly, I tell you, whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gene DiGirolamo.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am going to take a little bit of a different direction than the debate that has been going on from both sides of the aisle. And I do not think when we legislate that compromise is a bad word; I do not think compromise is a bad word. And back in 2012 when this program was eliminated, I was one of the people that voted "no" to eliminate the program and I think we really need to understand the population and how this program works. So I did a lot of research before I got up here to speak and I went back to 2012 and looked at the population that was enrolled in these programs. Now, there are nine different categories of people that qualify for cash assistance.

Back in 2012 there were 65,000-plus people in Pennsylvania collecting general assistance, and out of those nine categories – listen to this – those who were permanently disabled, there were 35,500 people collecting because they were permanently disabled. Now, that is a category we really have got to look at, because the permanently disabled that qualify for general assistance had to apply for Social Security Disability or they would not get that \$200 and – and it is hard to get our hands around how much was recovered by the State – and as soon as these people qualified, the Federal government would reimburse the State all of the general assistance money that that person collected from the very first check. And because Social Security sometimes takes a long time – it can take 6 months, a year, possibly 2 years, before you qualify – it is actually kind of hard to get a handle on how much money the State was able to recoup, but I am sure it was a pretty large portion of the money that they paid out for those 35,500 people.

The second largest category was people who were temporarily disabled, and these were people, for whatever reason, got hurt on the job or whatever, they were temporarily disabled for a time, and there were 25,500 people collecting under the temporarily disabled category. So out of those 65,000 people, 61,000 people were either permanently disabled or temporarily disabled.

Out of the rest of the nine categories – I mean, there were not actually very many people collecting – the next biggest category were those people who were in drug and alcohol treatment and that was about 1,500. People who were collecting because they were victims of domestic violence, that was only a little over 100 people that were actually collecting. And there was a category for women who were pregnant and there was actually not one person in the State of Pennsylvania – a woman who was pregnant – who was actually collecting. And I know we voted on an amendment a while ago, but there was not one person collecting, because those women qualified for many other things that were not eligible for cash assistance.

So I think there are parts of this program – and again, I have always thought this should be a budget issue and negotiated during the budget, not voted on as a bill – but as we get closer to the budget, I mean, I think there are parts of this program that we can look at saving.

And the other issue that I wanted to talk about is this issue of accountability and waste, fraud, and abuse. So what I did is I actually went to the department and I pulled the guidelines and the safety that is involved, because I, for one, do not want to see any waste, fraud, and abuse. Believe me, I do not want to see one dollar wasted where somebody is abusing this or buying drugs or buying alcohol or doing other things. So I just want to go over a couple of the guidelines and the safeties that are in place for people before they actually qualify.

Individuals are not eligible for benefits if they are incarcerated or have been sentenced for a felony or misdemeanor. Individuals are not eligible for cash assistance if they are in violation of the terms of their probation or parole. Individuals are not eligible for cash assistance if they owe fines or restitution from a criminal case. And this one, No. 4, to me, really jumps out at me: The department has access to records of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Individuals who have failed to appear at criminal court proceedings when issued a summons are disqualified from receiving benefits. If the department determines that a person has an ongoing substance abuse problem that presents a barrier to employment, the

individual must participate in a drug or alcohol treatment compliance facility and satisfactorily complete the drug and alcohol treatment.

So I mean, it appears to me that there are pretty good safeguards in place. Can we improve upon them? Maybe. I mean, let us have a discussion about that. I mean, if there is a question about accountability, maybe we can improve on those safeguards. So, Mr. Speaker, I mean, I think there is room that we can compromise here, I really do, because there are parts of this program, I think, that are worthwhile saving and these are individuals in every one of our districts. So with that, I am not going to vote to completely eliminate the program. I hope that this is part of the budget discussion and that we can find room to compromise on this. So I am going to be voting "no" today, but I am hopeful that we can negotiate and compromise on this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Right now, the Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today's debate is about priorities. With a limited amount of money that we have in this Commonwealth, the choices we have to make is we have to set priorities, and in order to expand the services to those with intellectual and physical disabilities who should be our priority, those are the choices we have to make sometimes. The reality is that the cash grant assistance program is not the best priority for Pennsylvania. By eliminating this program, again, we will free up needed resources which we will use to make meaningful, impactful decisions to help the citizens of this Commonwealth.

