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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. MIKE TURZAI, Speaker of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

In a book of prayers, I was able to identify one called a Nurse's Prayer, and given that so many of our good nurses – my sister included – amongst those all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am sure many of you know and some of you are nurses, and our hearts go out to them and to all the medical health professionals on the front line. This is called the Nurse's Prayer. It is adapted from a prayer by Marjorie Gray.

Dear Lord, may we who are preparing to be nurses work with devotion. May we touch with gentleness; may we speak with tenderness; may we listen with our eyes as well as our ears. May we smile from the heart; may we understand with deep feeling; may we know the time to be quiet, the time to laugh, the time to sympathize, the time to encourage. And above all, may we know that the time to love is now.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

I am sure that speaks to us as legislators as well, but God bless each and every one of those in the health-care professions who are helping those with COVID and also with the other ailments that afflict our humanly bodies.

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 Monday, April 27, 2020, will be postponed until printed.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairman Sonney is recognized for a committee announcement.

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The House Education Committee will hold a voting meeting tomorrow morning, 205 Ryan. We will be considering HBs 703, 2171, 2172, 2173, and SB 836. Again, Mr. Speaker, that is House Education Committee, tomorrow morning, 205 Ryan, at 10 a.m. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Education Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 10 in 205 Ryan.

Any other committee announcements?

Transportation? Does the Transportation Committee have a committee announcement?

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. And Chairman Saylor, Stan Saylor, our Appropriations chair, the majority Appropriations chair, for an Appropriations Committee announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room. Again, the Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room, Mr. Speaker.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority caucus chair, Representative Marcy Toepel, the majority caucus chair, for a caucus announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus virtually at 12 o'clock. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 1 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. And the Democratic leader, for a Democratic caucus announcement.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will also caucus at noon, caucus at noon.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. And the chair of the Transportation Committee, for a committee announcement.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a House Transportation Committee meeting some time later this afternoon depending on how session goes. It will be held at the call of the Chair in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building, and it deals with three transportation-related bills.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Transportation Committee will meet at the call of the Chair in G-50 Irvis Office Building.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MRS. TOEPEL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is going to call upon again the majority caucus chair. Please proceed.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to amend my announcement. Republicans will still caucus at noon. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 1:30. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Okay. So we will be returning to the House floor at 1:30 p.m., returning to the floor at 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 2 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 2392, PN 3644 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Independent Fiscal Office, further providing for definitions and for duties of office.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2412, PN 3643 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2413, PN 3646 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in additional special funds and restricted accounts, providing for COVID-19 response transfers for assistance to the Commonwealth's volunteer service organizations; and making an appropriation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2415, PN 3578 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 emergency statutory and regulatory suspensions and waivers reporting requirements.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2416, PN 3579 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for emergency regulatory tolling and extensions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2418, PN 3580 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 debt cost reduction review.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2419, PN 3645 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force; and making an appropriation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. There are no requests for leaves of absence from either the majority or the minority party.

In addition, only Representative Zach MAKO is on leave and that is for military leave serving our country with the Army National Guard.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. So we are going to proceed to take the roll call. Members, proceed to vote.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. And the majority whip, please. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The board is accurate for the majority party's vote.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—202

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roebuck
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Rothman
Bonner	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rozzi
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	Green	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gregory	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causar	Greiner	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hahn	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harkins	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
Davanzo	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davidson	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Davis, T.	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Isaacson	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Day	James	O'Neal	Toohil
Deasy	Jones	Oberlander	Topper
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Ullman
Deloso	Kail	Otten	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufer	Owlett	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keefer	Peifer	Webster
Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Everett	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Mako

The SPEAKER. We have 202 members voting on the master roll. We have a quorum.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2434 By Representatives THOMAS, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, READSHAW, SCHWEYER and TOMLINSON

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for on-exchange insurers.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 28, 2020.

No. 2453 By Representatives ULLMAN, STAATS, DONATUCCI, MALAGARI, READSHAW, OTTEN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, O'MARA, CIRESI, SCHWEYER, YOUNGBLOOD, SHUSTERMAN, KOSIEROWSKI, ISAACSON, RABB, PASHINSKI, DELLOSO, HARRIS, SCHLEGEL CULVER, NEILSON, KORTZ, T. DAVIS, HOHENSTEIN, DALEY, THOMAS, GREEN, BROOKS, STEPHENS, HOWARD, GOODMAN, GALLOWAY, MURT and FRANKEL

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, further providing for the offense of invasion of privacy.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 28, 2020.

No. 2456 By Representatives QUINN, YOUNGBLOOD, BROWN and DONATUCCI

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 28, 2020.

No. 2457 By Representatives KULIK, MARKOSEK, SAINATO, O'MARA, GAYDOS, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, STEPHENS, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, READSHAW, ROZZI, MARSHALL, MADDEN and MERSKI

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for small retail business operation during COVID-19 disaster emergency.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 28, 2020.

No. 2458 By Representatives BARRAR, ECKER, MILLARD, MURT, READSHAW, ZIMMERMAN and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in constables, further providing for definitions and for restricted account; and making an editorial change.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 28, 2020.

No. 2459 By Representatives MIZGORSKI, BERNSTINE, CAUSER, SCHLEGEL CULVER, ECKER, JAMES, JONES, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, MIHALEK, MILLARD, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SCHMITT, SIMMONS, TURZAI, KLUNK, KNOWLES, KEEFER, ROAE, GROVE and READSHAW

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 28, 2020.

No. 2460 By Representative STEPHENS

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for interim assessment, duplicate and warrant, for discounts, penalties and notice, and for collectors required to be in attendance.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 28, 2020.

COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program 2018-19 Annual Report from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2392, PN 3644**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Independent Fiscal Office, further providing for definitions and for duties of office.

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 Barb Gleim. And, Representative, you do not have to submit. We have plenty of time. State your remarks for the record; state them for the body here.

Mrs. GLEIM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking you to support HB 2392. Prior to November 15 of every year, the IFO (Independent Fiscal Office) provides an invaluable report to us on the Commonwealth's current fiscal condition. The report provides a best-case scenario. While this in-depth look at demographic, economic, revenue, and expenditure trends is very useful, we would like to add provisions for risk analysis and policy recommendations. I think we can all agree that we are not encountering the best-case scenario financially right now in Pennsylvania.

My esteemed colleague, Rep. Ryan, and I met with the Director of the IFO and members of the House Finance Committee and they agreed that they could provide critical risk factors in their assessment. For example, the dynamic scoring included in the report is a tool; however, it does not tell us revenue implications if certain debt obligations are not met, and if included, these risk factors could allow the legislature to take necessary precautions to ensure future prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request a "yes" vote on this bill.

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. Majority Whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does reflect the majority vote.

The SPEAKER. Minority Whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roebuck
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Rothman
Bonner	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rozzi
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	Green	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gregory	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causer	Greiner	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hahn	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harkins	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
Davanzo	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davidson	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
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Dawkins	Isaacson	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Day	James	O'Neal	Toohil
Deasy	Jones	Oberlander	Topper
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Ullman
Delloso	Kail	Otten	Vitali

Delozier	Kaufer	Owlett	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keefer	Peifer	Webster
Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Everett	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2413, PN 3646**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in additional special funds and restricted accounts, providing for COVID-19 response transfers for assistance to the Commonwealth's volunteer service organizations; and making an appropriation.

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 Dush, on final passage.
Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I greatly appreciate the vote yesterday on the bill. And just to let you be aware and our volunteer fire companies and all the fire companies be aware that as soon as the language is coming from the Federal government on how we are to disburse the money for the emergency funds, I am going to look to divert that \$30 million back into the VLAP program (Volunteer Loan Assistance Program) so that our volunteer fire companies and our fire companies that need those loans are going to be able to have them. I will look forward to that cosponsorship memo. But thank you. I am looking forward to an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sainato.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I spoke on this yesterday, and I think it is so appropriate. I would like to first commend the maker of this legislation for his efforts and also the woman legislator from Greene County for her amendment yesterday. I think it showed our whole commitment to our first responders and our volunteer fire companies.

I know with our Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, we are so committed to these organizations, and we are going to go forward and I think today it is very important with this legislation passing and we have to make sure this becomes law, because as I said yesterday, our fire companies, first responders, they have been hit very hard by the coronavirus and the money that they have lost through their fundraising efforts in communities throughout the State of Pennsylvania has been devastating for them. And I have talked to some of my chiefs before this even came up, and they explained, you know, what is happening in their budgets.

So this is very, very important what we are doing here today, and I do want to thank – showing that we can work together on something so vital as our Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness does. We have the most bipartisan committee here, I believe, in the House with my colleague from Delaware County, and I just want to express my thanks to everybody for that amendment yesterday so we can get this process moving.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Warner.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Last fall the House approved a series of bills to help address some of the challenges facing our fire and ambulance companies. Those challenges included volunteerism, access to training, and, of course, finances – and that was before COVID-19. Our fire and ambulance companies, most of them staffed entirely by volunteers, are a resourceful group, and they do a ton of fundraising to keep their doors open and to continue serving our communities. But many of their fundraisers – dinners, bingos, and such – cannot be done right now because of the stay-at-home orders, social distancing, and other efforts to slow the spread of the virus. However, virus or no virus, these dedicated volunteers are still responding to calls for help. And now it is our turn to respond to their call and provide them with the additional funding they need to continue serving our communities.

I encourage a "yes" vote on HB 2413.

