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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:

The prayer today was given on April 18, 1947, by the Reverend Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate.

Dear Lord, "Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for – because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything." Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, April 29, 2020, will be postponed until printed.

#### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2466** By Representatives ROEBUCK, BURGOS, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, GAINNEY, HARRIS, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, ISAACSON, KEEFER, KIM, KINSEY, LEE, MURT, ROZZI and RYAN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting government units, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and for limitations on damages.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2467** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2468** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2469** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2470** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2471** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2472** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2473** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2474** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2475** By Representative SAYLOR

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2020.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. There are no leaves, only Representative MAKO, who is on military leave.

All members are voting either here, from their Capitol office, remotely in their district office, or home.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

The master roll call is correct for the majority, a unanimous vote by the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Representative Reese, if you could come up to the rostrum. The House will stand at ease.

(Conference held.)

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

Leader Dermody, on the roll call, would you mind verifying the vote on the roll call?

And the minority whip, Jordan Harris, on the roll-call vote. Just if you could verify the roll-call vote.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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	Sappay
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
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

**ADDITIONS—0**

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—1**

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The SPEAKER. There are 202 members voting on the master roll call, so we have a quorum.

### STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. A State Government Committee announcement.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the State Government Committee in room 60, East Wing, to consider HB 2440 and HB 2459. Immediate meeting of the House State Government Committee, 60 East Wing.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Garth Everett, thank you very much, sir.

So immediate meeting for State Government. Obviously, members can vote by proxy or remote. In 60 East Wing.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Democratic leader, Representative Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will caucus immediately. The Democrats will caucus immediately.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Toepel, the majority caucus chair. No caucus. Is that correct?

Mrs. TOEPEL. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to be back to the floor at 12:30. We will be back to the floor at 12:30 p.m. The House will stand in recess until 12:30 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. We understand that the Democratic Caucus had asked for a half an hour to caucus. We will extend. We have already extended 10 minutes. We will extend another 10 and await word from the Democratic Caucus. So at this time we will extend another 10 minutes for the Democratic Caucus and await word from their leaders.

We will remain at ease until 1 p.m. We are asking members to report to the floor at 1 p.m. My understanding is that the Democratic caucus is coming to a conclusion, so we will begin at 1 p.m.

The House is back in order here at 1 p.m., as I indicated.

### VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Majority Leader Bryan Cutler is recognized. Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have a piece of business from yesterday. I have been in contact with the good gentleman from Armstrong County, Representative Jeff Pyle, who was incorrectly recorded in the affirmative on HB 327 and would like to be recorded in the negative.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Leader.

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

**HB 2440, PN 3692** (Amended) By Rep. EVERETT

An Act providing for extension of COVID-19 waiver provisions for outdoor sportsman clubs.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

**HB 2459, PN 3653** By Rep. EVERETT

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.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 857** By Representatives GILLEN, HILL-EVANS, PICKETT, COX, DRISCOLL, STAATS, ROZZI, SCHMITT, MILLARD, YOUNGBLOOD, RYAN, BOBACK, MACKENZIE, MERSKI, LONGIETTI, BROWN, JAMES, SCHLEGEL CULVER, GAINEY, JOZWIAK, NEILSON, DONATUCCI, CIRESI, SAYLOR, MALAGARI, READSHAW, SCHWEYER and CONKLIN

A Resolution commemorating September 2, 2020, as "V-J Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 30, 2020.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2476** By Representatives GROVE, RYAN, JONES, GAYDOS, DeLUCA, KEEFER, SAYLOR and GLEIM

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in health care outcomes, further providing for establishment, for value-based models relating to the Hospital Outcomes Program, for value-based models relating to the Managed Care Organization Outcomes Program and for managed care organization Medicaid contracts.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 30, 2020.

**No. 2477** By Representatives ROWE, CAUSER, BERNSTINE, DRISCOLL, JONES, LEWIS, GLEIM, KLUNK, FEE, M. K. KELLER, KEEFER, POLINCHOCK and GROVE

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.234, No.76), known as the Donated Food Limited Liability Act, further providing for donor immunity.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 30, 2020.

## CALENDAR

### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2455, PN 3639**, 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 Health and its departmental administrative and advisory boards, providing for local health department COVID-19 antibody testing.