We are going to hear a lot, as we already have, about this program being a moral imperative, that without it society will collapse and devastation will reign over our Commonwealth. Really? Really? Since the program was eliminated in 2012, not one bill from either side of the aisle was introduced to reinstate this program, not one bill by any member of this General Assembly. And since 2012, this General Assembly and this Governor have made great strides in increasing services to everyone in this Commonwealth, particularly those of great need. We still, even after this program as a list ended, today with this bill, we still will be handing out \$18 million in cash grants. It is not like total cash grants are going away. We are still going to be handing out \$18 million in cash grants. So do not let that be deceptive to you at home, that you hear about here. The truth is, HB 33 is not a heartless decision. It is a recognition that the money currently being used in the cash grant assistance program – that was never appropriated, by the way – can be used in a more holistic way to serve the people of this Commonwealth and make them stronger and better and to have a positive impact on the citizens of this Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a positive vote on HB 33.

The SPEAKER. Representative Bradford, do you want to – yes, sure. And then it will be the prime sponsor of the bill and then the leader.

Members, if anybody else wishes to speak before I call on the leader and the prime sponsor of the bill, if you could let me know now.

Representative Frank Ryan. So, Representative Ryan, you will go after Representative Bradford, and then I am going to be calling on the prime sponsor and the leaders. So I am not expecting anybody else to be asked to speak; if you do, let us do it right now and I will get you on the list.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, stand in opposition to HB 33. It seems like just yesterday this legislative body, again, put this type of legislation into a multi – how do I refer to it? – I guess a bill that has multiple parts. It might even be a violation of single subject, some would say, because this Faustian deal that is being presented here today, where we have to choose between the poor and those resources that would go to assist the poor, and somehow that is what passes for public policy.

And then this legislative body will wonder why we will wind up in court in just a few more months because, again, the legality of this whole gimmick that is being played out here will be challenged in court. It will be challenged in court because others will hide behind what their true motive is. They mentioned accountability—

The SPEAKER. Sir—

Mr. BRADFORD. Yes.

The SPEAKER. —you cannot speak to motive. You cannot ascribe motive. You can speak to the bill and what you think the positives or negatives with respect to the bill, but you cannot address motive. That is explicit in the rules.

Mr. BRADFORD. Well, thank you.

So let us talk about accountability. I do not know, I have heard today that the only way we can make sure that general assistance is accountable is we must end the program. I do not know if that really is how that works. I think accountability means reforming a program, not cutting poor people off at the knees. I do not know what in God's name it serves, in the name of accountability or anything else, to hurt those who are most vulnerable in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, those dealing with addiction, those fleeing a violent domestic situation. This is not what Pennsylvanians want. Let us not confuse heartlessness with accountability. Let us not do cowardliness and confuse it with doing the people's business. No, this is not accountability. This is cruel.

If you care about these folks, come up with your proposal to provide these services to those folks. Do not hide behind a bill that violates single subject. Do not go down this road again. Vote against HB 33 and show the people of Pennsylvania that you have the compassion and care to protect those in the Commonwealth who need it most.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. Representative Frank Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

I have heard a lot of comments today that have somewhat taken a shot at character, and when I hear that, all I have in my entire life, having been raised in a very poor family with a father who died when I was 3, and I see that all I have is my character, regardless of my current financial position, and I see people in my district who are struggling all the time. So ascribing motives to others is beneath us.

But despite mistakes I might have made in my life, my faith is very important to me and I do a rosary daily, and on Monday the Biblical quote with the Gospel reading was Matthew 5:38-42, and I heard Biblical quotes today, and it said, "You have heard it said..." – Jesus said to his disciples – and just to be clear, I was not there when He said it – "You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.'" And I tried to do that today and I failed in that regard, because I have to respond,

because it goes on later on to say, "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." And my wife and I have tried, through everything that we have done with our children and our faith and our church and in the Lancaster region with the Knights of Malta, to help people who are homeless and in Baltimore City. I have taken it that God has commanded me to help others. Nowhere in there did I hear him command me to command you to help others.