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. And the majority whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does accurately reflect the vote of the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roebuck
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Rothman
Bonner	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rozzi
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	Green	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gregory	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causar	Greiner	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hahn	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harkins	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
Davanzo	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davidson	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Davis, T.	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Isaacson	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Day	James	O'Neal	Toohil
Deasy	Jones	Oberlander	Topper
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Ullman
Deloso	Kail	Otten	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufer	Owlett	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keefer	Peifer	Webster
Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Everett	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Mako

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 2418, PN 3580**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 debt cost reduction review.

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 Tim O'Neal.
Mr. O'NEAL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 2418 would require the Pennsylvania Treasury to identify and review all outstanding Commonwealth debt obligations, including those held by authorities, commissions, agencies, boards, and other State-authorized entities. The review would be in conjunction with the Secretary of the Budget, Auditor General, and the chairperson of any State entity with the power to issue debt. A report on the findings would be given to the General Assembly by June 30. In addition, the report would identify options for refinancing of all outstanding debt obligations in order to reduce costs to the Commonwealth.

As we all know, the nation's and State's economy has taken a blow due to the coronavirus pandemic, and as we work to complete a State budget by June 30, we must explore all avenues to cut costs in order to balance the budget. One possible way is to refinance debt. My legislation will give us a better understanding of what debt the Commonwealth holds and where savings can be realized. I ask for your support.

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. The majority whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am operating from a remote location on the floor, but the electronic voting board does reflect the vote of the majority party.
Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.
And the minority whip.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—131

Barrar	Gillen	Markosek	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Marshall	Rothman
Bernstine	Gleim	Masser	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gregory	Mehaffie	Ryan
Boback	Greiner	Mentzer	Sainato
Bonner	Grove	Metcalfe	Sankey
Borowicz	Hahn	Metzgar	Saylor
Brooks	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Schemel
Brown	Heffley	Millard	Schmitt
Burns	Helm	Miller, B.	Schroeder
Caltagirone	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Shusterman
Carroll	Hershey	Moul	Simmons
Causar	Hickernell	Mullery	Snyder
Conklin	Irvin	Murt	Sonney
Cook	James	Mustello	Staats
Cox	Jones	Nelson	Stephens
Culver	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Struzzi
Cutler	Kail	O'Neal	Thomas
Davanzo	Kaufar	Oberlander	Tobash
Day	Kauffman	Ortitay	Toepel
Delloso	Keefer	Owlett	Tomlinson
Delozier	Keller	Peifer	Toohil
Diamond	Klunk	Petrarca	Topper
Dowling	Knowles	Pickett	Ullman
Dunbar	Kortz	Polinchock	Vitali
Dush	Kosierowski	Puskaric	Warner
Ecker	Kulik	Pyle	Wentling
Emrick	Lawrence	Quinn	Wheeland
Everett	Lewis	Rader	White
Farry	Longietti	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fee	Mackenzie	Readshaw	
Fritz	Malagari	Reese	Turzai,
Gabler	Maloney	Rigby	Speaker
Gaydos			

NAYS—71

Boyle	Donatucci	Kenyatta	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Driscoll	Kim	Roebuck
Briggs	Evans	Kinsey	Rozzi
Bullock	Fiedler	Kirkland	Samuelson
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Krueger	Sanchez
Cephas	Flynn	Lee	Sappay
Ciresi	Frankel	Madden	Schlossberg
Comitta	Freeman	Matzie	Schweyer
Cruz	Gainey	McCarter	Sims
Daley	Galloway	McClinton	Solomon
Davidson	Goodman	McNeill	Sturla
Davis, A.	Green	Merski	Warren
Davis, T.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Webster
Dawkins	Harris	Mullins	Wheatley
Deasy	Hohenstein	Neilson	Williams
DeLissio	Howard	Otten	Youngblood
DeLuca	Innamorato	Pashinski	Zabel
Dermody	Isaacson	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Mako

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 2415, PN 3578**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 emergency statutory and regulatory suspensions and waivers reporting requirements.

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?

On the bill, Representative Andrew Lewis.

Mr. LEWIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in support of this important legislation. This bill will require when the Governor modifies, changes, or suspends or issues a waiver for a statute or regulation under this emergency declaration, to notify the majority and minority leadership in both chambers of the legislature. This is about transparency. It is about accountability. It is about ensuring that what the executive branch does, the legislature understands that and has some oversight so the people's voices can be heard inside this Capitol.

I ask you today to support this important legislation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. This legislation is a solution in search of a problem. Throughout this pandemic the Wolf administration has been remarkably transparent about regulations, about waivers, and all changes to statutes have been accompanied by a press release. And then furthermore, every change has also been published in the PA Bulletin. I do not think it is an undue burden upon the majority party to monitor their e-mail or press releases or to read the PA Bulletin. So I urge a "no" vote on HB 2415. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Andrew Lewis, for the second time.

Mr. LEWIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

While I admire the well-intentioned attempt of the good chairman, I would note that there has been zero transparency with respect to the waivers; ask any small business across Pennsylvania. I ask for support on this important bill. Thank you.

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. Majority Whip. Where would he be? He has been covering the floor, I know, here. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Reporting from the other side of the chamber, the board does reflect the vote of the majority party. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Minority Whip. Oh, take your time.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is correct.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Harris.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—128

Barrar	Gaydos	Markosek	Rigby
Benninghoff	Gillen	Marshall	Roae
Bernstine	Gillespie	Masser	Rothman
Bizzarro	Gleim	Mehaffie	Rowe
Boback	Gregory	Mentzer	Ryan
Bonner	Greiner	Metcalfe	Sankey
Borowicz	Grove	Metzgar	Sappey
Brooks	Hahn	Mihalek	Saylor
Brown	Hanbidge	Millard	Schemel
Burns	Heffley	Miller, B.	Schmitt
Carroll	Helm	Mizgorski	Schroeder
Causser	Hennessey	Moul	Shusterman
Ciresi	Hershey	Mullery	Simmons
Conklin	Hickernell	Murt	Snyder
Cook	Irvin	Mustello	Sonney
Cox	James	Nelson	Staats
Culver	Jones	O'Mara	Stephens
Cutler	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Struzzi
Davanzo	Kail	Oberlander	Thomas
Day	Kaufner	Ortitay	Tobash
Deloso	Kauffman	Owlett	Toepel
Delozier	Keefer	Peifer	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Toohil
Dowling	Klunk	Pickett	Topper
Dunbar	Knowles	Polinchock	Warner
Dush	Kortz	Puskaric	Wentling
Ecker	Kosierowski	Pyle	Wheeland
Emrick	Kulik	Quinn	White
Everett	Lawrence	Rader	Zimmerman
Farry	Lewis	Rapp	
Fee	Mackenzie	Readshaw	Turzai,
Fritz	Malagari	Reese	Speaker
Gabler	Maloney		

NAYS—74

Boyle	Driscoll	Kinsey	Roebuck
Bradford	Evans	Kirkland	Rozzi
Briggs	Fiedler	Krueger	Sainato
Bullock	Fitzgerald	Lee	Samuelson
Burgos	Flynn	Longietti	Sanchez
Caltagirone	Frankel	Madden	Schlossberg
Cephas	Freeman	Matzie	Schweyer
Comitta	Gainey	McCarter	Sims
Cruz	Galloway	McClinton	Solomon
Daley	Goodman	McNeill	Sturla
Davidson	Green	Merski	Ullman
Davis, A.	Harkins	Miller, D.	Vitali
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2419, PN 3645**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force; and making an appropriation.

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 is going to begin with the prime sponsor, Representative Seth Grove. Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 2419 simply establishes a bipartisan task force to review the COVID-19 response so we have a full gauge of its impact economically and onto our constituents. It allows those members to talk to experts, whether they are coroners, doctors, nurses within our very hard-hit nursing homes; discuss the matter with other States, other Governors, other legislatures to see how their response went; look at data and statistics to see how other States coped with their strategies on mitigation and reopening, Mr. Speaker.

It is a commonsense approach to review what has happened, what we are doing, and where we are going to go. Unfortunately, this is a virus. Viruses just do not disappear, Mr. Speaker. Particularly with COVID-19, we may see a resurgence, it come back in the fall. How do we deal with that in the fall over a longer period of time, Mr. Speaker?

These are the types of answers and solutions we need to move forward with on a bipartisan basis, Mr. Speaker. I hope this chamber can come together and pass a bipartisan task force to review the COVID-19 response here in the Commonwealth to get best solutions to ensure our citizens are safe and our livelihoods are protected, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge a "yes" vote on this bill.

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle, on the bill.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The PA Constitution, like the U.S. Constitution, establishes three branches of government: the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. All are supposed to be independent and also coequal. This task force, however, gives 16 appointments to the Republican-held House and Senate. It only gives four appointments to the Democratic Governor, Tom Wolf, and it only

gives three appointments to the PA Supreme Court, where most of the justices won under the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this composition is actually unconstitutional because it undermines the independence of the three branches. Thus, I would like to motion that this bill is unconstitutional.

The SPEAKER. All right. We have a motion in front of us. Representative Boyle has made this motion. He raises the point of order that HB 2419 is unconstitutional.

And under rule 4, the Speaker is required to submit questions affecting the constitutionality of a bill for decision by this House.

If you believe that it is constitutional, you will be voting "aye"; if you believe it is unconstitutional, you will be voting "nay."

On the question,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

The SPEAKER. And, Representative Boyle, you may proceed now with your motion. Nothing further? Okay.