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

Mr. **CUTLER** offered the following amendment **No. A05363**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 24, by inserting after "testing"; and providing for COVID-19 emergency testing procurement and disbursement

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

#### ARTICLE XXI-C

#### COVID-19 EMERGENCY

#### TESTING PROCUREMENT AND DISBURSEMENT

#### Section 2101-C. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"COVID-19." The novel coronavirus as defined in the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

#### Section 2102-C. Procurement and disbursement plan.

(a) Submission of plan.—No later than seven days after the effective date of this section, the Governor, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall submit a plan for the procurement and disbursement of testing kits or equipment necessary to test for COVID-19 to the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

(b) Contents.—The plan under subsection (a) shall include all of the following:

(1) A review of the type and quantity of testing kits and equipment proposed to be procured.

(2) A proposed timeline for the procurement of the testing kits and equipment.

(3) A proposed plan to disburse the testing kits and equipment across this Commonwealth.

(4) A list of categories of individuals who serve an essential health and safety function or who are at a high-risk of contracting COVID-19 to be given initial priority to be tested.

The list shall include:

(i) Health care staff.

(ii) Staff and residents of nursing homes, long-term care nursing facilities, assisted living residences, personal care homes and hospices.

(iii) Staff and clients of home care providers, home health care providers, mental health providers, behavioral health providers, children's services, intellectual disability providers and drug and alcohol providers.

(iv) Emergency service and public safety personnel.

(v) Any other category of individuals who serve an essential health and safety function or who are at high-risk of contracting COVID-19.

(vi) An estimate of the amount of funding needed to implement the plan.

(5) A description of how the plan supports the efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 at life-sustaining businesses which have been permitted to continue to operate under the orders from the Governor and the Secretary of Health since the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

(6) A description of how the plan supports the efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 at businesses other than businesses listed under paragraph (5) and which would be permitted to resume operations under subsequent orders or revisions to orders by the Governor and the Secretary of Health.

(c) Approval.—A plan submitted under subsection (a) shall be deemed approved upon the enactment of an appropriation for the procurement of testing kits or equipment necessary from funds provided under the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136, 134 Stat. 281).

Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The addition of section 2127 of the act shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, the Chair calls upon the sponsor of the amendment, the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know we covered the substance of this amendment a little bit yesterday, but I would like to review it for the benefit of the members. Mr. Speaker, very basically, this amendment deals directly with testing. And the testing is important because I believe, since we entered into the state of emergency on March 6 until today, for a total of 55 days under this emergency, we have heard how important testing is. So what do we have in our current environment? There is a lot of fear, not necessarily a lot of facts. I think there needs to be more transparency, more testing, more information, and more certainty.

The process and why we are all here today I think is very important. Our State was never meant to be run by only one or two people. We are a deliberative body that is meant to be a check and balance on the Governor, despite the provisions contained in the emergency powers. We are the elected officials most closely related to the people. It is our job to be their voice and to discuss what their concerns are.

Like many of my colleagues, our district office has remained open in order to handle calls, and a fundamental problem of the current system has been this: the Executive will make a decision,

and then we spend the better part of a week getting calls from angry constituents. They are angry and complaining about the waiver process, they are angry and complaining about the unemployment process, and they are confused. They do not understand what standards or how testing will be delivered or what metrics will be used to reopen their county.

Mr. Speaker, they are our bosses. We work for the people. We are not employees of the Governor or any Cabinet Secretary; we are elected Representatives of the people. And this is the time, this is the proper forum, this is the place where their voice is brought forward, their voice so that we can help them manage our government. They are sovereign and we should show them the respect, the respect of carrying their concerns over their health, over their welfare, over their families, and over their economic futures in each and every one of our discussions here today and everyday hereafter, and that is exactly why I – and I think the vote will show a majority of this body – will be doing later today.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard that testing is a relevant part of any rollout consistently from the Secretary. But much to my disappointment, earlier this morning we received a letter from the Secretary of Health, and I would like to quickly run through it because I recognize that perhaps not every member has had the opportunity to review the propositions put forth in that record. I will start with this: I question if the amendment was accurately read because of how this letter mischaracterizes certain portions of it.