So I ask you to vote for HB 33. Let us, as individuals, help one another and use all the other programs that the Appropriations chair mentioned so that we can make certain that all of us help one another, because I can guarantee to you in my district that one or two dollars additional tax revenue taken from citizens is bankrupting people to the tune where last year we had 15,000 people losing their homes due to property tax foreclosure. Vote for this bill. Let us get accountability. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. At this time the prime sponsor of the bill, Representative George Dunbar.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Last week I was sitting in my hotel room watching PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) – I know I have a very sad life that I was sitting there watching PCN – and a couple members were debating, and my friend from Westmoreland County used a little John Adams quote and he said, "Facts are stubborn things..." and that is what I want us to know, "Facts are stubborn things..." I have heard debate here today where several members had talked about cash grants and their repayment of cash grants, reimbursement from the Federal government. The number is less than 20 percent. Let us make no mistake about it, this is not a free program. It costs \$150 million at its maturity. So for those individuals that made it sound like this is all repaid, that is not the case.

Facts are also stubborn things when it comes to talking about accountability. I had heard discussion about, well, maybe we should have just made this plan more accountable instead of getting rid of it completely. Yeah, sure, we could have done that. The Governor never gave a chance. He just reinstated it without having any conversations. Maybe if we had those conversations, we could have made this plan more accountable.

I go back to 2013. I was a deputy Policy chair and we were working on the Gateways Out of Poverty Initiative, and myself and then just a lowly Representative Cutler went to Pittsburgh and we met with every nonprofit you can meet with. We met with GPNP (Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership), United Way, Secretary Wetzel, everybody was there. We had everybody in the room. This was a year after general assistance was eliminated. Not one request was made to have it reinstated. In fact, what their request was, was data, results, outcome-based measurements, the ability to look at all their programs and understand all the programs and find out what is working and find out what is not so we could help people, so we could send the dollars to the programs that will help people escape those cycles of poverty.

We know we are all dealing with limited resources. We always have been. Even recently, I know a couple weeks ago, I was watching an interview that the good chairman, the minority chairman from the Appropriations Committee, did when they were talking about the surplus and he made the comment that – I am guessing the words – but it was something like, well, our fiscal house is still suspect. He is right, our fiscal house is still suspect, and how we spend those dollars is important and a \$50 million program right now could easily extend to

\$150 million. These are hard choices. These are not difficult. This is not easy. But we have to do what we feel is going to do best for the Commonwealth. If we spend these dollars here, where are we giving them up? I said that earlier and I repeat it again now. I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the prime sponsor's efforts for this underlying bill and I, too, go back to what we learned while we were working on the Results First Program and I believe he accurately identified what the goal was regarding those programs and, more importantly, what the stakeholders specifically requested. They requested that we look at our budget, we identify those programs that actually work, change those that do not so that we can free up more resources to drive back into the very same programs that they had identified.

So what are those programs? Because there are some here in this room who would have you believe since 2012 that absolutely nothing has been done since that program was taken away. The truth is that money was allocated to other lines. Those lines, the TANF payments just for this year, \$190 million; LIHEAP payments, \$155 million; child-care payments, \$848 million; SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), \$2.5 billion; WIC (Women, Infants and Children), \$278 million, and CHIP expenses were \$484 million; and medical assistance was \$28 billion, for a total spend of \$33 billion in these programs, programs that were identified and increased because of the savings realized from these other programs.

What is that increase, just since last year, in available State and Federal funds? It is \$2.6 billion. Mr. Speaker, we have been allocating into those areas where the money is most needed. That was the original goal back in 2012 and it remains the same today.

To the gentleman's point regarding the reimbursements, I think it is important to reiterate that fact as well. There are some that believe that this is absolutely free money. It is not accurate. With a reimbursement rate of less than 20 percent, it is our taxpayers who pay that bill.

Mr. Speaker, there is a whole host of other things that are also important, and to quote the gentleman before me, "stubborn facts," the truth is there are more job openings than people right now. It would be wise to help those who can transition into better opportunities. Let us spend our money there. Let us focus on the opportunities for our citizens so that they can have a better tomorrow. Let us focus on the lines that we have already supplemented in that interim. There are some that have you believe that this program and the money that was associated with it simply disappeared and was not spent elsewhere, and that is wrong, because we have made targeted investments in the Commonwealth since that time and will continue to do so.