On the issue of constitutionality, Representative Seth Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is my sixth term in office. Never, never ever, ever, ever have I seen a motion of unconstitutionality on a task force, a nonbinding task force that has to do a report. Now reports are unconstitutional in the Commonwealth, Mr. Speaker? This is a joke and this is a mockery of our ability to address a very devastating, very devastating virus that has hit our State.

Mr. Speaker, I am not here to make a mockery of stuff; I am here to find solutions. If my colleagues across the aisle want to make a mockery of our legislative process and our rules, go ahead and vote for this. I, Mr. Speaker, will be upholding the constitutionality of a task force, a bipartisan task force.

By the way, Mr. Speaker, let us talk about math. There are nine appointees: one by the Governor, one by the President pro tem, one by the majority leader of the Senate, one by the minority leader of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the House, one by the majority leader, one by the minority leader, one by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and one other judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. That is 9 people, not 16, because we amended it yesterday, Mr. Speaker. Now, if this motion is predicated on a prior printer's number, Mr. Speaker, that is even more egregious, and the good member should maybe read the updated printer's number.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle, on the— Sir, you can speak again. Typically, you can only speak once on a motion for constitutionality, but the first time you just raised the motion, so you may speak on it.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The member from York County did not dispute the fact there are indeed more appointments from the House and Senate. I think the question becomes, why are there more appointments from the House and Senate? I think clearly the majority party wants to empower itself over the Executive, and that is what makes it unconstitutional.

And then furthermore, in the Pennsylvania Constitution, under emergency powers, it is clear that the Executive, Governor Wolf, has powers. This task force is clearly being put in place to be a check on that and an undue check, and it is unconstitutional.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. So here is the vote: If you are for constitutionality, you think it is constitutional, you vote "aye"; if you think it is unconstitutional, you vote "nay."

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is accurate for the majority party's votes.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—109

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

NAYS—93

Bizzarro	Donatucci	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Boyle	Driscoll	Kosierowski	Readshaw
Bradford	Evans	Krueger	Roebuck
Briggs	Fiedler	Kulik	Rozzi
Bullock	Fitzgerald	Lee	Sainato
Burgos	Flynn	Longietti	Samuelson
Burns	Frankel	Madden	Sanchez
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the constitutionality of the bill was sustained.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. On the bill, Representative Boyle, on the bill.
Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I must say that I am blown away by the irony that we find ourselves in right now. We have the majority party, the Republicans, advancing a bill which would put in an extra layer of government. I thought the Republican Party was the party of less government, less bureaucracy. This will be more bureaucracy. This will impair our chance to respond to the pandemic in an effective manner.

And furthermore, it is completely unnecessary. We are members of the Pennsylvania House. We have a Pennsylvania Senate. We are paid members of this body. We have staff. We as legislators should be responding. We should be holding the Executive accountable.

And furthermore, I will point out that we in the Pennsylvania House Democratic Caucus are actually moving in this direction. We have a plan for every standing committee to come up with a pandemic response, specific policy proposals. That is what we should be doing. We should be responding to this pandemic with all the tools we have rather than creating an extra layer of government.

So I urge a rejection of HB 2419.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Boyle.

Representative Jesse Topper, on the bill.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that you will find any argument on this side of the aisle or certainly back in the 78th District that the Governor has shown that he has an exceedingly large amount of power during a state of emergency. This task force is not anything that is looking to take power away; it is looking to come up with solutions – solutions to a devastation that is going on around the State, in terms of our health-care system but also in terms of our economy. This is a recovery task force.

We are trying to bring everybody in this body and in the Senate to the table, because, Mr. Speaker, as we have found over these past 2 months, we have been left out of conversation after conversation after conversation. We find out decisions 5 minutes before the press conference. That is when we are finding out when we are able to get information to our constituents.

That is what we are looking at here. We are just simply looking at a task force as we recover from what is going on. That is what this bill is – no more, no less. And I believe we are well within our constitutional rights as a legislature to do so.

I urge a "yes" vote on HB 2419.

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. And the majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does accurately reflect the majority vote.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—109

Barrar	Gillen	Masser	Rothman
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Bernstine	Gleim	Mentzer	Ryan
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Bonner	Greiner	Metzgar	Saylor
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Dunbar	Kauffman	Pickett	Topper
Dush	Keefer	Polinchock	Warner
Ecker	Keller	Puskaric	Wentling
Emrick	Klunk	Pyle	Wheeland
Everett	Knowles	Quinn	White
Farry	Lawrence	Rader	Zimmerman
Fee	Lewis	Rapp	
Fritz	Mackenzie	Reese	Turzai,
Gabler	Maloney	Rigby	Speaker
Gaydos	Marshall	Road	

NAYS—93

Bizzarro	Donatucci	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Boyle	Driscoll	Kosierowski	Readshaw
Bradford	Evans	Krueger	Roebuck
Briggs	Fiedler	Kulik	Rozzi
Bullock	Fitzgerald	Lee	Sainato
Burgos	Flynn	Longietti	Samuelson
Burns	Frankel	Madden	Sanchez
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Cephas	Galloway	Matzie	Schweyer
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Comitta	Green	McClinton	Sims
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Cruz	Harkins	Merski	Solomon
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Dawkins	Isaacson	O'Mara	Webster
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Dellosa	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood
DeLuca	Kirkland	Rabb	Zabel
Dermody			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 327, PN 305**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for local option.

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

The SPEAKER. There are quite a few amendments. I think some have been withdrawn. We will cover those shortly.

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

Mr. **MASSER** offered the following amendment No. **A05282**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 16 through 18, by striking out "in" in line 16 and all of lines 17 and 18 and inserting in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption during disaster emergency.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 21 through 26; pages 2 through 8, lines 1 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 5; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Section 102 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, is amended by adding definitions to read:

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words or phrases, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

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"Prepared beverage and mixed drink" shall mean a sealed container of no less than four fluid ounces and no greater than sixty-four fluid ounces in a single transaction that holds spirits and mixers

that are combined on a licensed premises.

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"Sealed container" shall mean a packaged container with a secure lid or cap designed to prevent consumption without removal of the lid or cap. A lid with sipping holes or opening for straws must be covered or affixed with an additional seal before sale.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 417. Prepared Beverages and Mixed Drinks for Off-Premises Consumption During Disaster Emergency.—(a) The following shall apply:

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act, a person holding and possessing a valid restaurant or hotel liquor license that lost more than twenty-five per centum (25%) of the person's average monthly total sales, including alcohol sales, as a result of restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 disaster emergency may sell prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption where meals prepared for pick-up or curbside pick-up are also available.

(2) Except as provided in this paragraph and paragraph (4), nothing in this section shall affect the ability of a licensee to operate within the scope of its current license as authorized by this act, provided, however, that no sales of prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption shall take place after eleven o'clock postmeridian of any day until the licensee's permitted hours of operation under section 406 of the next day, including Sundays if the licensee has a permit authorized under sections 406(a)(3) and 432(f).

(3) The following licensees are prohibited from selling prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption under this section:

(i) A licensee whose underlying license is subject to a pending objection by the director of the Bureau of Licensing or the board under section 470(a.1), until the matter is decided.

(ii) A licensee whose underlying license has been suspended under section 1799.6-E of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as "The Fiscal Code."

(4) For purposes of selling prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption, a licensed premises shall not be subject to section 493(14).

(5) Withing sixty (60) days of the effective date of this section, a licensee selling prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption shall begin utilizing a transaction scan device to verify the age of an individual who appears to be under thirty-five (35) years of age before making a sale of prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption. A licensee may not sell or share consumers' personal data from the use of a transaction scan device, provided that the licensee may share the data with the enforcement bureau of the board as evidence that the licensee is in compliance with this paragraph.

(6) A licensee selling prepared beverages or mixed drinks for off-premise consumption shall prominently post a warning sign in a manner that puts consumers on notice of the restrictions on alcoholic beverages under 75 Pa.C.S. § 3809 (relating to restriction on alcoholic beverages), and that the prepared beverages and mixed drinks packaged for sale by the licensee are open containers and may only be transported by the driver of a motor vehicle in the vehicle's trunk or in some other area of the vehicle that is not occupied by the driver or passengers.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or provision of law to the contrary, a licensee selling prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption may only do so during the COVID-19 disaster emergency and during the mitigation period after the termination of the disaster emergency in which a licensee is operating at less than sixty per centum (60%) capacity.

(c) A licensee may sell liquor to another licensee qualified to sell prepared beverages and mixed drinks under this section. The licensee shall notify the board in writing advising it of the name of the licensee and identifying any product sold to that licensee, as well as the description of the liquor, including brand names, sizes and numbers of

containers sold to another licensee. The sales may only occur during the COVID-19 disaster emergency and during the mitigation period after the termination of the disaster emergency in which a licensee is operating at less than sixty per centum (60%) capacity.

(d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"COVID-19 disaster emergency" shall mean the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020) and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

"Licensee" shall mean a person holding and possessing a valid restaurant or hotel liquor license authorized to sell prepared beverages or mixed drinks for off-premise consumption under subsection (a)(1).

"Transaction scan device" shall mean a device capable of deciphering, in an electronically readable format, the information encoded on the magnetic strip, chip or bar code of an identification card under section 495(a).

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Kurt Masser.

Mr. MASSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, as the clerk had said, this allow "R" licensees who – an important caveat is only "R" licensees who have lost more than 25 percent of their sales due to the shutdown can qualify.