Mr. Speaker, it is described – and I agree with the first two paragraphs – as a novel or new coronavirus. It is a problem that needs to be managed. It needs to be managed actively, and we do not know yet whether a vaccine will be forthcoming at a quick or a slow pace. We also do not know exactly what the antibodies mean. If you have them, are you immune in the future, or could you be possibly reinfected? That is fine.

But when we get into the next part of the letter, it starts talking about the State's efforts, the State's efforts on behalf of those people that I previously described. Quoting from the letter, it said, "...as of this Tuesday, our state laboratory in Exton has tested 9,156 individuals." Fifty-five days in, and we have tested less than 9200 people. It goes on to say that, "In a perfect world, we would have unlimited testing..." I agree, but our world is not perfect. And while we do not yet have access to unlimited testing, I would at least hope that we have access to a plan and a path forward. Mr. Speaker, we have heard how important this is for a long time, but in each and every process that we have engaged in thus far during this pandemic, this one is also light in details.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to recognize that the underlying bill itself that the good gentleman from Chester County has put forth would expedite the testing in Chester County, potentially at 30,000 individuals in their first month. Mr. Speaker, that is a local effort that our State does not appear to have matched.

Mr. Speaker, going on to the next paragraph, it talks about the problems with supplies. We have had regular conversations about that both here as well as privately with the administration, and I agree that supplies are a problem. The swabs, the reactive agents – all of them are critical choke points in the testing process. But, Mr. Speaker, that is why we need a plan. That is why we need a plan in order to move forward. We need the plan so that we can appropriate the money, but most importantly, get in the queue. These items cannot be manufactured on a whim. All the other States are submitting RFPs (requests for proposals). They are

submitting requests for these supplies, some of which are to Pennsylvania-based companies. Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to get in line behind other States for products that are manufactured here.

So while the plan is inaccurately described as handcuffs, I simply ask, what is so restrictive to require a plan to be submitted in 7 days so that we, the legislature, can do our constitutional duty, our duty to appropriate the money to buy the supplies and pay for what is asked for in that plan? Mr. Speaker, it has not happened in 55 days; I do not understand why 7 is difficult. And it is a within. It could instantaneously be handed over. It should be instantaneously handed over today.

Mr. Speaker, the letter goes on to say that we need "...the flexibility to adapt." Our amendment, this amendment as drafted does allow for that flexibility. It can have mixed data points. It can have course corrections in it. But I want to be very clear: other areas are not necessarily waiting for FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval. The FDA has put in place a process for access to testing that may not yet be the full way through the FDA testing regiments. Los Angeles is doing it. I read an article this morning where they will be using cheek swabs to check. Georgia, literally in the next county over from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), is also providing testing – neither of which I believe are actually completely FDA-approved – but the access to information, information that we are starving for, demands that we do this and we do it right.

Mr. Speaker, it goes on to say that we should partner with private labs, and I commend the Governor for doing that. That happened very early on, and that is how we expanded our own testing capacities in the early days of the pandemic. Every plan should include partners, and this amendment does not prevent that.

Mr. Speaker, it then goes on to describe that the requirements under this amendment "...given the chaotic, needlessly competitive, and constantly changing environment my team" – the Secretary is referring to her own team – "and I must navigate daily." It needlessly subjects the procurement process to that, and that she wishes that we "...not handcuff our scientists, doctors, public health nurses, and others within our public health workforce during the midst of a public health crisis not seen in our lifetimes." I agree. Nothing in this amendment handcuffs them. All it simply says is, please give us your work product. Please give us a plan, because, and this is the reason we are asking and the reason why we believe a plan is necessary, it is necessary because we have limited financial resources. We only get to spend this money once and we must ensure that we spend it correctly.

Mr. Speaker, it closes saying that it is "...a top priority..." – testing, that is, a top priority – 9,156 people, when Chester County can privately procure 30,000. A top priority I believe, would have already issued a public plan, one that instills confidence to the individuals who have diligently quarantined through this process.

