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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. ROB W. KAUFFMAN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us bow our heads.

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever and ever. Lord, we rejoice in Your goodness today, and more than ever, we rely on Your goodness today. Lord, we need Your mercy today more than ever and we rely on that. Lord, forgive us, as we have relied on our own devices and our own goodness and our own mercy. Forgive us as a nation, as we have done that so regularly. Forgive us as a State, as we have relied on our own selves and the history of Your goodness and mercy to this Holy Experiment. But forgive us as a body, as we have relied on ourselves to be that which this Commonwealth needs, because, Lord, we need You now more than ever.

Lord, let Your goodness and Your mercy rain down on this nation, let it rain down on this Commonwealth, and, Lord, today let it rain down in this chamber as we attempt to do that which You have called us to do in service to the people of this Commonwealth.

Lord, help us this day, in the name of Your precious son, Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 24, 2020, will be postponed until printed.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 885 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 REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

SB 751, PN 1599 (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for pandemic of 2020.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2371 By Representatives STURLA and SONNEY

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for assessment of occupations; and making a related repeal.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
March 25, 2020.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. There are no requests for leaves.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We are going to proceed to take the master roll.

Obviously, members can vote remotely under this temporary rule. They have conveyed that already to their respective whips, the majority whip and the minority whip.

In addition, those members that are in their offices, under our permanent rules, can contact a member to vote them on the master roll.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The minority whip, Representative Jordan Harris, on the master roll vote, please.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

And my understanding is, from the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, that the electronic board is correct with respect to the Republican Caucus.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako

Pyle

The SPEAKER. There are 198 members voting. We have a quorum.

We are going to take committee announcements and caucus announcements at this time.

Before I call on the majority Appropriations chair, are there any other committee chairs that have any announcements?

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor.

Thank you, sir.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 11:45. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 1 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Democratic leader, Representative Frank Dermody, for a Democratic caucus announcement.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will also caucus at 11:45; 11:45, virtually.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

RECESS

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

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:30 p.m.; further extended until 1:45 p.m.; further extended until 2 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. This is from our Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk, will you – this is a little out of the ordinary here – but Chief Clerk, will you tell everybody the measures that you have taken at our request with respect to the chamber, what happened in terms of cleaning. Do you mind just explaining what you have done.

Mr. REDDECLIFF. Between last week and then each evening, we have had a professional firm come in and clean by using a fine mist in the House chamber, both caucus rooms, and in addition, we have been hitting the touch points more closely with a scaled-back cleaning crew every night and other little things that we have been doing, as well as trying to keep your microphones cleaned and the doors open so you do not have to touch those. So we are asking you to continue to keep your microphones – I know reflexively you want to put your microphones down, but if you just walk up to it, our staff up here will turn your microphones on. All you have to do is walk up to your microphones. So we are trying to do as many things as we possibly can.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1564, PN 3497

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, further providing for heading of chapter, for short title of chapter, for definitions, for applicability and for form of unsworn declaration; in general provisions, emergency seat of government, providing for other emergencies and further providing for applicability of subchapter; in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for subjects of local taxation and for assessment of mobile homes and house trailers; and, in Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for authority to perform notarial act, providing for notarial act performed by remotely located individual and further providing for notification regarding performance of notarial act on electronic record and selection of technology.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 422, PN 1600

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards; in ballots, further providing for forms of ballots, printing ballots, numbers; in electronic voting systems, further providing for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters, challenges and for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee and mail-in electors files and lists, for official absentee voters ballots, for envelopes for official absentee ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to absentee voting; in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for qualified mail-in electors, for applications for official mail-in ballots, for approval of application for mail-in ballot, for official mail-in elector ballots, for envelopes for official mail-in ballots, for voting by mail-in electors and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to mail-in voting; providing for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board; in penalties, further providing for violations of provisions relating to absentee electors ballots; providing for emergency provisions for 2020 general primary election; and making a related repeal.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. We are going to start – I am missing our two whips, so I cannot start until I have our whips, believe it or not.

Under our temporary rule, the majority whip and the minority whip have to certify on record, have to state on the record that what we have been provided from those voting remotely on the electronic board is accurate. So we are not going to start until the majority and minority whips get to the floor. We are going to start with third consideration bills, though. We are going to start with third consideration bills.

Members, we are going to move to, actually, some second consideration bills without amendments, which we have to go through as a formal process from the rostrum and in the chamber.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2009, PN 3051**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1189, PN 2742**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for volunteer emergency responders employer tax credit.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. There is an amendment. It is a late-filed amendment. It was filed by Representative David Maloney, 04874.

The good Representative has indicated that he has waived off that amendment. That amendment is withdrawn. 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 896, PN 2087**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in neighborhood assistance tax credit, further providing for definitions, for public policy and for tax credit.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 885**, **PN 1497**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1967 (P.L.869, No.385), known as the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law of 1967, further providing for duty of prime contractor to provide financial security in certain contracts involving public works and public improvements.

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

The SPEAKER. There was an amendment that was offered by Representative Gaydos. It is amendment 04852. My understanding is that the amendment has been withdrawn.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff. Sir.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, that amendment was withdrawn, but Representative Val Gaydos would like her comments read across the record, and I will submit them accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw A04852 to HB 885. While a higher threshold might alleviate red tape for local municipalities to get projects under way, we also need to make sure that liabilities are not unfairly transferred to small subcontractors. At this time more than ever we need to protect small contractors. Under a higher threshold, there would be less financial protection for subcontractors – those who are least likely to shoulder the liability. This legislation tightens the bonding requirements by limiting the financial instruments used to secure them, which will provide greater protection to taxpayers.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.
So there are no other amendments to HB 885, PN 1497.