Up until recently the restaurant and lodging industry employed over 700,000 people in Pennsylvania and has been hailed as the second largest industry in the Commonwealth. My, how times have changed. The industry has been one of the hardest hit, and I do not see it coming back to where it was for a very long time. Just by the very nature of the business, it is anyone's guess on the future.

Over 1,000 restaurants have already told the PRLA (Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association) that they have decided to close, and I think that number is, unfortunately, going to grow. Ninety-six percent of Pennsylvania restaurants have laid off or furloughed employees since the beginning of the outbreak; 11 percent anticipate letting go of more. On average, restaurant operators reported an 82-percent decline in business during the period from April 1 to April 10. The Pennsylvania restaurant and food industry is projected to lose more than \$1.8 billion in sales in April.

These businesspeople are our neighbors. These people are the ones who are donating to whatever charity asked, sponsoring youth teams, and so much more. They are a big part of our community. This will go a long – or this will go a short way; it is not a great fix for them but it is something for this industry. They have done what we have asked of them, they have complied with the Governor's orders, but the current normal is not sustainable and the new normal may be a long way off for the industry. This industry desperately needs a lifeline to help get through this crisis, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Representative Warren.

Mr. WARREN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I support the amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. And the majority whip and then the minority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am happy to report that the electronic voting board does reflect the vote of the majority party.

The SPEAKER. Sir, you may proceed.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—193

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

NAYS—9

Day	Greiner	Lawrence	Miller, B.
Fee	Hickernell	Marshall	Zimmerman
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Mako

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

On the question,

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

The SPEAKER. Representative Deasy. I think Representative Deasy is withdrawing his amendments. Is that accurate? Thank you. So Representative Deasy's amendments are withdrawn.

Representative Harris' amendment is withdrawn.

Representative Rothman's amendment is withdrawn.

Representative Ortity's amendment is withdrawn.

Amendments— Oh no, there is— Representative Ortity, are you offering amendment 05203? Waive off. Okay.

Representative Farry's amendment is waived off.

Representative Heffley's is waived off.

Representative O'Neal? Waived off. Thank you.

There are no further amendments.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1108, PN 1654**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.839, No. 1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2019, adding Federal appropriations to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

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 2251, PN 3233**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Revenue, repealing provisions relating to vehicle and tractor codes.

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 67, PN 60**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; providing for the form of the compact; imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Compact.

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 2206, PN 3600**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, further providing for executive officers, administrative departments and independent administrative boards and commissions, for departmental administrative boards, commissions and offices, for department heads and for gubernatorial appointments; in organization of departmental administrative boards and commissions and of advisory boards and commissions, further providing for board to license private bankers; in Commonwealth agency fees, further providing for Department of Banking and for Pennsylvania Securities Commission; and, in powers and duties of the Department of Banking and its departmental administrative board and commission, further providing for powers and duties in general, for banking supervisory powers and for banking laws; repealing provisions relating to powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Securities Commission; and making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. My understanding is, all the amendments are withdrawn on this bill. If I am mistaken, will you please tell me. Representatives Ciresi, Briggs, Schweyer, Shusterman? They are all withdrawn. Okay.

So there are no 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 2370, PN 3603**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) 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; 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 second consideration?

Mr. **KELLER** offered the following amendment
No. **A05234**:

Amend Bill, page 9, line 22, by striking out "314.1(G)(1)" and inserting

314.1(f)(1)

Amend Bill, page 9, line 29, by striking out "314.1(G)(1)" and inserting

314.1(f)(1)

Amend Bill, page 10, line 5, by striking out "314.1(H)(2)" and inserting

314.1(g)(2)

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The **SPEAKER**. On the amendment, does anybody wish to speak on the amendment? Okay.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The **SPEAKER**. The majority whip.

Mr. **BENNINGHOFF**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does accurately reflect the vote of the majority party. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. Minority Whip.

Mr. **HARRIS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roebuck
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Rothman
Bonner	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rozzi
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	Green	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gregory	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causser	Greiner	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hahn	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harkins	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
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DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keefer	Peifer	Webster
Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rapp	
Everett	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Mako

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 2386, PN 3602**, entitled:

An Act providing for COVID-19 disaster emergency business interruption grants.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL RECOMMENDED

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the majority leader at this time, Representative Bryan Cutler, on HB 2386.

Mr. **CUTLER**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from Dauphin County and his work on this bill. I think we all recognize what a disruption businesses have been under over the past several weeks, as they struggle to pay their bills, they struggle to work through the issues surrounding the closure and the waiver process and sometimes unemployment for their employees.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is clear from the debate and discussion as well as some of the amendments that were filed that one of the major concerns with the current proposal would be how and to what extent is this funded with the Federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) dollars. After consulting with both the prime sponsor of the bill as well as the Chair,

I would like to make a motion to refer this to the Finance Committee for further consideration as well as consideration for a specific funding mechanism to be put in place so that the bill can be effectuated.

I would hope that we can all agree that the issue that we need to come to agreement on is not only how we take care of the businesses and help them individually but also how we are going to pay for it, where that money comes from, and what is the extent of liability that is associated with that.

So I would like to make that motion, Mr. Speaker, to rerefer this bill to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

The SPEAKER. All those in favor of rereferring this to the Finance Committee, or recommitting to the Finance Committee, either one, will be voting "aye"; you will be voting "nay" if you do not want to recommit it to Finance.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. And the majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct, reflecting the majority party's votes.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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Brown	Gillen	Matzie	Sankey
Bullock	Gillespie	McCarter	Sappey
Burgos	Gleim	McClinton	Saylor
Burns	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Caltagirone	Green	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gregory	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causer	Greiner	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hahn	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harkins	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
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Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rapp	
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Farry	Kulik	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Mako

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

The SPEAKER. So the bill is recommitted to the Finance Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2412, PN 3643**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

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 Todd Polinchock, on the bill.

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Along with food, shelter is one of life's greatest necessities. Housing undoubtedly qualifies under any definition as "life sustaining." Housing is necessary for our safety, to protect our families, and to prosper here in the Commonwealth and across the country. Make no mistake, housing is essential.

The housing market here in Pennsylvania has been absolutely devastated by the business closures caused by this COVID-19 and the administration's inconsistent waiver process. Our real estate professionals are more than willing to adhere to the guidelines and restrictions outlined by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency). This can be done using social

distancing. Based on my experience as an 18-year realtor, these transactions can be handled safely and with little to no risk of transmitting the coronavirus. Heck, I am willing to say that we were probably in our conferencing here on the floor at more risk than we could do in an entire real estate transaction. Real estate professionals, along with their families and clients, have been struggling to understand why they are unable to settle the housing and the concerns while a vast number of other States have little or no real estate restrictions at all.

I have heard the heartbreaking stories from my constituents and realtors across the State. Too many families are stuck with two mortgages. They bought the house they are going to move into, they wanted a week to move in, and now they are stuck with two mortgages and no way to pay for them. Or even worse, they closed on their house and they are waiting to buy their new home and now they have nowhere to live. Their belongings are in storage and they are living in limbo. Listen to that. They have no place to live. The irony of this is that Pennsylvanians all across the Commonwealth are being asked to stay at home with this stay-at-home order when in fact they have no home to stay home in. Yet they are being denied access to closing their homes in Pennsylvania and the access to go buy properties. This just does not make sense.

I want to first start by thanking the 50-plus colleagues here, including 16 of my colleagues across the aisle, that cosponsored this that see the importance and want to send the message to the Governor that this needs to happen and it needs to happen now. The current waiver process denies citizens of Pennsylvania the right to find housing. It also denies the hundred thousand people in the industry a means to put food on the table. Think about that. You can do a real estate transaction pretty easily with one to two people tops and almost zero contact and with 100 percent social distancing, yet they cannot put food on the table. That is unacceptable to me.

On the floor today, we have a chance to finally do our jobs and be the voices for all those people that are yelling and screaming and begging us to act, to help them. They are scared. They do not know where their future is. They are desperate. And today we can make a statement and we can move this over to the Senate and say, "We hear you. We're going to help you."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Another week in Harrisburg and another attempt to chip, chip, chip away at the shutdown orders; another attempt to make this State a little more like Georgia. The fact of the matter is, the people of Pennsylvania do not want to replicate Georgia State government. They are quite happy with the approach of Governor Wolf and his very able Health Secretary, Rachel Levine. The proof is in the numbers. The proof is in the polling. The most recent polling we have seen is Tom Wolf's handling of this pandemic is over 70 percent.

Furthermore, the American people do not want to replicate Georgia. A poll last week—

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER. Yes; you may proceed, sir.

Mr. CUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I fail to see the relevance of polling when this underlying bill is specifically about real estate

transactions. I would just ask the gentleman to please stay on track.

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Leader.

Mr. DERMODY. The bill is about opening business in the Commonwealth. It is a relevant issue for him to debate on the floor of the House and he should be allowed to continue.

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

Mr. BOYLE. On the bill. The fact of the matter is, this shutdown order is working. We need to stay true to it.

The proof is in the numbers, and I will not talk about polling this time; I will actually talk about deaths and I will talk about cases of COVID-19. I hope I am not objected to talking about this. But in New York State, a neighboring State to Pennsylvania, they have 292,000 cases, they have 17,303 deaths. New Jersey, another neighboring State – in my district in northeast Philadelphia, you can be in New Jersey in less than 5 minutes – in the State of New Jersey, over 111,000 cases, 6,044 deaths. In Pennsylvania – you will see these numbers are much better in the State of Pennsylvania – 42,050 cases and 1,597 deaths.