And, Mr. Speaker, regarding the gentleman from Lancaster's comments regarding the issues in the city, I am very aware of those. I have worked with him in serving meals at the Rescue Mission together, our entire delegation does, because in Lancaster it is not just one community, we are a county community, so everybody helps. We recognize that some of the social services tend to be anchored in the cities. That does not mean that nobody else goes there to help. That does not mean that during the Extraordinary Give where we as a county raise millions of dollars to help these people, that does not mean that people outside the city did not care. Everybody across the county cared. Everybody across the county had the opportunity to get

help. And, Mr. Speaker, it was a local decision and I am proud of the local efforts. It is one that I think that can be replicated all across the Commonwealth and I think the Commonwealth's business should be focused on working on those programs that actually help people, not ones that were wrought with fraud that were identified by a Democratic Auditor General.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we vote in the affirmative for this bill so that we can move this and the other budget-related items contained in it forward and get to helping people.

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—106

Barrar	Gillespie	Marshall	Roae
Benninghoff	Gleim	Masser	Rothman
Bernstine	Gregory	Mehaffie	Ryan
Boback	Greiner	Mentzer	Sankey
Borowicz	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brooks	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Brown	Heffley	Mihalek	Schmitt
Burns	Helm	Millard	Schroeder
Causar	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Simmons
Cook	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cox	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mustello	Stephens
Cutler	James	Nelson	Struzzi
Day	Jones	Nesbit	Thomas
Delozier	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Tobash
Diamond	Kail	Oberlander	Toepel
Dowling	Kaufer	Ortitay	Toohil
Dunbar	Kauffman	Owlett	Topper
Dush	Keefer	Peifer	Walsh
Ecker	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Polinchock	Wentling
Everett	Knowles	Puskaric	Wheeland
Fee	Lawrence	Pyle	White
Fritz	Lewis	Rader	Zimmerman
Gabler	Mackenzie	Rapp	
Gaydos	Mako	Reese	Turzai,
Gillen	Maloney	Rigby	Speaker

NAYS—95

Bizzarro	Donatucci	Kortz	Rabb
Boyle	Driscoll	Kosierowski	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Evans	Krueger	Readshaw
Briggs	Farry	Kulik	Roebuck
Bullock	Fiedler	Lee	Sainato
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Flynn	Madden	Sanchez
Carroll	Frankel	Malagari	Sappey
Cephas	Freeman	Markosek	Schlossberg
Ciresi	Gainey	Matzie	Schweyer
Comitta	Galloway	McCarter	Shusterman
Conklin	Goodman	McClinton	Sims
Cruz	Hanbidge	McNeill	Snyder
Daley	Harkins	Merski	Solomon
Davidson	Harrell	Miller, D.	Sturla
Davis, A.	Harris	Mullery	Ullman
Davis, T.	Hohenstein	Mullins	Vitali
Dawkins	Howard	Murt	Warren
Deasy	Innamorato	Neilson	Webster
DeLissio	Isaacson	O'Mara	Wheatley

Delloso	Kenyatta	Otten	Williams
DeLuca	Kim	Pashinski	Youngblood
Dermody	Kinsey	Petrarca	Zabel
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quinn	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rozzi

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.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 117, PN 85**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3016 (Bedford Street) over Solomon Run in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Seaman Apprentice Kenneth D. Scaife Memorial Bridge.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Ms. **PICKETT** offered the following amendment
No. **A02033**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after "Bridge" and inserting
; designating a bridge on that portion of Peg Run Road, Pennsylvania Route 240, over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Township, Cambria County, as the United States Army Sergeant Scott O. Henry Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of U.S. Route 220 in Sullivan County from the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 87 to the Bradford County line as the T.W. "Doc" Shoemaker Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook, Troy Borough, Bradford County, as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 305 over Shaver's Creek in Barree Township, Huntingdon County, as the Private Harold E. "Jim" Knode Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 453 over the Little Juniata River, Tyrone Township, Blair County, as the Robert E. Gensimore Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 899 over the Clarion River connecting Barnett Township, Jefferson County, and Barnett Township, Forest County, as the PFC Patrick T. Cassatt Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4018 over the Little Mahoning Creek, South Mahoning Township, Indiana County, as the SP4 Franklin Delano Meyer Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge identified as Bridge Key 54683 on that portion of State Route 3009 (Kushequa Avenue) over the Kinzua Creek in Kushequa, Hamlin Township, McKean County, as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge identified as Bridge Key 18676 on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 747 over the Juniata River in Mount Union Borough, Huntingdon County, as the Captain Joseph S. Giacobello Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on