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

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, is on the floor. We are still awaiting the minority whip, Representative Jordan Harris. We cannot – for the record – certify the votes without the two whips being present.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time the Chair calls upon the majority leader, who is the chair of the Rules Committee, for a Rules Committee announcement.

Leader Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to call an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the majority caucus room. For the members' benefit, that is different than our normal meeting spot, the majority caucus room. And anybody who needs to submit a proxy, please see me. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. So, members, we are going to be at ease while the Rules Committee meets in the majority caucus room, but please stay on the floor or go to your offices; it is perfectly – either is fine. I will remain here at the rostrum.

The House will come to order.

The Rules Committee has completed its work. I see the Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris, is on the floor and ready to proceed. And I see the majority whip, the Republican whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, who is on the floor and ready to proceed.

Members, we are going to continue.

At this time the Speaker is reporting HR 2. This was reported from the Rules Committee as an original bill or, excuse me, as an original Rules resolution from that committee. So that is reported and we are going to call that HR 2 now for a vote.

So I am going to need a summary of HR 2. Yes, could we just read it out.

Thanks, Jordan, and thanks to our great work here from the team in front of us. It is on your systems. HR 2 should be on your voting system.

Okay. Sorry. It is not quite up yet so we are going to wait until it is posted. That could take some time, so we are going to move to second consideration votes – is that okay? – second consideration amendments. It is going to take a while for the resolution to be posted.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1822**, **PN 2484**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Local Government Capital Project Loan Fund, further providing for definitions, for assistance to municipalities and for powers and duties of department.

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

Mr. **GALLOWAY** offered the following amendment
No. **A03177**:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by inserting after "point"
, not to exceed two per centum per annum

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

The SPEAKER. We are on the amendment.
Yes, Leader, please go ahead.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
It is my understanding that this is an agreed-to amendment.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is a win-win that will help our local communities. It will ensure that they have predictability when applying for a loan through the Local Government Capital Project Loan Fund. Under HB 1822, a variable interest rate is being implemented, which will be tied to the 10-year U.S. Treasury rate rounded to the closest quarter point. What my amendment will do is to put a 2-percent cap on the amount of interest that can be charged. Should a community apply for funding and the interest rate dips below 2 percent, they will be able to take advantage of that lower rate. When interest rates are high, communities can be assured that they will not pay more than 2 percent.

It is my understanding that this is an agreed-to amendment.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Members, I know I stated this for the record yesterday, but for our viewing audience, the members that are voting remotely from their district offices, pursuant to our temporary rule, have submitted those votes to the respective whips and to the Chief Clerk, and Lori Hoffman and Al Hunt, the voting clerks for the House of Representatives, are entering those votes.

Members here are able to vote, and the members in their Capitol offices can alert any member on the floor to vote for them. That is pursuant to our regular, our permanent rules.

So voting is taking a little bit longer, but not much. And we will ask the whips at the end to certify or to state on the record that those reflect the votes that they have received remotely.

And thank you to Lori Hoffman and to Al Hunt for their work on this.

Also let us give a shout-out over there to Jason and Michelle. Let us give a round of applause to Jason and Michelle. They are managing all the amendments and bills that are coming through to be voted upon. Thank you, both of you.

Jason, go Irish.

At this time the Chair calls on the Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris, on amendment 03177.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

And calling upon the majority whip, the Republican whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, with respect to amendment 3177.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The board does reflect a unanimous vote by the majority party. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you both.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Cook	Harris	Millard	Sims
Cox	Heffley	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cruz	Helm	Miller, D.	Solomon
Culver	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Sonney
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Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Ullman
Delozier	Kail	Ortity	Vitali
DeLuca	Kaufner	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefe	Pashinski	Webster
Donatucci	Keller	Peifer	Wentling
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Ecker	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Emrick	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Evans	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Everett	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Farry	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fee	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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 352, PN 1192**, entitled:

An Act authorizing local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption incentives for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial, business and residential property and for new construction in deteriorated areas of communities; providing for an exemption schedule; and establishing standards and qualifications.

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

Mr. **SCHMITT** offered the following amendment No. **A04673**:

Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 12 and 13
(3) The public hearing shall be held in accordance with 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings).

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

The SPEAKER. Thank you.
The whip I think has indicated that this amendment is agreed to, correct?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris, with respect to amendment 4673.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.
And the Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, on amendment 04673.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The board does reflect the unanimous vote by the majority party. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
Donatucci	Keller	Peifer	Wentling
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Ecker	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Emrick	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Evans	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Everett	Kosierowski	Rapp	
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 751, PN 1599**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for pandemic of 2020.

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?

The Chair calls upon Representative Jesse Topper, on SB 751, PN 1599. Sir, you may proceed.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This emergency School Code amendment, which is applicable only to the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the pandemic of 2020, involves the following legislative changes. It eliminates the 180-day requirement for all schools, public and nonpublic, and home education programs, and allows the Secretary of Education to order the closure of all public schools; increases the number of allowable flexible instruction days; and waives applicable timelines to apply to participate in flexible instruction days.

As we move forward with this amendment, it is important to note that this is the primary goal of what we are trying to do here legislatively today, which is to ensure that all of our children, our students across the Commonwealth continue to receive some sort of education from our educators. With that in mind, no school employee employed as of March 13, 2020, shall receive more or less compensation because of school closures or shortened school year. There will be no loss in PSERS (Public School Employees' Retirement System) credit and no change in contributions. School cleaning staff must be provided appropriate cleaning materials and protective clothing and gear as recommended by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). And it extends continuing education credit compliance by 1 year.

We also are making some notes in terms of special education and those requirements in this amendment. We understand that this is one of the more difficult situations that we have struggled with in talking to all of our school districts back home. We believe that notice must be given to all parents of special education students in writing about a plan to ensure that those students can receive some sort of education at some point throughout this crisis.