And furthermore, we have seen that the spread of COVID-19 has been stifled really in the center part of the State. It has been very disproportionately in the eastern half of the State. So that will eventually allow us, it will eventually allow the Wolf administration to apply their data-driven, scientific approach to reopening. We cannot be just doing this on one-off increments. We need to follow science. We need to follow data.

So the Wolf administration, last week, they announced that the northern tier and northwestern Pennsylvania is getting very close to the threshold where our northern counties can reopen. Specifically, they identified a criteria for reopening, and that criteria is 50 or fewer cases out of a population of 100,000 people over a 14-day rolling average.

So, Mr. Speaker, I believe it is incumbent upon us here in the Pennsylvania State House to not replicate Georgia. I do not think our people want that. I think it is incumbent upon us to hold true to this shutdown order so we can open in a safe way and also in a way that will aid our economy in the long run. If we open up too soon – and I am very concerned about this gradual reopening, reopening, reopening that we consistently see from our body – if we reopen too fast, we very much risk having to go through a shutdown all over again. I cannot think of anything worse for Pennsylvania, and I cannot think of anything that would be as contrary to the sacrifice of our citizens.

So, Mr. Speaker, I urge a rejection of HB 2412. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Bradford.

Representative Jordan Harris, the Democratic whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today asking for a "no" vote on HB 2412. We understand the importance of housing in Pennsylvania, and because of that today, literally just some minutes ago, the Governor uploaded a new guidance for real estate professionals here in Pennsylvania. Those who have started the process, who have given notice to their landlords that they plan on moving, they will now be able to go out and find shelter. Those who have sold their property who are looking for a new home, they as well will be able to go out and find a home. In addition to that, the Governor, with the advice of medical professionals, has also said that those who live in areas that are yellow, real estate professionals can go back and open up.

I think it is irresponsible to vote for this bill that does not include the advice of medical professionals. I think it is irresponsible to vote for this bill that includes the ability for folks to have an open house, which could easily put 30 to 40 people into a property, no social distancing, and a whole lot of other things that, quite honestly, we know will help spread COVID-19.

So I think we should leave it to the Governor and the medical professionals. The Governor just updated his guidance, and I think we should follow that, and that is why folks should vote "no" on HB 2412.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Representative Greg Rothman, and then Representative Greg Vitali will be after Representative Greg Rothman.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, there are plenty of things that I know nothing about but I know a little bit about baseball and I know a lot about real estate.

When my father was 8 years old growing up on a farm about 7 miles from here in Lower Paxton Township, a man came to his house. This was 1947-48 after World War II. Suburbia was growing up between the rural and suburban and urban areas in Pennsylvania and around the country. GIs were coming back from the war and starting families – taking advantage of the GI Bill maybe – starting businesses, going to work, starting careers and they needed housing.

So my father at 8 years old met a man who was a real estate agent and my father at 8 years old said, "That's what my life is going to be." So he went to Penn State, got a degree in real estate, started selling real estate and got his license when he was 19 years old. My father has been selling real estate for nearly 60 years, and I would venture to guess there probably is not a human being walking on the planet, certainly not in central Pennsylvania, that has sold more real estate than my father. This was his life. This is his life for 60 years.

We had a colleague tell a heartbreaking story – my heart aches for her – about losing her father at age 47 in a tragic motorcycle accident. My heart aches for her. Lives are important. Every life is important. But sometimes, sometimes your livelihood is your life.

You know, a few years ago the realtors had a campaign about this. They had a marketing strategy – maybe my colleagues from Bucks County remember – "Real Estate is My Life." That is what the realtors said. There are 35,000 real estate agents in Pennsylvania. And by the way, none of them get a salary; none of them are employees – they are independent contractors – none of them have a pension; none of them have a 401(k); none of them have health-care insurance, benefits. They all work for commission. And as my good colleague from Dauphin County said the other day, they are making zero now. They are not eligible for unemployment. And even the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program), the PPP loans, when they tried to apply for them after they were told to wait, none of them are going to get them. And by the way, they do not want it. They want to work.

The average real estate agent in Pennsylvania makes \$45,000 a year. That is the same as the average teacher. That is twice – half the amount as the average legislator. They do not want, they do not want government handouts. And they really do not care about making money. They care about providing the service. My father for 60 years has been helping people find shelter.

Mr. Speaker, this is about lives and this is about livelihoods. Imagine my father, having gone through the Vietnam war – and he sold houses while he was serving in the Army Reserve – going through Hurricane Agnes that flooded Pennsylvania, the energy crisis, Three Mile Island's meltdown, 20-percent interest rates in the late 1970s, recessions in the early 1980s and the early 1990s, the Great Recession of 2008 – through all of this my father has had a positive, optimistic attitude because he loves what he does. Real estate is his life.

A couple of years ago he was diagnosed with cancer. The next day at 7:30 in the morning I stopped by the office and my father was sitting at his desk, the day after he had been diagnosed with cancer. I said, "What are you doing here?" He said, the essence, even if I had another day left on earth, this is where I would want to be, this is what I would want to do. See, when we think about jobs, for some reason we think that it is just about the livelihood. There is a reason why life is in the word "livelihood." Sometimes what we do is our lives.

And I was grateful to hear that the minority whip has information from the Governor. This has been sort of a pattern, right? We discuss and debate a bill, we introduce legislation, we start talking about it – whether it is cars or construction or golf courses – and then the Governor throws out guidance. We have not seen it. I mean, it seems to me that, as one of the previous speakers said, we do not want to be doing this piecemeal. Well, the Governor is doing it piecemeal. The Governor did not consult the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors when he came out with this order.

And I will tell you, as someone who was in real estate for 30 years, we use all kinds of social distancing. This is not like throwing 12 people in a van and driving around looking at houses all day long. That is not how people buy houses. They look at them online, virtual tours, hundreds of photographs. They have more information before they walk into that house than they even need. And I do not know, I heard a speaker say 30 to 40 people at an open house. I did 2,000 open houses in my life; I never had more than 10 people. In fact, we probably averaged three or four people. If I had 30 or 40 people at an open house, it would have sold by then.

Real estate agents can social distance. And besides, that home is not the realtor's home, that home is the private citizen's home. The Governor does not have any prohibitions against people coming to your house, not yet. Maybe I do not want to give him any ideas.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot shelter in place without shelter, and my father's life and my father's life's work is essential.

I would ask for a "yes" vote on behalf of the 35,000 people in all your districts who have real estate licenses. This is common sense. We do not even have wet signatures anymore. We do not even have to sit in front of someone to sign signatures. We do everything by DocuSign. Real estate transactions can take place with social distancing, they can take place safely, and that is the difference.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Greg Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Normally I would not weigh in on a bill like this, but I received a letter from a friend of mine who is a realtor, and it is so rare that you get a letter from someone who writes against their own financial interests, and I think the points she made were really good and I just wanted to share them, just in part.

She says, "...Don't be fooled into thinking that all the agents want you to lift the current restrictions on how they can work." Then, I am quoting, "I am reminded of a training class I took when I was a newly licensed agent. The trainer was a successful agent who had spent 20 years as a policeman before becoming a real estate agent.... The best point he made that day – the one that stuck with me – was," quote, " 'There are no real estate emergencies.' After 20 years as a cop, he knew what a real emergency was, and having to push back a settlement date or rearrange an inspection just didn't compare."

Now, this is her again; this is a very successful real estate agent who currently practices in Delaware County: "Under the current orders, we Realtors can help people who have a real urgency to buy or sell..." a house; "we just have to do it virtually. I believe that is sufficient until the medical experts are sure it is safe for people to interact in person."

And then she sums up by saying, "Please stay strong. Keep people at home. Keep us safe and healthy."

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Seth Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We have heard a lot about death and science and data. I would like to read a newspaper article from 17 hours ago entitled "Pa. Health Secretary backs away from reopening metric; county reshuffling possible." Quote, "State Health Secretary Dr...Levine is distancing the department from its metric for reopening parts of the state, saying it's only one factor of many and may not be a requirement for regions to reopen. Last week, the department unveiled the metric of no more than 50...cases per 100,000 people in a region over the past 14 days as a way to judge whether a region is ready to reopen. At the time, she said the department will also factor in the availability of testing, availability of hospital beds, case management and contact tracing, as well as data from models provided by Carnegie Mellon." By the way, those models are not open for public disclosure. They are not sent to legislators.

"On Monday," this past Monday, yesterday, Dr. "Levine downplayed how important that metric was as she was asked multiple questions about how the metric would work, if they would calculate it for regions and why the metric changed from an average to total of 50 cases per 100,000 residents." It changed. Why? Quote, " 'I don't want to emphasize the metric too much,' she said. 'It was just something to put down to have quantitative data to look at.' Levine implied during Monday's news conference that even if a region should fail the metric's guidelines, that doesn't mean it couldn't move to a less restrictive status."

Mr. Speaker, where is the science and data with any decision that has been made to date? Why is it that realtors, without coming in contact with individuals – who, by the way, could become homeless, homeless if this legislation does not pass. I, for one, do not want to see Pennsylvanians homeless. I, for one, want them in their new house that they bought. I, for one, want the ability for an individual to buy and sell a house without contacting a single individual, Mr. Speaker. To me, that is common sense.