that portion of State Route 2016 over the Casselman River in Rockwood Borough, Somerset County, as the PFC Alton Glenn Sterner Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 96 over the Little Wills Creek, Bedford County, as the Staff Sgt. Roger (Rod) Guy Holler Memorial Bridge.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17 Section 2. United States Army Sergeant Scott O. Henry Memorial Bridge.

(a) Designation.—The bridge located on Peg Run Road, Pennsylvania Route 240, over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Township, Cambria County, is designated the United States Army Sergeant Scott O. Henry Memorial Bridge in honor of Scott O. Henry who served in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army. Scott O. Henry was killed in action in Vietnam at the Battle of Ia Drang while rescuing an injured soldier from the field of battle.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 3. T.W. "Doc" Shoemaker Memorial Highway.

(a) Designation.—The section of U.S. Route 220 in Sullivan County from the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 87 to the Bradford County line is designated the T.W. "Doc" Shoemaker Memorial Highway in honor of Sullivan County native T.W. "Doc" Shoemaker, a World War II veteran who died on May 2, 2018, after serving his community for nearly 70 years as a veterinarian and community leader.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to traffic in both directions on the highway.

Section 4. Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(a) Designation.—The bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook in Troy Borough, Bradford County, is designated the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 5. Private Harold E. "Jim" Knode Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Private Harold E. "Jim" Knode was a native of the McAlleys Fort area.

(2) In February 1944, Private Knode was drafted into the United States Army at age 28 and served with the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division.

(3) On November 28, 1944, Private Knode was killed while crossing the Moselle River between France and Germany. Private Knode was interred in what became the Epinal American Cemetery in Dinozé, France.

(4) Private Knode was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and a lapel button for Honorable Service.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 305 in Barree Township, Huntingdon County, over Shaver's Creek is designated the Private Harold E. "Jim" Knode Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 6. Robert E. Gensimore Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Robert E. Gensimore, a foreman for Blair District 9 of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, lost his life in the line of duty on February 17, 2018.

(2) A resident of Spruce Creek, Gensimore was a 1991 graduate of Juniata Valley High School and served for 27 years

as a member of the Warriors Mark-Franklin Volunteer Fire Company.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 453 in Tyrone Township, Blair County, over the Little Juniata River, is designated the Robert E. Gensimore Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 7. PFC Patrick T. Cassatt Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) PFC Patrick T. Cassatt of Clarington served with the U.S. Army in World War II and the Korean War.

(2) A member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, PFC Cassatt was declared missing in action on November 2, 1950, after his battalion was attacked by the Peoples Liberation Army.

(3) PFC Cassatt was declared killed in action on December 31, 1953.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 899 over the Clarion River connecting Barnett Township, Jefferson County, and Barnett Township, Forest County, is designated the PFC Patrick T. Cassatt Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 8. SP4 Franklin Delano Meyer Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) SP4 Franklin Delano Meyer, a native of South Mahoning Township, lost his life on June 11, 1970, while serving with the United States Army in Vietnam.

(2) SP4 Meyer was awarded the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Aircrew Badge and Marksmanship Medal.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 4018 over the Little Mahoning Creek, South Mahoning Township, Indiana County, is designated the SP4 Franklin Delano Meyer Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 9. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Although there was no official declaration of war, it is widely accepted that the Vietnam War started on November 1, 1955, and ended on April 30, 1975, lasting 19 years, 180 days.

(2) On August 2, 1964, the North Vietnamese fired on a United States destroyer anchored in the Gulf of Tonkin, leading to Congress passing the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, authorizing a full-scale intervention in the Vietnam War.

(3) On March 8, 1965, the first American combat troops, the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, landed in Da Nang, Vietnam.

(4) The last American ground troops left Vietnam on March 29, 1973, more than two years before the official end of the war when South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam.