Now, the intent of this legislation is to assist schools in trying to cope with the challenges that come from these school closures, and with regard to special education, we understand that the Federal government also has many guidelines that they have set forth over the years. The United States Secretary of Education has released guidelines to create relief for schools under the normal requirements of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), and this legislation is intended to reaffirm those guidelines and allow reasonable relief for these school entities during this crisis. School entities must make a good-faith effort to develop a plan to offer continuity of education and teaching and using alternative means during this period of school closure. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will provide guidance, and IUs (intermediate units) can provide technical assistance. Plans need to be submitted, but not approved, by the Department of Education, and school entities must post their plans on their Web site for parents, taxpayers, and students alike.

Payments to and from school entities: There will be no loss in any school subsidies or reimbursements. Charter schools will be paid the same tuition at the time of the closure. School entities will continue to pay IUs and career and technical centers, and they will still continue to pay for their employees. School entities will continue to pay private schools where they have placed students, as long as those students are being offered a continuation of educational services during the closure. School entities in the Commonwealth will continue to pay private residential rehabilitation institutions for the students enrolled as of March 13.

In regards to school bus transportation, school districts may renegotiate with their school bus contractors to continue paying them during school closures. We understand that these contractors are essential to the school districts and could be essential to their plans for continuing education. We would ask that the school bus contractors in this legislation submit proof that they are continuing to pay their personnel at their complement levels in order to receive payments. State reimbursement is available to school districts at the same level they would have received if the schools would not have shut down.

For home education, we will waive the 180-day requirement, as well as the required standardized testing and the evaluation requirement. The Secretary of Education has applied and been granted waivers to remove the standardized testing requirements for this school year.

In the end, Mr. Speaker, we also have a waiver process that the school entity may apply to the Secretary for a waiver of any other provision of the School Code, regulations, or standards as a result of the pandemic.

We understand that this is an emergency School Code vehicle. We understand that there are things that, as we continue through this crisis and this unprecedented time of school closures, could come up. We want to provide enough flexibility for the districts and for the department to be able to adapt to those changes.

Mr. Speaker, that summarizes the amendment in the underlying bill, SB 751, which, as you know, is the change to the teacher evaluation program in the State of Pennsylvania, which allows also more flexibility in terms of school districts to be able to evaluate their employees with less emphasis on the standardized testing.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Topper.

Representative Pam DeLissio.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with full appreciation of what this represents, and I am grateful for everything that the amendment does, I just felt it important to be on the record today to comment on the 180-day waiver. There is no cap on that waiver. There is no requirement for remote learning. I think many of our school districts are ill-prepared to roll out remote learning in an equitable fashion for any number of reasons. So I am hoping, as the good gentleman has mentioned, that particularly around budget time, we are looking to particularly reinforce our basic education budget to help with the remediation that I think is going to be a given for the next school year 2020-2021. And if that includes bringing children back to school a few weeks earlier and keeping them in a few weeks later in order to help them make up, I look forward to being joined by my colleagues to make that happen. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Curt Sonney, the chair of the Education Committee.

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of SB 751. This Senate bill, as amended, will reassure our districts, our public school districts, that the educational system will be preserved. Now, coupled with the recent information out of the United States Department of Education that they were also able to reassure our districts on how to proceed forward concerning special education, and I believe with the reassurances out of the Federal government and the passage of SB 751 that our districts should now have the reassurances that they need so that they can moved forward with plans to once again get our teachers teaching and get our students learning; realizing, Mr. Speaker, that this is only the beginning. We are going to have much more work to do, just like our districts have a tremendous amount of work in front of them today, but we can accomplish this as long as we work together.

Again, I rise to support SB 751. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

And before I call on Representative Topper, whose amendment is within this bill, does any other member wish to be recognized?

Representative Topper, for final comments.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thanks to all the stakeholder groups, and of course, all the staff and all the members who helped. I particularly want to thank the chairman of the Education Committee, Chairman Sonney in the House, and the members of the Senate who also were involved in these negotiations.

We understand that this is an unprecedented time in our Commonwealth for so many, and so many of our families and businesses are struggling; we understand that. We also understand this has been an unprecedented and challenging time for our school districts, private and public, and we also understand that it has been a very challenging time for the most important stakeholder group when we talk about education, and that is our children.

The clarity that we are attempting to provide in this amendment is so that the children of this Commonwealth can continue to learn during these challenging times. We have heard it said many times before that we want more flexibility in our education system – not to teach to test, but to allow our educators to be creative in how they get the material to their students. Well, this is our time to show how creative we can actually be. This is the most essential time in our history that administrators and educators can come together to ensure that there is education going on in this Commonwealth for our children whom we are constitutionally obligated to educate while this crisis is going on.

I know that we can do it. I represent school districts in three counties. We have met with all of them. We have talked to those superintendents. They are willing and eager to get to this process, and many of them already have. Many of us have children that are already online and studying with Schoology and all the different ways that we can get the materials to them. We need that to continue. And for those school districts that are struggling to find their feet in this time, we know we have the IUs that can respond and can help them. That is the purpose of this amendment. Let me be crystal clear: it is to get our educators back to doing what I know they want to do, and that is educating our children during this time; to make sure that the resources will be guaranteed for them that they can continue to work even though we are very challenged with the closure of our buildings.

I know it can be done. I am confident it can be done, and, Mr. Speaker, with the passage of SB 751, we will continue to move forward during this time of crisis, as we continue to educate our kids in every manner that we have available to us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. At this time it looks like all the votes have been recorded. The Chair calls upon the Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris, with respect to SB 751.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. And the majority Republican whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, on SB 751.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does reflect the unanimous vote by the majority party. Thank you.