For weeks we have allowed individuals going into big-box stores, touching stuff, putting it back, touching screens for the self-pay programs. Not once did anybody have a complaint over the amount of COVID that could be passed in those entities. At the same time small businesses could not do the same thing. We had to shut them down because of science and data. Well, Mr. Speaker, the more we are learning about science and data,

the more we are learning there are no decisions made on either. It is ad hoc. It is as we go.

Mr. Speaker, this is commonsense legislation. It is easy. We are going to allow individuals to actually move into their house that they bought instead of becoming homeless and destitute. I do not know, if I had a family, my family was in this situation, I would have me, my wife, and three kids sleeping in a car somewhere. Is that the Pennsylvania we want? Is that the society we want to live in? No. Easy solution: Let us pass this bill, let us not create more homelessness, because there is no data or science backing up not doing this, Mr. Speaker. And I dare to anybody to provide it. I am open. I love data. I love science. Show it to us. Let us know what the science and data is behind all these decisions that are being made and why HB 2412 cannot pass besides the standard operating status of, "Oh, you'll kill people. Death and destruction." That is all I have heard. That is not science or data. Those are political statements, unfounded political statements, Mr. Speaker.

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation to put people back into business in a responsible manner and reduce homelessness in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Mark Gillen.

Mr. GILLEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

During the course of this discussion and debate I heard Georgia mentioned, and so I decided to take a quick look and see what was going on down in Georgia, and I discovered in the last several weeks they have had more than 10,000 – this is in the Metro Atlanta area – more than 10,000 houses closed. I read a little bit from the Augusta Chronicle, a Georgia newspaper, and it illumed a little bit on how technology has made these home sales possible: Buyers and sellers in different rooms, video conferencing, Zoom – some of us have even availed ourselves of that technology today – and the real estate firms are providing remote work tools for agents.

We are headed into a serious place economically, and typically downturns have been led by real estate, and if we are going to pull out of this economic death spiral, we are going to have to let real estate pull us out of it. Agents are not driving to home sales in their cars with prospective buyers; they are driving by themselves. They are meeting the prospective buyers there with gloves in hand, mask on face. It seems to be working in Georgia, and I do not know that the physiology of Georgians is any different than Pennsylvanians, and so I would strongly suggest we move Pennsylvania forward with HB 2412.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Russ Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I heard a lot of talk over the last couple of days, and I just want to tell you a story about some constituents in my district. The Governor signed his order on March 6, 2020. On March 11, 2020, Lauren and Kevin, in my district, their house burned down. They have five children. Kevin is an independent concrete contractor. He has been out of work for almost 7 weeks now, has not collected a dime of unemployment, and when he did file for it, it is going to be another 3 weeks until he can get a dime of relief from the State.

But he is working with his insurance agent, and the insurance is coming around. I got involved in that. I spoke with the insurance agent to get that ball rolling a little faster for Lauren and Kevin. But I want to tell you that Lauren and Kevin and their five children, between ages 18 months to 12 years old, are now

living in a camper down by the river. Down by the river. Are you telling me that they cannot buy a home? You have got to be kidding me.

Lauren and Kevin, I hope you are watching, I hope you watch the vote today, and I hope you see which people who have collected their salary all throughout this emergency disaster want you to stay living down by the river.

Support HB 2412.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Bradford.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you for the words of the gentleman prior. He speaks with passion that we all understand and appreciate, and I think that is why he welcomes the additional guidance that the department has provided today.

But here is the challenge we have – and I do not mean to call out any one individual or any speaker – but more Americans will have died from this virus than we lost in the entire Vietnam war. We will lose more people in about a month than we lost in a decade and a half. Some weeks ago the majority leader and I had the opportunity to discuss this, and I shared my concern that if overheated rhetoric and the passions flow at a time where calm and reason and responsible leadership was called for, that decisions would be made more on politics and anecdote and anger.

Our Governor has navigated us in these very difficult waters for over a month and a half. Our President has done as well. There are those on both sides who would like the food fight, who would rather join with those with the torches and the pitchforks, but it is so important because there are human lives at stake – not just livelihoods, lives that are at stake – and when folks go off the rails, when a population that is scared and as in many cases desperate sees leaders turning on themselves and turning to the crowd for support instead of to experts and medicine and science, we have failed them.

Now, this bill will put realtors and lawyers back to work. I am a lawyer. I have the advantage by not supporting this bill of not being in the unenviable position of looking to support a profession of which I make my living. And let us be clear, that is not to call anybody out; that is to state the reality that when everyone looks at this problem through the prism of their own livelihood and you add on the many layers of fear and uncertainty in our economy and in our Commonwealth today. It is easier for me, but I know as someone who has practiced law for over 15 years, I think I know something about the practice of law, but I know nothing about epidemiology and the spread of this horrible virus, and the idea that we are going to substitute the knowledge of practitioners who have a vested interest with scientists and public health officials is absurd.

I mentioned at the beginning that we should be careful the road we go down. We need leadership. What we do not need is a political process. The majority leader once said, this is not a political process, it is a legislative process. I have heard criticisms that there was no plan; that it was not based on region, it was not based on sector of the economy; there were no metrics. Listen, this administration is not perfect, and we recognize that there are frustrations, understandable and real, but with each time this body has raised up and pushed out a concern to this administration, often delayed and maybe not fully what we want, but based on science and data, this administration has done its best to respond.

After all, Mr. Speaker, we may forget it in this bubble, but there is a pandemic outside of this building, and people are not just losing the slogan that "Real Estate is My Life," they are losing their life. We should lead and provide calmer words. Not to tamp down the right of citizens to speak and to petition their elected officials, that is their constitutionally given duty to which we all pledge our loyalty, but this Groundhog Day approach where we play politics and every day it is another sector and it is another plan and we undermine the science and the medical professions, we do a disservice to the people who need real leadership.

I find myself in a difficult spot myself on this. I do not always agree with what comes out of Washington, DC, and I was looking at the Opening Up America Again guidelines, and I realize it says the CDC on it and I realize we have an obligation to come together. We do not have a Democratic Governor right now and we do not have a Republican President; what we have is 55,000 dead Americans.

What are we doing here with this crazed incitement and inflaming passions in a way that makes it impossible to make smart and thoughtful decisions? This narrative has played out for over a month and a half. We do not need politicians playing physician. That sends us down a rabbit hole; that makes us the butt of late-night jokes. I told the good gentleman that we would try to keep our words short and our passions in check. I hope we have held our end of the bargain. We need leaders to stand up and act like leaders.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is the comments about science and experts that has me up here today. Quoting from an article in the Mercury newspaper, "A look at the senior leadership at the state Department of Health's website reveals not a single person has any medical degree in infectious diseases, and most don't have medical degrees at all. Instead, aside from a pediatrician," the Secretary, "and one nurse, the rest have expertise mainly in public health, public administration, and social work."

Mr. Speaker, when we do not have anybody that this administration can identify on the team that is an epidemiologist, is an expert in the spread of viruses around the world—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Point of order.

Mr. DERMODY. I believe the bill on board is about realtors.

The SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. DERMODY. We are far afield from realtors right now.

Mr. DUSH. Mr. Speaker, may I reply?

The SPEAKER. No. Please, just hold off. There is no need to reply.

Representative Dush, on the bill, sir.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill is about getting our realtors back to work safely. The Federal government and the Federal experts have determined that that can be done by the way they have spelled out their guidelines. It has happened in 49 other States. We have the ability to accomplish this task. And there are real experts that have had input to allow that to happen in other States.

So the question – and when the previous speaker was talking about fearmongering and scare, he goes on to cite a bunch of numbers designed to inspire fear. We need to actually have a look at the numbers and a look at real science, and the real science supports this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Briefly, Mr. Speaker, I do feel the need to correct the record. Our very able Health Secretary, Rachel Levine, who I—

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER. Yes; the majority leader, for a point of order.

Mr. CUTLER. I do believe the last gentleman was asked to stay on the context of the bill, and I think that it would be appropriate for that to continue.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. And the leader, I believe, the Democratic leader, on a point of order.

Mr. DERMODY. Yes; point of order, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The last speaker was allowed to suggest that our Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services was not qualified and did not have the background in public health or a medical degree, and I believe the gentleman is correct and should state and correct the record.

The SPEAKER. To both leaders, we did redirect the last speaker, who then got to the topic.

Representative Boyle, you have a little leeway to respond, but if you could put it in the context of the bill, it would be appreciated.

Mr. BOYLE. Sure. So I do believe that we should listen to the advice and the recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We have extremely capable staff from the top down. Rachel Levine, who I think will go down in Pennsylvania history as one of the most influential women in Pennsylvania, she has an undergrad degree from Harvard and medical school training from Tulane. So let there be no confusion, she is remarkably well qualified for the position that she currently has.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. I do not see any other speakers on this particular bill. Oh, I am sorry.

Representative Polinchock, for the second time on the bill, sir.

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My esteemed colleague mentioned a story of there is no such thing as a real estate emergency, and it kind of brings back memories because I was practicing for about 18 years and that used to be what I would say to my younger agents also – there is no such thing as a real estate emergency. However, the context that I used that in was when they would get a call from a client at about 7 o'clock on a Sunday night and they are spending time with their families and they felt the need to call them back right away, and I would say, "No, there's no such thing as a real estate emergency. You can call them back on Monday morning."

I would venture to say that I probably would not use that language now given the situation we are in now because this absolutely is a real estate emergency. Our practitioners cannot put food on the table. That constitutes an emergency to me.