And, Mr. Speaker, it leaves me wondering, because I read the announcement this morning, it leaves me wondering how we can go from a quote on April 28 from the Governor saying that there was no benchmark to a plan will be announced tomorrow. I welcome the plan, and I humbly request that that plan be submitted in accordance with this amendment so that we can do our due diligence and fund testing and do it today. It has been long enough. The time is now. I urge a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Now is the time for data and science. Unfortunately, the amendment that is being offered right now does not reflect data and science from medical professionals. The House GOP Caucus does not have one person with a medical degree. The Department of Health has many people; most notably, the Secretary of Health, Rachel Levine—

### POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER. The majority leader.

Mr. CUTLER. First of all, and I recognize that we were correctly advised from the Chair that we should not correct facts, but there are several medically degreed professionals in the Republican Caucus, and I believe that that point should be on the record. And an overly broad statement like that I believe is inappropriate and would ask the gentleman to stay on context with the underlying issues of the amendment.

The SPEAKER. Representative Boyle, you may proceed.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The fact of the matter is, the Department of Health has many people, most notably, Dr. Rachel Levine, who are highly qualified to come up with a data-driven, scientific approach to this pandemic, and most importantly, to the testing program. Dr. Levine has an undergraduate degree from Harvard College, she has medical school training at Tulane, and she finished her training at Mount Sinai in New York City.

Ultimately, this amendment, if adopted, would create a bureaucracy when it comes to a mass testing plan. We cannot have that. A mass testing plan needs to be quick and it cannot be delayed, so we need to listen to the Department of Health. And frankly, I do not think it is within our purview, or should not be within our purview in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, to be coming up with this policy regarding testing. We should listen to the medical professionals, and if we do not, if we allow politicians in Harrisburg to devise our testing plan, I have no doubt that it will lead to many, many more deaths in this State.

So I urge a "no" vote to this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Heffley, Doyle Heffley.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment. It is imperative that we take action now. Pennsylvania is waiting. Over 500,000 Pennsylvanians are sitting home right now waiting 6 weeks for this administration to figure out the mess in unemployment. It is time that they get on the stick and get this money out. People are waiting in food lines. We need to act now—

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker, this has nothing to do—

Mr. HEFFLEY. We can pass legislation—

Mr. DERMODY. —nothing to do—

The SPEAKER. The leader—

Mr. DERMODY. —with a plan—

The SPEAKER. Please suspend.

Mr. DERMODY. —for testing. You want to talk about that, we will talk about it.

### POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Point of order. Democratic Leader, you may state your point of order.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you. My point of order is, this has nothing do with a plan for testing or a report on testing. Now, you want to talk about what is going on with unemployment, you want to talk about why we are there, that is fine. Not on this bill.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Carbon County, we are on testing. And I understand your points, but they could be made in a press event. This is on testing, and you may proceed on testing.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

I will proceed on the plan. We have to have a plan to move forward. We desperately need a plan for testing in this Commonwealth. People need to get back to work. They need to move about freely. They are sitting at home right now. They cannot get access to their medical provider because somebody vetoed a telehealth bill. Now they need to go out, but they need to make sure that they can get tested when they go out in public. And we need to have a plan. There needs to be a plan on how to reopen this economy, how to get people to put food on their table. People are in bread lines right now because they cannot get to work, and we need to have a plan put forward with testing.

I agree with everything that has been done with the shutdown. We needed to stop the spread. We needed to buy that time. The administration stepped up in Washington and we have now the PPE (personal protective equipment), talking to my hospitals, for at least 6 weeks. Now we need to get the testing equipment ready so we can get people back to work, and it is our job to do it.

We should have voted this yesterday. We had to come back down today. Let us get it done.

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Bradford, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday I had the opportunity to recognize the gentleman for a well-intentioned amendment. I believed that yesterday and I actually very much still believe that today.

I would also recognize that over the last 4 weeks, we have had numerous discussions and opportunities to vote to fund testing and contact tracing and the isolation and quarantining that will be necessary on the back end to open our economy. I had the opportunity to review the transcript of the discussions about reopening our economy en masse – statewide, no exceptions – and then in different occasions, economic sector by economic sector. In almost every one of those discussions, you would be shocked to know there was no discussion on the majority party side about the need for contact tracing or testing. But I am glad that we are here today having a long-delayed conversation. Not 1 day late, 4 and 5 weeks late, and when we talk about our partners at the Federal level, in many cases, months late.