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Cephas	Grove	Merski	Schroeder
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Comitta	Hanbidge	Metzgar	Shusterman
Conklin	Harkins	Mihalek	Simmons
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Cruz	Helm	Miller, D.	Solomon
Culver	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cutler	Hershey	Moul	Staats
Daley	Hickernell	Mullery	Stephens
Davidson	Hohenstein	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Howard	Murt	Sturla
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mustello	Thomas
Dawkins	Irvin	Neilson	Tobash
Day	Isaacson	Nelson	Toepel
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Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Ullman
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Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
Donatucci	Keller	Peifer	Wentling
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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 422, PN 1600**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards; in ballots, further providing for forms of ballots, printing ballots, numbers; in electronic voting systems, further providing for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters, challenges and for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee and mail-in electors files and lists, for official absentee voters ballots, for envelopes for official absentee ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to absentee voting; in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for qualified mail-in electors, for applications for official mail-in ballots, for approval of application for mail-in ballot, for official mail-in elector ballots, for envelopes for official mail-in ballots, for voting by mail-in electors and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to mail-in voting; providing for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board; in penalties, further providing for violations of provisions relating to absentee electors ballots; providing for emergency provisions for 2020 general primary election; and making a related repeal.

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

The SPEAKER. Okay. We have in front of us an amendment. Now, this is on third consideration. The normal practice would be that you have to have a two-thirds vote to allow a vote on third consideration, an amendment, but this is, quote, unquote, a "technical amendment," and that has been agreed to, I understand, by both the majority and minority leaders.

So the Chair, in conjunction with the Parliamentarian, has ruled that it is technical and will allow a vote on amendment 04879.

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

Mr. **EVERETT** offered the following amendment No. **A04879**:

Amend Bill, page 11, line 18, by inserting after "APPLICANT" whose voter registration application is timely received under subsection (b) or (c)

Amend Bill, page 11, line 26, by inserting after "IF" under subsection (b) or (c)

Amend Bill, page 11, line 26, by inserting after "APPLICANT" timely

Amend Bill, page 15, lines 16 through 18, by striking out "OR" in line 16, all of line 17 and "WHICHEVER IS EARLIER" in line 18
Amend Bill, page 22, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "RECEIVED"

Amend Bill, page 22, line 9, by striking out the bracket before "UNDER"

Amend Bill, page 22, lines 10 through 12, by striking out "FOLLOWING THE FINAL PRE-" in line 10, all of line 11 and "OF THE FINAL PRE-CANVASS MEETING, BUT" in line 12

Amend Bill, page 22, line 13, by striking out "PROCESS" and inserting

meeting

Amend Bill, page 22, lines 29 and 30; page 23, lines 1 and 2; by striking out "NO PERSON" in line 29, all of line 30 on page 22 and all of lines 1 and 2 on page 23

Amend Bill, page 28, line 18, by striking out "COUNT" and inserting

county

Amend Bill, page 29, lines 7 through 9, by striking out "OR DURING" in line 7, all of line 8 and "IS EARLIER" in line 9

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris, on amendment 4879.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

And the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, on amendment 4879.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does reflect the unanimous vote by the majority party.

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Cook	Harris	Millard	Sims
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Daley	Hickernell	Mullery	Stephens
Davidson	Hohenstein	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Howard	Murt	Sturla
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mustello	Thomas
Dawkins	Irvin	Neilson	Tobash
Day	Isaacson	Nelson	Toepel
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Toohil
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Topper
Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Ullman
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DeLuca	Kaufer	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
Donatucci	Keller	Peifer	Wentling
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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

On the question,

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

The SPEAKER. So, members, we now call up SB 422, PN 1600. Please keep in mind that it is amended by the technical amendment, 4879.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

On that, I have Representative Garth Everett. Representative Garth Everett.

You are going to read a summary of what is included, what we are doing; yes, if you could. I think it is important. And then I will call upon Representative Boyle, and Representative Hohenstein, I think, wants to be recognized as well. Okay.

Representative Garth Everett, on SB 422.

Please proceed, sir.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SB 422, as amended yesterday unanimously in the House, changes the date of Pennsylvania's primary from April 28 to June 2, and it makes some other important changes in the Election Code to allow our county election officials to have latitude to conduct our primary despite the challenges they are facing from the COVID-19 outbreak. And so I think between moving the date back and expanding the ability of our county election officials to cope with this problem that we have done a lot of good, and I want to thank everybody for their cooperation.

There were quite a few people that worked on this from the Department of State, our staff, Senate staff, from CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania), and election officials, and I want to thank everybody for their cooperation, and I think we have done something very good here today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Everett, the chair of the State Government Committee.

And at this time Representative Boyle, on the bill, SB 422.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I support this bill and I appreciate working with Chairman Everett. While I do support this bill, I believe that it does not go far enough. Ideally, I think we should have included mail-in voting and allocation of funds for counties to send out applications for mail-in votes. Unfortunately, this bill does not have that component. I understand the support was not there in the Republican Caucus, but hopefully, we can move to address that in weeks to come.

And practically, this was legislation we needed to do as State lawmakers because we are dealing with a public health crisis. New York State is projected to reach their peak with this virus on May 1. Our primary until this point is April 28. I think we are probably, according to what researchers are saying, we are about a week or two behind where New York is; hopefully, it is not as bad here as it has been in New York. And then logistically, we have to pass this bill because I have been talking to election workers, I have been talking to Democratic party leaders in the city of Philadelphia and also Montgomery County, and they are finding it very difficult to get poll workers. So those local activists – and it is not just a Democratic issue or a Philadelphia issue. We need to give more time for local people to be able to get poll workers for now the June 2 election.

So I urge passage of this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hohenstein. Sir, you can state your remarks here now. It is perfectly okay.