Now – and I see my colleague got an e-mail from one of his constituents. Well, the Association of Realtors has put out to all of us in this room – and I am sure your e-mails are all full – over almost 9,000 e-mails from concerned realtors in Pennsylvania that want this to happen. They are afraid and they need it to happen.

The Governor's plan, we got it ahead of time. I spoke with one of the Governor's staff prior to coming in here. This is not something new. I looked at it. And I want to be reasonable. This is about being reasonable. I cannot even believe that we are even debating this; this should just be common sense, to me. I sat here on the floor and I just looked around and I thought, you know what, we can do this transaction so much more safely than just even what we are debating right now. We could do this with one person at a time if we have to: Realtor sits in their car, gives a combination; client goes in in whatever PPE (personal protective equipment) gear the Governor deems necessary; shows the house; the client leaves the lights on, the closets opened, and they look at the house; they come out; they can disinfect it if they need to; realtor wipes down the combination box, puts a new combination on; and the transaction is over until we get the, you know, inspectors through and they can follow the same process.

This is such a safe, safe thing we can do. And what the cost of not doing it is, is all these folks that cannot put food on the table. That is insane to me. It just does not make sense. You know, we talked about the construction bill and they should run along with the construction. The Governor opened up construction. Has he thought about the fact that he is not going to be able to sell any of those homes? He does not have any licensees that can sell them once they are built. The process is not making sense, Mr. Speaker, and that is what I am here to talk to you about.

We just have to get it done, and it has got to be done statewide. I get completely about the safety factor. Nobody here, not one colleague of mine, wants to risk safety for profits. I hear that all the time. That is not true. What we want is to be able to let people go back to work and follow the guidelines and do it safely. But it has got to be done statewide. Let us say you have a professor at a campus that is in a red area at Penn State that is lucky enough to move and transfer to State College in Centre County. They cannot. If they are red and the other part is yellow or green, they cannot. You have to do it statewide just like you did with construction. He already said you can do things statewide. He did construction statewide. So it just is not making sense.

He also said you can do the real estate transactions safely because he allowed transactions up until March 18. So after March 18 he just decided the transaction is no longer safe? Come on, Mr. Speaker; this should be a no-brainer.

The risk of contagion is not anywhere near the risk of what these people that are not able to find housing or are not able to go back to work are going to get. Every single State around us, including New York and New Jersey, are allowed to practice real estate; 48 States besides us are allowed to practice real estate. Come on.

I urge, I urge a "yes" vote on HB 2412. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The last two speakers are the minority leader and the majority leader unless somebody else wishes to speak.

And Minority Leader Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor's additional guidance, even today the administration's guidance, allows the practice of real estate in a responsible way that protects the public health. We spent the last few weeks coming down here voting on bills to open up this economy in Pennsylvania piecemeal, various professions, we are going to open it up, we are going to open it up statewide. Even after the majority says we want to do it in a responsible way, we want to do it considering science and data and facts, even open it up in phases, every single bill opens it up statewide, which exposes people unnecessarily to the virus, to COVID-19, to getting sick, yes, and dying.

Now, as I have said before, we have gone through all of these weeks, people have made tremendous sacrifices. We are trying to start phasing in an opening of an economy, yet here we are again facing a bill that opens up real estate immediately, opens it up statewide, in not a responsible way, not considering data and facts. And what the Governor has proposed today, what he is talking about is existing construction or new construction, they can finish it if it is after the 18th; existing deals, they can complete; and he opens up real estate transactions in the Commonwealth for regions that are deemed to be in the yellow phase.

Now, look, do you really think you should be in the red phase and maybe you should be walking through people's houses? Should you really be doing that? If you are in the red phase, should you not think twice about exposing our citizens, your citizens, your constituents to this virus? You should.

Now, look, if we are going to do this in a responsible way, if we are going to open the Commonwealth and protect people, we are not like every place else, because we have done a good job mitigating this virus, mostly. But there are hot spots all over this State that will happen again and again if we are not careful. This is not careful. This is not responsible. And after what the Governor did today with his new guidance, we do not need HB 2412. You won. We are taking steps to open up the business; we are taking responsible steps based on science, data, and the facts, not wishful thinking.

So look, we want to work together with you, we want to open up the businesses in the Commonwealth, but you know what, our first priority is, has to be, has to be always, the public safety first. So do not turn your back on your constituents. Let us do the right thing. Let us follow the guidance the Governor has come up with today that makes this point moot, we do not need it, and let us open our businesses up responsibly, making sure that the public health is protected, making sure our citizens are protected, and we have done the right thing and something we can be proud of later, and we do not open this up to any recurrence, we do not open this up to a resurgence in the days and the weeks and the months to come, because social distancing is going to be with us a long time, at least if not more, and it will be worse if we are not careful.

This is irresponsible and it is not needed, and we need to be a "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I certainly appreciate the brevity of the debate today, and I will get right to the point. I think when you look at what all the other States are doing, I think it begs the question, you know, this stat was 49 out of 50 States; the construction was 44 out of 50 States. The question I have is, what science are we

using that is so substantially different than the other 40-plus States in each one of these areas?

Mr. Speaker, I think that one of the other areas that we have consistently talked about and one, I think, we all would agree could be better is transparency and consistency. I certainly appreciate that the prime sponsor of the bill had the conversation and was notified prior. I think that is appropriate. I think, however, it left some questions unanswered, questions in terms of what exactly would occur from county to county and why it needed to be a statewide application as opposed to a patchwork-quilt approach.

I also think when you look at the science, I would like to quote from a recent editorial in the New York Times where they note, "Densely populated areas can have nearly twice the rate of transmission, and can make Covid-19 more deadly. Other areas can open" up "more quickly." I think that we have all seen that anecdotally, the more populous areas of the State have been hit harder. It makes sense. There are more people in constant contact, with increased exposures; absolutely understand that.

But in the midst of that editorial, they actually highlight our own region, the one where we are at now, Harrisburg. It says, "In contrast, our less densely populated state capital, Harrisburg, two hours to the west," of Philadelphia – which, by the way, they noted had between 700 or approximately 750 cases per 100,000 people since their outbreak, 400 cases on a daily basis – they contrast "Harrisburg, two hours to the west, has had only 492 cases in total. If Harrisburg reopens in May, the virus's spread could fizzle out as soon as June if the community adds workplace safety measures and maintains more moderate social distancing."

I think that is the point that I would hope that everyone here in the chamber and listening virtually would agree to, that it will take in some cases a different approach in terms of the population density and how you work through this. Interestingly enough, they describe Portland, Oregon, of all places, as being a smaller city. So I would love to know the definitions that they use. They contrast that with New York City, which is, obviously, the hardest hit; Philadelphia, which was also hit. And this was not written by some out-of-State person; this was written by David Rubin and Paul Offit. Dr. Rubin is the director of PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

So I think they raise some valid questions; questions, Mr. Speaker, that I would also echo. I know the gentleman from York County raised it, but I think it would be a little easier to trust what data and what science is being used if in fact it was being shared. The modeling from Carnegie Mellon, when we had a conference call one of our colleagues, one of my colleagues in the Republican Caucus, specifically asked if that would be made public. The answer was no. We have asked and the Secretary has been very gracious – and I, for one, have never refuted her qualifications as Secretary of Health and in fact have publicly praised her on multiple occasions, both in public and in private. I do believe that the swift action of the quarantine did in fact level the curve. We can see that over the last 2 weeks of data and the new cases as they trended below what was our peak of nearly 2,000 cases in one day.

Mr. Speaker, I understand the caution that comes with reopening. But I also understand that the Health Department rightfully puts the focus on the health, and all the other departments – DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development), which had been integrally involved, has other concerns, just as we should as policymakers. We should have other concerns about the ability of individuals to pay their bills,

the ability of people not to be evicted – you know, all issues that we have addressed sometimes in a bipartisan way, sometimes not, but nonetheless moving bills through the legislative process.

Mr. Speaker, I think the data is important. I think the fact that it should be public is equally important. But as the Governor himself has noted, even the data he is trying to collect on minorities and disadvantaged individuals and lower socioeconomic backgrounds is challenging. I think the number I saw this morning was 65 percent of the data was not reported. I think the data surrounding the deaths, the comorbidities for those non-health-care individuals, what other health-care problems did they have, it naturally also begs the question of, out of the thousands of cases that we have had, how many have been discharged, how many are no longer under quarantine, and how many have recovered? Those are all fair questions, I believe, Mr. Speaker, and data points that would in fact impact any of the decisions at any of the levels of government. But if the data that is being made public is 65-percent-plus deficient, what other holes are in the data? That is why it should be public, Mr. Speaker.

We heard about real leadership, and I appreciate the gentleman's statements, and we had several sidebar discussions about this and other bills in the front of the House, as I am sure many of the members noticed. I agree. Now is the time for real leadership. Now is the time to work collaboratively and solve our problems. But yesterday when we had an amendment that would have addressed one of the problems that has been brought up regarding open houses, 77 individuals of this chamber voted "no" to not immediately consider a missed, a missed-deadline filed amendment. It was filed after the 1 o'clock, but I think it addressed a legitimate purpose and concern that was raised, and it would certainly be my hope that the Senate takes that up because I think that you can safely and responsibly limit the open house process, whether it be virtual or one at a time, as my good colleague who used to be a realtor described.

What analogies do we have in terms of public safety? Mr. Speaker, we have – and I will offer this – the speed limit. We have thousands of traffic fatalities every year across the country as well, and we could get rid of every single one of those, I believe, or nearly all of those if we lowered the speed limit to 15 miles an hour – 1-5 – 15. The question is, what guardrails do we want to put on the decisions that we make and how does society approach these decisions?