(5) Two hundred forty men were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

(6) In all, approximately 2,700,000 American men and women served in uniform in Vietnam, including more than 300,000 Pennsylvanians.

(7) During the course of the Vietnam War, 58,148 Americans were killed, including more than 3,000 Pennsylvanians.

(8) It is fitting to recognize and honor the men and women who bravely served their country during the Vietnam

War.

(b) Designation.—The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 54683, located on State Route 3009 (Kushequa Avenue) in Kushequa, Hamlin Township, McKean County, over the Kinzua Creek is designated the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 10. Captain Joseph S. Giacobello Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Joseph S. Giacobello lived a life of humble service to the residents of Mount Union and to the nation.

(2) Born June 30, 1919, Mr. Giacobello attended Mount Union High School, from which he graduated in 1938.

(3) Mr. Giacobello attended Shippensburg State Teachers College, where he was a standout basketball and football player until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1942.

(4) Mr. Giacobello was assigned to the United States Army infantry. He completed his basic training at Camp Pickett in Virginia and then attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

(5) Mr. Giacobello was deployed to the European Theater with the 35th Infantry Division, Co. F, 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, arriving in Normandy, France, on July 5, 1944, and activated into combat on July 11, 1944, in the fighting in the hedgerows of St. Lo, France.

(6) In one of many distinguished combat actions, Mr. Giacobello heroically led his company in an attack on the French village of Hellimer, where he and two others stopped a machine gun and knocked out a Panther tank, saving what many believe are countless lives.

(7) Mr. Giacobello was one of the most highly decorated soldiers in central Pennsylvania earning the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantryman Badge while fighting in combat in the European Theater.

(8) Mr. Giacobello attained the rank of Captain in the United States Army during his time in combat and service to our nation.

(9) Upon returning home, Mr. Giacobello dedicated his life to service in his Mount Union community where he helped countless local veterans and supported youth sports activities.

(10) Mr. Giacobello passed away on February 16, 2019.

(b) Designation.—The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 18676, located on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 747 in Mount Union Borough, Huntingdon County, over the Juniata River is designated the Captain Joseph S. Giacobello Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 11. PFC Alton Glenn Sterner Memorial Bridge.

(a) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 2016 in Rockwood Borough, Somerset County, over the Casselman River is designated the PFC Alton Glenn Sterner Memorial Bridge in honor of Rockwood native PFC Alton Glenn Sterner, who lost his life on June 19, 1953, while serving with the United States Army 5th Regimental Combat Team during the Korean War.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 12. Staff Sgt. Roger (Rod) Guy Holler Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Staff Sgt. Roger Guy Holler, of Buffalo Mills, was a 1967 graduate of Hyndman High School where he was a varsity wrestler and was in the chorus.

(2) Staff Sgt. Holler attended Penn State Altoona and was attending Pittsburgh Technical Institute when he was drafted into the United States Army in June 1969.

(3) Staff Sgt. Holler completed basic training at Fort Polk in Louisiana and Fort Benning in Georgia.

(4) While in Vietnam, Staff Sgt. Holler was a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.

(5) On January 16, 1971, Staff Sgt. Holler was killed by artillery fire in Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

(6) Staff Sgt. Holler was awarded the Silver Star, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 96 over the Little Wills Creek, Bedford County, is designated the Staff Sgt. Roger (Rod) Guy Holler Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "2" and inserting 13

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CONSIDERATION OF SB 117 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

Representative Tina Pickett is called upon on the amendment. Ms. PICKETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment makes a correction in a memorial highway designation that I had submitted earlier. It identifies the parameters on the highway a little bit differently and now correctly and adds 10 more memorials, and these memorials are wonderful ways to honor the lives and the services of our veterans. So we request a positive vote on this.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Representative Pickett.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Fritz	Mako	Rothman
Boyle	Gabler	Malagari	Ryan
Bradford	Gainey	Maloney	Sainato
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Samuelson
Brooks	Gaydos	Marshall	Sanchez
Brown	Gillen	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gillespie	Matzie	Sappery
Burgos	Gleim	McCarter	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McClinton	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	McNeill	Schlossberg

Carroll	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Causser	Grove	Mentzer	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Merski	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Harrell	Mihalek	Sims
Cook	Harris	Millard	Snyder
Cox	Heffley	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cruz	Helm	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hennessey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hershey	Mullery	Stephens
Daley	Hickernell	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Dawkins	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Day	Isaacson	Nesbit	Toohil
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Ullman
Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kail	Ortitay	Walsh
DeLuca	Kaufer	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rader	
Everett	Krueger	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Fee	Lawrence		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Miller, D. Rozzi

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.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 700, PN 846**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for construction and renovation of buildings by school entities; and establishing a grant program for maintenance projects.