Mr. HOHENSTEIN. I have submitted written remarks for the record, sir. Thank you.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the leadership of all four legislative caucuses and the administration for reaching agreement on actions needed for the preservation of one of the central threads of our social and political fabric – access to full, free, and fair elections. All of us in this chamber are only here by the grace and will of our neighbors and constituents, and the action we take today is a recognition that we take our service seriously. In short, we cannot use elections as a tool for dominion of one perspective over another. Rather, we should see elections, and the governance that follows, as our opportunity to serve the greater good, recognizing that not all will have the same definition of what is right or wrong, what is truth or lies. In that respect, I am grateful that we have recognized a common truth – the sanctity of the vote.

However, I must say that I believe we will soon be called to revisit these issues, because as well-intentioned as this agreement is, it does not go far enough to protect the rights of our friends and fellow citizens. The current crisis will only get worse, the cases of coronavirus will not peak for another month or more, and they will continue with us, unsolved and uncured, for many months or years after. It is not enough to move the April primary. We also have to recognize that the November election is impacted as well.

To be clear, I am not saying that this pandemic is going to wipe us all out. No, the real threat here is not the direct impact of the disease, but rather the toll and costs of containing it. We have spoken of flattening a curve in public health to contain the spread of illness. There is a second curve we also need to flatten: the economic and social impact of our solutions to the first crisis.

We are like the citizens of Hamelin who need to pay the piper. If you remember the Grimm's Fairy Tales of our childhood, the town Hamelin was infested by rats. The Pied Piper played his flute and lured the rats away from the town. The town then reneged on its promise to pay the piper for his work. In response to the refusal to pay, the piper lured away the town's children. I bring this up to make the point that our solution to the threat to our public health has created a second crisis: an economic downturn. We will need to pay the piper if we are to keep the tapestry of our society intact. We cannot renege on our obligations to keep the wheels of our governmental and social systems moving.

As I have said, one essential thread to the tapestry of our government is our election system, our mechanism to ensure that we remain a country governed by the will of the people. I believe the future of in-person voting is in doubt. In November, we will not have any way of sanitizing the voting machines, no way of enticing an aging volunteer force of election workers to stay at their posts, and no way of effectively protecting the public health. Let us be clear, with the paltry sums we pay, election workers are effectively volunteers.

To that end, I am asking you, Mr. Speaker, the leaders of both House caucuses, the Senate leadership, and the Governor to continue discussions and come to agreement to preserve the integrity of the November elections – just as you have stepped into the gap to protect the primary. In my humble opinion, a proper solution to preserve the right to vote has to include the following elements currently missing in the Election Code:

A mechanism for a mail-in voter to confirm that their vote has been received and counted. One way to do this is to establish that a timely postmark before a deadline will provide for a valid vote. Another system is to provide a mailed receipt or an online verification mechanism for a voter to confirm their vote has been received;

Vote by mail will only be truly and universally accessible if the postage is prepaid. Making a voter pay – even for postage – for the right to vote will only suppress, not enhance, the right to vote;

Setting forth a signature match procedure with proper checks and balances. One system would require three people to void a ballot because the signature does not match what is on file. I can speak from experience

that my own signature in the voting books at my polling place does not match my current signature. Non-matching signatures should be carefully vetted and every opportunity provided for adequate verification, and we should err on the side of allowing a voter's intention to be given full effect.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I applaud the compromise we have reached today, because it shows that government can function when we work together. I urge all my colleagues to continue our vigilance to preserve the will of the people in this time of great stress. I, for one, declare my optimism that we can craft solutions to this, and all of the other problems we face in this crisis, by working together and recognizing that we are to serve the greater good.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So they are submitted for the record. Thank you.

Representative Chris Sainato.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support this very important piece of legislation. I commend the two chairmen of the State Government Committee in moving the election to June 2. I think we are in a very difficult time right now with what is happening throughout the nation and what is happening in Pennsylvania. As the chairman stated, it is so critical that we protect the integrity of our election in this State, and especially the health and welfare of the many people that work on the election boards. I know in my area, many of them are senior citizens. They have worked on these boards for 20, 30, 40, 50 years, and it is so critical that their health is protected, and I think what this bill does by giving us this extra time, it will hopefully achieve that goal, and let us hope we can have this health crisis behind us by June 2.

And it is such an important thing, and when you talk about elections and the integrity, I think Pennsylvania has come so far with the efforts we made last year in changing the Election Code with the no-fault absentee ballots. And who would have thought last year when we passed that historic piece of legislation that this year that could become so critical in this election cycle. And I think what we are having to see, Mr. Speaker – and I would encourage many residents in Pennsylvania to go that route. It would alleviate some of the problems on election day, and it would also help by doing the absentee ballots. And I think that is something we have to really look at right now and say, hey, you can do it. You can do it from the privacy of your home. Apply for an absentee ballot, and then we would have less problems, I think, on election day, on June 2.

We do not know what is going to be happening over the next 6 or 7 weeks, and I think we all hope and pray that it is going to be good, but we need to be prepared, and I think the efforts being made today here in the House of Representatives is something that is going to have long-term consequences. So I commend the makers and I would encourage everyone to support this piece of legislation.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Sainato.

Does any other member wish to speak on the bill before I call the chair of the State Government Committee?

Representative Garth Everett, on SB 422.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And as the previous speaker pointed out, all voters in Pennsylvania have the option of mailing in, and I do not think that we should have made it mandatory. I think that voters should have the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote in the way that they want to and that it would exceed our authority to require them to have to vote in a certain manner. I think we have done some real good here with allowing our county election

officials to have an opportunity to process those mail-in ballots, and I think there will be quite a few of them. And I agree with the previous speaker that, particularly for those that are in vulnerable conditions and do not want to be out and about right now, that they should exercise that right to use their mail-in ballot that we have given them.