I agree that a complete shutdown would work until we eventually reopen, because as I have said multiple times from this podium, if you do a complete quarantine and you do it successfully, you still have people that are not exposed. We are a year to 18 months potentially away from a vaccine, so in the interim we have to figure out a way to responsibly manage that endeavor. I believe the gentleman's bill does this. I respect the fact that some of the colleagues here in the chamber do not agree. That is the legislative process that we have outlined and what we have worked through.

Mr. Speaker, I literally just received an e-mail from my social worker at my children's high school today. We were originally exchanging on another issue. We were exchanging over the issue regarding some changes in the State law to the Education Code and what that meant for some of her more troubled students. But she also mentioned, as fate would have it – because I do not necessarily always believe in luck – she also mentioned the issue of homelessness. She is currently dealing with two families because homeless shelters are currently locked down and rental

units can be somewhat complicated to get into at this point. They are between homes. They are stuck in a motel, which we do not have many of those in southern Lancaster County, if I am being completely honest. So there is a limited resource there as well.

Mr. Speaker, we need to provide reasonable access to shelter. We need to provide reasonable guidelines for safely running businesses. And, Mr. Speaker, I believe that all of the data, all of the discussion points, all of the modeling should also be public so that we understand and then it will be easier to trust what the ultimate results are.

I understand that this is a once-in-a-century pandemic. I understand that. I understand why the Governor has course-corrected at different times throughout this – sometimes with input from the legislature, sometimes with input from outside professionals, sometimes because he believes it is a better course. That is okay. I said in the very first week of the debate I am fine if he would say 2 weeks from now we are going to evaluate what the current spread is and what the numbers are and here are the data points that we are going to be looking at, and if the data was so bad when we got to that 2 weeks and he said we need to do another week, I would understand that. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we have not had that to date. I think and hope that we all would agree that that entire process could be a little better.

Mr. Speaker, for me, I believe that this helps on the issue of homelessness and the access to shelter, which I believe is a fundamental right. So I urge a "yes" vote for those reasons. I urge all my colleagues to support it. And, Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that as we move forward we can have a more transparent decisionmaking process based on data and science, because obviously science is not well settled, because as I opened with, we are always in the significant minority of States doing business in another way. I would like to join the rest of the country, Mr. Speaker, and urge a "yes" vote on this bill. 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.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. And the majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does accurately reflect the vote of the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

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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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2369, PN 3601**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), known as the Job Enhancement Act, in Community Development Bank Grant and Loan Program, further providing for definitions and providing for COVID-19 grant and loan programs.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. So the Chair is calling upon the majority leader for a motion.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, similar to the business interruption discussion that we had previously, I think HB 2369 is a very important proposal that deals with community development and financial institutions, and I believe that the good sponsor, the gentlelady from Allegheny County, has put a lot of thought into the process.

One of the issues that we need to address, however, is the direct funding and the Federal CARES dollars. In consultation with her; the chairman of the committee, the Commerce Committee where this came from; and the chairman of the Finance Committee, I would like to refer this bill, make a motion to refer this bill to the Finance Committee for further consideration and the discussion of the funding mechanism and how that would be effectuated through our budget process so that we could have that question answered.

I would urge the members to please support the motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. So the motion we have in front of us is the motion to recommit to the Finance Committee.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative Jake Wheatley, on the motion.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to make sure the members of this august body understand there are a lot of men and women who were not able to avail themselves of the Federal CARES Act, who are at home right now because of the shutdown order, who are business owners who are in industries whenever we go from red to yellow to green will still be left behind, left out and struggling. And whatever we do, if we are sending it to a committee, Finance Committee, or whatever committee, I am hoping that we will respond quickly because these people cannot wait any longer. And if we are going to be pressuring to get industry-by-industry solutions, let us give relief to people who even when we open up will still be suffering. So I will just encourage, if we are going to send this to a committee, we also put a time stamp on when we are going to come back with some relief for these business men and women who are sitting at home waiting for us to do something to help them survive.

The SPEAKER. Sir, do you want to say if you support the motion or not?

Mr. WHEATLEY. I technically will vote for this motion, but I do not support this motion because I think today we need to offer up some solutions right now for business men and women who need help. But I will support and vote for it because I think that that is what this body wants to do. But I just want to make sure we do not spend a lot of time debating this issue, that we can come back next week or whenever and have a solution for these operators.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the motion to recommit to the Finance Committee, those who are in favor will vote "aye"; those who are opposed will vote "nay."

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. And the majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board does accurately reflect the vote of the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Reese
Benninghoff	Fiedler	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longiotti	Roebuck
Boback	Frankel	Mackenzie	Rothman
Bonner	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Borowicz	Fritz	Malagari	Rozzi
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	Green	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Gregory	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causar	Greiner	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Grove	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hahn	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harkins	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
Davanzo	Hohenstein	Murt	Sturla
Davidson	Howard	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Tobash
Davis, T.	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dawkins	Isaacson	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Day	James	O'Neal	Toohil
Deasy	Jones	Oberlander	Topper
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Ullman
Delloso	Kail	Otten	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufer	Owlett	Warner
DeLuca	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warren
Dermody	Keefer	Peifer	Webster
Diamond	Keller	Petrarca	Wentling
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Pickett	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Polinchock	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Puskaric	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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

The SPEAKER. The bill is recommitted to the Finance Committee.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 327;
HB 2206;
HB 2251;
HB 2370;
SB 67; and
SB 1108.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1439;
HB 1696;
HB 1983;
HB 2423;
HB 2429;
HB 2435;
HB 2436;
HB 2455; and
SB 1027.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1566;
HB 1947;
HB 1995; and
SB 114.

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

BILLS TABLED

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

HB 1566;
HB 1947;
HB 1995; and
SB 114.

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

**STATE GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. Chairman Garth Everett is recognized for a committee announcement.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a meeting of the State Government Committee tomorrow at the call of the Chair. Plan to do it at the first break, but it will be at the call of the Chair in 60 East Wing to consider HBs 2431 and 2463, and any other business that will come before the committee. That will be at the call of the Chair tomorrow from the floor.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The State Government Committee will meet tomorrow at the call of the Chair in 60 East Wing.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairman Tim Hennessey, sir.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a meeting of the House Transportation Committee in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building beginning at 4:30 in about 5 minutes. We will consider three transportation bills, one dealing with public-private partnerships, one with license plates, and the third with PennDOT and securing waivers for independent messengers. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Transportation Committee will meet at 4:30 in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building.

Any other committee announcements at this time? Am I missing any committee announcements?

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Jordan Harris, the Democratic whip, I think, has a correction for the record, sir.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on HB 2412, amendment 5294, on the motion to suspend, can we please have Representative Tina Davis marked in the positive.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 188, PN 160**, entitled:

An Act providing for property owner's bill of rights statement.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 188 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 188 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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1234, PN 2813**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for the definitions of "injury," "personal injury" and "injury arising in the course of his employment," providing for diseases with long latency periods between occupational exposure and manifestation of the disease and further providing for liability.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1234 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 1234 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 third consideration of **HB 1719, PN 2311**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 27659, on that portion of State Route 2034, also known as Edge Hill Road, over Pennsylvania Route 611, also known as Old York Road, in Abington Township, Montgomery County, as the Captain Samuel Schultz Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1719 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 1719 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 661, PN 3123**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2020 as "Greek-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the constructive role Greek Americans continue to play in the economic and cultural development of our nation and this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 661 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 661 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 689, PN 3207**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 25, 2020, as "Greek Independence Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 689 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 689 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 695, PN 3213**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 8, 2020, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 695 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 695 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 697, PN 3215**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 15 through 21, 2020, as "Sunshine Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 697 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 697 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 698, PN 3216**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of February 2020 as "Black History Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 698 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 698 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 707, PN 3225**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2020 as "Ancient Order of Hibernians Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 707 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 707 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.

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 413, PN 1653**.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

SB 413, PN 1653

A Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for tenure of justices, judges and justices of the peace; and further providing for absentee voting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Brett Miller moves that the House be adjourned until Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

So we are on the floor tomorrow at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29.

The House will briefly come to order. I adjourned just a moment too quickly.

STATEMENT BY MR. O'NEAL

The SPEAKER. On unanimous consent, Representative Tim O'Neal, on unanimous consent.

Mr. O'NEAL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make some remarks on amendment A05117 to HB 327. My amendment would have established a spirit expanded permit that mirrors the current wine expanded permit. Act 39 of 2016 created the wine expanded permit and, more importantly, showed us that private businesses can safely and effectively sell products that were previously only available in State stores. The crisis we find ourselves in today has highlighted the need to allow expanded permit sales as well. We continue to see the ineffectiveness of our current liquor system as the LCB (Liquor Control Board) fails to deliver on customer demands.

Allowing expanded permit sales is the best of both worlds. These permits will preserve our current system while also allowing the desires of customers to be fulfilled by private businesses. An additional benefit during this crisis is the added revenue source for our struggling small businesses and restaurants. The fact is that regardless of political affiliation or party preference, our constituents demand that we provide commonsense updates to our current system. Spirit expanded permits take this vital step toward meeting this expectation.

With that said, I realize that HB 327 was not the vehicle to take this necessary step, and that is the reason why I withdrew my amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative O'Neal.

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 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. So the House stands adjourned, pursuant to the motion by Representative Brett Miller, until Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 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 4:30 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.