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

The SPEAKER. There are no amendments to that bill. I think Representative Krueger had an amendment, but I understand it is withdrawn. I think that is correct.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1557, PN 1996**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 24, 1968 (P.L.1040, No.318), known as the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, further providing for designating areas unsuitable for coal refuse disposal.

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

Mr. **GABLER** offered the following amendment
No. A02178:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after "amended" and the section is amended by adding a subsection
Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by inserting after "refuse" and shall allow for revegetation and the prevention of erosion
Amend Bill, page 2, lines 9 through 17, by striking out ", as phases of the coal refuse disposal" in line 9 and all of lines 10 through 17 and inserting

- [.];
- (1) as phases of the coal refuse disposal area reach capacity[.];
- (2) as specified in the permit[.];
- (3) when the operator temporarily ceases operation of the coal refuse disposal area for a period in excess of ninety days unless the department[, for reasons of a labor strike or business necessity,] approves [a] an operator's request for a longer period [that shall not exceed one year]; or

(4) when the operator permanently ceases operation of the coal refuse disposal area. [The system shall allow for revegetation and the prevention of erosion.]

(j) For the purposes of this act and the
Amend Bill, page 2, line 23, by inserting after "1977."
However, the department may promulgate regulations to provide for the connection of coal refuse or related material to the coal refuse disposal area.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Gabler, on the amendment.
Mr. GABLER. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Just for some brief context, the underlying bill is intended to remove arbitrary time limits that make both job creation and environmental remediation more difficult, especially during times of economic challenge. This amendment came forth as a result of great work between the stakeholders on the bill and the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) to take the opportunity to improve and clarify the drafting of the existing language in the act. This amendment is supported by the DEP,

and the adoption of this amendment will move the DEP from neutral on the underlying bill to supportive.

I ask all members to please vote "yes." Thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Metzgar	Simmons
Conklin	Harrell	Mihalek	Sims
Cook	Harris	Millard	Snyder
Cox	Heffley	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cruz	Helm	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hennessey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hershey	Mullery	Stephens
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Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Zimmerman
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1185, PN 1371**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property and waters, further providing for the offense of damage to property; in protection of property and waters, further providing for the offense of littering; in preliminary provisions relating to boats and boating, further providing for boating education; and, in operation of boats, further providing for the offense of operating watercraft under influence of alcohol or controlled substance and providing for the offense of aggravated assault by watercraft.

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Everett, I believe, has withdrawn his amendment, and there are no 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 **HB 1479, PN 1886**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 35729, on that portion of State Route 3041 in Texas Township, Wayne County, as the PFC Raymond P. Schwesinger Memorial Bridge.

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 1510, PN 1895**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 183 from Segment 0040/Offset 2555 to Segment 110/Offset 1180 in Berks County as the Trooper Wayne C. Ebert Memorial Highway.

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 1547, PN 1963**, entitled:

An Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 422 with Pennsylvania Route 66, Manor Township, Armstrong County, as the Senator Donald C. White Interchange.

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 1609, PN 2083**, entitled:

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

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

LETTER SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

VOTE CORRECTION

The following letter was submitted for the Legislative Journal:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

June 19, 2019

The Honorable Mike Turzai
139 Main Capitol
P.O. Box 202028
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Mr. Speaker and the Parliamentarian:

I would like to correct the record regarding the final passage vote taken on House Bill 1170 on Monday, June 17, 2019. I was recorded in the negative and wish to be recorded in the affirmative. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Rosita C. Youngblood
Democratic Caucus Secretary
198th Legislative District

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanbidge is recognized on unanimous consent, followed by Representative McNeill, also on unanimous consent.

Ms. HANBIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record. I was recorded in the affirmative on HB 1188 and I would like to be recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER. The record so reflects.

Ms. HANBIDGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative McNeill.