And again I want to thank everybody for their cooperation on getting this done and over to the Senate and off to the Governor this week, and we can then move on to the other pressing issues we have facing us.

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

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, the electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. And that is with respect to SB 422. And at this time the Chair calls upon the majority Republican whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, on SB 422.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does reflect the majority party's vote as being unanimous.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Benninghoff, the Republican whip.

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Everett	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Farry	Ravenstahl	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fee	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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 **HB 1564, PN 3497**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, further providing for heading of chapter, for short title of chapter, for definitions, for applicability and for form of unsworn declaration; in general provisions, emergency seat of government, providing for other emergencies and further providing for applicability of subchapter; in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for subjects of local taxation and for assessment of mobile homes and house trailers; and, in Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for authority to perform notarial act, providing for notarial act performed by remotely located individual and further providing for notification regarding performance of notarial act on electronic record and selection of technology.

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 Emrick, do you wish to be recognized on the bill, sir?

Mr. EMRICK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to say thank you to the leader, the leader's office for calling this bill up. This bill is going to help tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians and it is critically important that we move this forward. So I just wanted to show my appreciation and ask for full support of HB 1564.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Greg Rothman, on HB 1564, PN 3497.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to point out that, thanks to the good gentleman from Perry County, there is an amendment in this bill that allows for electronic notarization, and this will help our businesses that are out there right now in this crisis that are trying to stay in business and do business and provide the services they do, also while at the same time following the protocols to protect their customers, clients, and employees.

So I want to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill and point out that the amendment that we passed yesterday is part of this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the Democratic whip with respect to HB 1564. Representative Jordan Harris, please.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Kerry Benninghoff, our majority Republican whip, on HB 1564.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do want to let you know that the board does reflect the vote unanimously of the majority party. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Barrar	Fiedler	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Flynn	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Frankel	Longietti	Roebuck
Boback	Freeman	Mackenzie	Rothman
Borowicz	Fritz	Madden	Rowe
Boyle	Gabler	Malagari	Rozzi
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Brooks	Gaydos	Marshall	Samuelson
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Bullock	Gillespie	Matzie	Sanchez

Burgos	Gleim	McCarter	Sappey
Burns	Goodman	McClinton	Saylor
Caltagirone	Green	McNeill	Schemel
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Causar	Greiner	Mentzer	Schmitt
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Conklin	Harkins	Mihalek	Simmons
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Cruz	Helm	Miller, D.	Solomon
Culver	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Sonney
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Everett	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Farry	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fee	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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.

The SPEAKER. At this time we are going to still have an Appropriations Committee meeting and a Rules Committee meeting, I believe, and then we have one rule first that we have got to run. So I am going to run the House resolution.

Members, please turn to supplemental D. Please turn to supplemental D House calendar, HR 2, PN 3502, sponsored by Representative Cutler, our majority leader and the chair of the House Rules Committee. This was passed out of the House Rules Committee, and it originated there as well. We are now going to take up HR 2, PN 3502.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D

RESOLUTION

Mr. CUTLER called up **HR 2, PN 3502**, entitled:

A Resolution amending a temporary Rule of the House of Representatives, adopted March 16, 2020, relating to mass communication; and adopting a temporary Rule of the House of Representatives relating to members' and employees' expenses.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority leader, Representative Cutler, on HR 2.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, very briefly, for the benefit of the members, this rule would amend our temporary rule regarding the COVID-19 declaration. It would allow for mass communication, specifically excluding newsletters, during what would have otherwise been the blackout period, so long as it is limited to information directing constituents to public and private resources and services available to mitigate the impact of the State of disaster of emergency that was previously declared on March 6, 2020.

In regards to the members' expenses, recognizing that since many members' staff is working remotely and may not all have access to the secure system, it would open the window from January 1, 2020, until 180 days after the disaster ends so that expenses can be filed consistent with both our House rules as well as the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) regulations. I would urge all the members' support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Leader.

The Democratic leader, Representative Frank Dermody, is recognized.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also urge the members to support HR 2.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On HR 2 the Speaker calls upon the Democratic whip, Representative Jordan Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Chair calls upon the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, on HR 2.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The board does reflect the unanimous vote by the majority party. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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

The SPEAKER. I think we are going to break for caucus, for the majority caucus; and for the minority caucus, I believe you will be virtual.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. So I am going to call on Leader Dermody with respect to the Democratic caucus; sir.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to inform the caucus, there is no need for a Democratic caucus. The Democrats will not be meeting.

The SPEAKER. Okay.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus immediately at the break. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as the caucus chair indicated, the Republicans will caucus for HB 1232 and HB 68, which are back from the Senate on concurrence. Waiting to see the results of our caucus, I will tentatively call a Rules Committee meeting in the majority caucus room in approximately 1 hour. So 1 hour from when we break, we will do the Rules meeting. So that will be 4:30, and if we need to extend it, I will return to the floor and we can do so; however, I think we can be done in approximately 1 hour.

For the benefit of the members, by our clock, in terms of our internal rules and the 3-hour window, we could not vote the bill any sooner than 5:30, absent an agreement to proceed, according to our rules. So we will also be discussing that when we break as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

SENATE MESSAGE**AMENDED HOUSE BILLS RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 68, PN 3499, and HB 1232, PN 3500**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. At this time we are going to stand in recess until 4:45, p.m.; 4:45 p.m. Oh, no. So 4:45 p.m. we will return to the floor, and as the leader has indicated, the Rules Committee is scheduled to meet at 4:30 p.m. Now, that could be extended by the leader and we will make that announcement, but at this time we will return to the floor at 4:45 p.m. Thank you.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 422, PN 1608, and SB 751, PN 1599**.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 422, PN 1608

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards; in ballots, further providing for forms of ballots, printing ballots, numbers; in electronic voting systems, further providing for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters, challenges and for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee and mail-in electors files and lists, for official absentee voters ballots, for envelopes for official absentee ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to absentee voting; in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for qualified mail-in electors, for applications for official mail-in ballots, for approval of application for mail-in ballot, for official mail-in elector ballots, for envelopes for official mail-in ballots, for voting by mail-in electors and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to mail-in voting; providing for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board; in penalties, further providing for violations of provisions relating to absentee electors ballots; providing for emergency provisions for 2020 general primary election; and making a related repeal.

SB 751, PN 1599

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for pandemic of 2020.

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

**BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 68, PN 3499

By Rep. CUTLER

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 administration of act, providing for unemployment compensation benefit notification by employers, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for relief from charges; and providing for emergency provisions related to COVID-19.

RULES.

HB 1232, PN 3500

By Rep. CUTLER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for emergency finance and tax provisions; in additional special funds, providing for COVID-19 response transfers and for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. Members, we have two bills on concurrence in Senate amendments. These bills, given our 24-hour notice, cannot be voted on until 5:31 p.m. Of course, we can always entertain a motion to suspend the 24-hour notice. It would only be about – it is actually 19 minutes; our clock in the back is a little fast. And at this time if anybody wants to make a motion with respect to a motion to suspend with respect to HB 68 or HB 1232, please, we will entertain such motion.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDERATION
UNDER RULE 21**

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority leader at this time. Representative Bryan Cutler, for a motion.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we wish to make a motion to proceed on HB 1232 and HB 68, which were recently moved out of the Rules Committee for the purposes of initiating debate and a vote should we end debate prior to the posted time of 17:30, or 5:30 p.m. this afternoon, which is 15 minutes from now.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Dermody, the Democratic leader, on the motion, sir.

Mr. DERMODY. I urge the members to support the motion to proceed.

The SPEAKER. It is actually, the leader has filed a motion to proceed, so we are going to proceed. It will allow us to vote on HB 68 and HB 1232.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the minority whip for the motion to proceed.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The majority whip, on the motion to proceed.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board expresses the votes for the majority party as they wish. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

Barrar	Fee	Kulik	Rigby
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lawrence	Roae
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lee	Roebuck
Bizzarro	Flynn	Lewis	Rothman
Boback	Frankel	Longietti	Rowe
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Evans	Kortz	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Everett	Kosierowski	Readshaw	Speaker
Farry	Krueger	Reese	

NAYS—5

Freeman	Miller, B.	Mullery	Samuelson
Metzgar			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 68, PN 3499**, 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 administration of act, providing for unemployment compensation benefit notification by employers, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for relief from charges; and providing for emergency provisions related to COVID-19.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative Frank Ryan.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Senate and House leadership have worked very diligently and have been in close contact with us over the past week to make this amendment, and here is what the amendment does. It makes changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law in response to the COVID-19 emergency. It requires that employers provide a notice about the availability of unemployment compensation programs to employees at the time of their separation. It requires this notice is a stipulation of Federal law – and this is the reason why this is done – to receive assistance for our State unemployment compensation program.

Additionally, it enacts emergency provisions of COVID-19, which expire on January 1, 2021. It does waive the waiting week requirement and job search registration requirements for all claimants for the duration of the disaster emergency. It provides relief from charges for contributory employers – those who paid the unemployment compensation taxes – and reimbursable employers, not-for-profits, and public employees who elected to pay a solvency fee to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. It does provide relief for benefit charges to those employers for weeks of unemployment during the duration of the disaster for which COVID-19-related, other types of unemployment compensation costs were charged, and that will be provided automatically. It provides for a much more lenient repayment term for reimbursable employers who did not pay the solvency fee; it is 120 days to repay the benefits, which is up from the 90 days in the current law. And Labor and Industry can grant an additional 60 days upon a financial hardship request from the employer. Labor and Industry must also and is able to provide interest-free loan repayment plans for financial hardship, and then there is no interest on late payments will accrue or be charged until January 1, 2021. It authorizes the Secretary to enact

emergency regulations necessary to comply with requirements for any Federal assistance for administrative costs, extended benefits, disaster, unemployment or any other unemployment assistance. Emergency regulations will expire 120 days after the Federal emergency provisions expire. It clarifies that the Federal assistance must be used prior to any State funds being made available for the unemployment compensation system. And then finally, it requires monthly reports to the General Assembly on unemployment compensation activity and any statutory changes that may be required to comply with ever-changing Federal law.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a unanimous vote, for a favorable vote on this Senate concurrence.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized?

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

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Democratic whip is recognized on HB 68, concurrence vote.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is correct.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The majority whip, on HB 68 concurrence.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The electronic board does reflect the unanimous vote by the members of the majority party. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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Farry	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fee	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Mako Pyle

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to the following **HB 1232, PN 3500**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for emergency finance and tax provisions; in additional special funds, providing for COVID-19 response transfers and for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

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

The SPEAKER. We have in front of us Representative George Dunbar, the prime sponsor of the bill, to talk about the amendments inserted by the Senate and the underlying bill.

Representative Dunbar.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To deal with some of the challenges we are now facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate has amended HB 1232 with a few amendments. First off, it provides temporary authorization to the Department of Revenue to deal with State tax issues like filing and payment deadlines. It also allows temporary authorization to DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) as it relates to local taxation issues and to help them deal with local governing bodies in the political subdivisions for helping them provide provisions, ordinances, and resolutions to deal with the same tax filings and deadlines.

It also extends temporary regulations published under Act 16 of 2016, otherwise known as the Medical Marijuana Act, until November 2021. And lastly, it provides the Secretary of the Budget, that they may transfer the sum of \$50 million from special funds under the Governor's jurisdiction to a restricted account, and these funds are to be utilized to acquire medical equipment and supplies for health-care entities to meet urgent patient and staff needs to address surge demand. The health-care entities shall include, but are not limited to, hospitals and nursing facilities, as well as emergency medical services.