Mrs. McNEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On SB 469 I was recorded as a "no." I would like that to be a "yes," please.

The SPEAKER. Okay.

Mrs. McNEILL. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The record will so reflect.

Thank you, Representative McNeill.

Representative Sappey, on unanimous consent.

Ms. SAPPEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On HB 1188 I was recorded as affirmative. I wish to turn that to a "no," negative. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The record will so reflect.

Representative Shusterman, on unanimous consent.

Ms. SHUSTERMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On HB 1188 I was an affirmative and I would like the record to reflect a negative. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The record will so reflect.

Representative Freeman will be the last on this one. If anybody else has – because I could be here the whole—

Mr. FREEMAN. Yes. Just an announcement of a meeting.

The SPEAKER. Oh, Okay. Oh, good.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. FREEMAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Freeman, on an announcement, sir.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce a meeting of the Democratic members of the House Local Government Committee, to meet in room 207, my office, in the Irvis Building, to discuss legislation for tomorrow's Local Government meeting, as well as possible amendments to the legislation as well. We will convene roughly 20 minutes at the end of session. So you have a 20-minute window before the meeting begins.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Garth Everett has a committee announcement, the chair of the State Government Committee.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The House State Government Committee will reconvene its meeting from earlier today in 205 Ryan immediately at the end of session, to finish our consideration of SB 48; 205 Ryan, as soon as session is over.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The State Government Committee will reconvene its meeting from earlier today in 205 Ryan immediately at the end of session.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MOUL

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Moul, the chair of the Local Government Committee, for a committee announcement.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to call an immediate but very brief meeting of the House Local Government Committee Republican members in my office, room 416, Irvis Office Building, very brief, and also

to remind the members that tomorrow morning we have a voting meeting in G-50 Irvis Office Building, 9:30, to vote on SB 321 and any other business that may come before the committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Moul, the chair of the Local Government Committee.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Martin Causer, the chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, for a committee announcement.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. in room B-31, Main Capitol Building. We will consider SB 661 and SB 634 and any other business that may come before the committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. in room B-31, Main Capitol Building.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 112, PN 1017

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 19, 2019.

SB 123, PN 1000

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2019.

SB 166, PN 985

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SB 223, PN 1018

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 19, 2019.

SB 241, PN 1016

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2019.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 276, PN 284; HB 315, PN 295; HB 502, PN 490; and HB 504, PN 492**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 399, PN 947**.

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:

HB 276, PN 284

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

HB 315, PN 295

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

HB 502, PN 490

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for rights.

HB 504, PN 492

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

SB 399, PN 947

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, for rights of sexual assault victims and for report by Pennsylvania State Police.

SB 469, PN 476

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

SB 479, PN 498

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

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Mehaffie, on unanimous consent, followed by the chair, Garth Everett.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MEHAFFIE

The SPEAKER. Representative Mehaffie.

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to wish my parents a happy 54th wedding anniversary today. Congratulations, Mom and Dad.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**STATE GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Representative Everett, on unanimous consent.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An additional announcement about a State Government Committee meeting. There will be a meeting of the State Government Committee tomorrow at the call of the Chair to consider SB 724, in 205 Ryan; at the call of the Chair; SB 724, meeting tomorrow. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. There will be a meeting of the State Government Committee tomorrow at the call of the Chair in 205 Ryan.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

HB 305;
HB 956;
HB 985;
HB 1185;
HB 1479;
HB 1510;
HB 1547;
HB 1557;
HB 1609;
SB 117;
SB 440;
SB 695;
SB 700; and
SB 712.

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:

SB 89;
SB 127;
SB 128;
SB 298; and
SB 621.

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 HB 671 and HB 1341 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 TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 671 and HB 1341 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.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 785, PN 856**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act, further providing for definitions; in employee rights, providing for payments to employee organizations; and making related repeals.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 785 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 majority leader moves that HB 785 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 AND VETO MESSAGE TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 800, together with the Governor's message, be laid on the tabled calendar this June 19, 2019.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Report from the Department of Environmental Protection for the calendar year 2017. My goodness, they are moving at such an effective speed. We are about 2 years behind. Please read the report.

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

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 Longiotti moves that the House be adjourned until Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 11 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 5:10 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.