Like I said, this is a challenging time we are in, and I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Does anybody else wish to be recognized?

Moved by the gentleman, Representative George Dunbar, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

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

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. So on HB 1232 concurrence, the Chair calls upon Representative Jordan Harris, the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Chair now calls upon the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board does reflect the unanimous vote by the majority party. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

Cruz	Helm	Miller, D.	Solomon
Culver	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cutler	Hershey	Moul	Staats
Daley	Hickernell	Mullery	Stephens
Davidson	Hohenstein	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Howard	Murt	Sturla
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mustello	Thomas
Dawkins	Irvin	Neilson	Tobash
Day	Isaacson	Nelson	Toepel
Deasy	James	O'Mara	Toohil
DeLissio	Jones	O'Neal	Topper
Delloso	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Ullman
Delozier	Kail	Ortitay	Vitali
DeLuca	Kaufar	Otten	Warner
Dermody	Kauffman	Owlett	Warren
Diamond	Keefer	Pashinski	Webster
Donatucci	Keller	Peifer	Wentling
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock	White
Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	Williams
Ecker	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Emrick	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Evans	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Everett	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Farry	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fee	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT BY MINORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER. Representative Jordan Harris, the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before we leave the chamber for the evening, I just wanted to take a moment and say that we are in unprecedented times in our Commonwealth and in our country and across this world, but this week has shown how our Commonwealth can come together and put people first and do what is necessary to provide relief to our Commonwealth and all of its citizens. I wanted to take a moment just to thank all of our staff on both sides of the aisle for sacrificing and being here in Harrisburg, thank all our members for their collective work in taking up the responsibility of representing each and every one of our constituents.

So I just wanted to take this opportune time to say, even in the middle of a crisis, thank you to all of those who dedicate themselves. Thank you to our first responders. And we will get through this together.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. Bryan Cutler, the majority leader.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to echo the comments of my colleague. I want to thank all the members, both those who were here physically as well as those voting remotely for the first time in the history of our Commonwealth. I want to thank, most importantly, our staff, because many of our staff, since we initiated the continuing operation plan nearly 3 weeks ago, have been here each and every day putting this in place so that we can continue to be one of only a handful of functioning legislative bodies currently in the country. Additionally, we have received requests regarding our rule, because other legislative bodies wish to emulate it, and I think that that is probably the issue that really is, quite frankly, the highest praise for us as a body: finding a way to continue to function in these troubling times. We have delivered on a whole series of bills, from election reform to education reform – continuing to educate the young students who are currently at home – unemployment reform, and resources for our frontline health-care workers, those individuals who are selflessly giving of themselves to protect all of us.

But most importantly, Mr. Speaker, in times that are troubling, when you look back through our history, oftentimes when trials come up, it brings out the worst in some people. But I am proud to have said, as we gathered here today and throughout this week, it has brought out the best. I think that is the one thing that speaks to our democracy and the value of our Republic, because we have been able to continue to meet the needs of our constituents even in an uncertain time. That, Mr. Speaker, I believe delivers hope to everyone that we will continue to meet their needs, we will continue to work on their issues, but most importantly, Mr. Speaker, we will continue to work together. Thank you for your help this week.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Thank you to everybody. To each and every one of you, there was some criticism – not a lot – but there was some criticism when we came into session on Monday, March 16, where we in fact took the vote on the temporary rule to allow for remote voting for our members that could not get here or had to be at home back in their districts. The fact of the matter is, I think the work that we have done this week proves that that decision was in fact the correct decision, and each and every one of you, as legislators here or in your Capitol office or in your district office, are performing your duties as elected officials, as part of democracy. Thank you to each and every one of you and to the staffs on both sides of the aisle.

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 68, PN 3499

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 administration of act, providing for unemployment compensation benefit

notification by employers, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for relief from charges; and providing for emergency provisions related to COVID-19.

HB 1232, PN 3500

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for emergency finance and tax provisions; in additional special funds, providing for COVID-19 response transfers and for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Members, there is going to be a House Republican caucus immediately after this session.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Also, we are going to go on a 12-hour call of the Chair. We are going to be on a 12-hour call of the Chair. We are going to leave the desk open. We are on a 12-hour call of the Chair. We are presently to be back on April 6 at 1 p.m.; Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m., but we are at the call of the Chair. So we could be called back to vote next week. So please pay attention. The announcement will come from both the Speaker's Office and from the Chief Clerk's Office.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

HB 885;
HB 896;
HB 1189;
HB 1822;
HB 2009; and
SB 352.

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 327 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 REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2120 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2120 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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1555, PN 3006**, entitled:

Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for order of probation and for modification or revocation of order of probation; in other criminal provisions, further providing for definitions and for supervisory relationship to offenders; and, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for supervisory relationship to offenders.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1555 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 1555 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2040, PN 2867**, entitled:

An Act providing for the PA Second Chance Jobs website and for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2040 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 2040 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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1106, PN 1599**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for environmental permits and plan approvals; making related repeals; and abrogating regulations.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1106 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 1106 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. CUTLER called up **HR 206, PN 1938**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a Convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 206 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 206 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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Mr. CUTLER called up **HR 607, PN 2841**, entitled:

A Resolution designating December 1, 2019, as "Penske Truck Leasing Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 607 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 607 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER. So we are on a 12-hour call of the Chair. Please pay attention to your e-mails. The notices would come from the Speaker's Office and from the Chief Clerk's Office. We are scheduled to return on April 6, Monday, at 1 p.m. We will be swearing in three new members on that date. Thank you. We are in recess.

The House Republican caucus is going to take place at this time. It will not be long, but we are going to have a short House Republican caucus.