The good Representative from Carbon is worked up. I get that. He reflects the concern in our Commonwealth. But again, I come to the floor to say, we need to speak with calmer voices, because this body is no more prepared to determine which sections of the economy should reopen unilaterally than it is to determine how to put together a massive regime of testing statewide.

It is absurd, it is absurd that we have gone from the ridiculous to the lunacy of arguing that right here this is some intellectual discussion with the best minds in the world, the best epidemiologists. This is politics, and it is sad and there are people

hurting, and my God, day after day we engage this. I do not even know to what end or when it will end. This body does a disservice to our Commonwealth. It denigrates the service of our frontline workers. It is not worthy of the debate some days. The hooting and the howling as if this is some game, as if there is a constituency for closing one section of the economy or reopening the other. We have to recognize—

### POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER. Yes, Majority Leader.

Mr. CUTLER. I believe the good gentleman from Carbon County was asked to stay on point on the amendment. I am not really sure what this has to do with planning either.

The SPEAKER. Sir, we are on testing. If you could talk about testing. Yes, sir. You may proceed on testing.

Mr. BRADFORD. So now we bring ourselves to having that conversation about testing. This body – and we thank our Federal partners for providing CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) money to help with testing, testing that is long overdue. And we need to also talk about contact tracing, and I assume we will soon be seeing a bill that does that.

I want to give a little context in my own county, which had some experience early on before we had to, as I like to politely say proverbially, drink out of the fire hydrant. We had the first lead cases, and we were able to do testing and contact tracing, but as this virus spread, community spread, the opportunity to do that was no longer possible and a regime of mitigation was put in place. And it is has been horribly painful to families and businesses and individuals. We recognize that.

And now as we have the opportunity to go forward with thoughtful, professional leaders – divorced from this, whatever this is – as we begin that, we are going to need a regime, a regiment of thought leaders who can do the testing regime at the levels that we have not yet seen, and frankly, our capabilities are not there yet. They are going to have to do that, and then they are going to have to test. And what I continue to fear in this discussion and in this amendment is, this body cannot seem to say we are just going to get behind what we have to do. Listen, not blind loyalty, not regardless of politics – it is always there – but we cannot just second-guess, second-guess and impugn the talents and the willingness of those frontline folks and professionals who are going to have to lead us out of this darkness. We need to be providing those resources. The Federal government has done its part. There will come a time, through the appropriations process, where we will drive out CARES dollars. They should not be contingent upon this body passing on the wisdom of a contact-tracing regime or a testing regime.

I understand the frustration. People want to do the right thing. They want to get out there. This body wants to help in many ways. Folks at home feel disempowered. They may sew masks or volunteer at a food kitchen like our First Lady had suggested. And people in this body want to do the right thing too. What I would argue, though, is not the right thing is amendments like this that micromanage and take this body into a field that we are so, so ill-prepared to engage in. I would venture a guess that you could count on two hands how many members of this body knew anything about contact tracing or epidemiology or the difficult work that lays ahead to reopen Pennsylvania's economy.

This is going to be difficult, and what I think our political leaders must do is start taking a step back from this – this – and get to a point where we are supporting those who have to make these decisions, without the politics and the rancor and the overheated rhetoric. I had an opportunity the other day to read an editorial from our former Governor, a Vietnam veteran and a man of the highest regard, a man who happens to be of the party opposite, and he wonders about what this rhetoric says about this country at this time, for Governor Ridge and many others recognize that this has gone too far.

These amendments, while sometimes well-intended – and I said that at the very beginning – are missing the mark. We need to support those who have tough choices to make. We should stop playing the politics. We should check them at the door for the length of this emergency. We should all, we should all take time at this time and place to recognize the choices are difficult, perfection is not on the table, there are inequities and challenges in everything that this Governor has done, but we recognize that they are done for the right reasons.

I am deeply concerned what I see in this body after 6 weeks, and I fear what 6 weeks forward may look like if we continue to go down this rabbit hole. This has become a process that has simply moved into the ridiculous phase in this chamber, at times, on too many occasions. I would say we need to check that. I think we should read the letter from Secretary Levine. She is not questioning the gentleman's good intentions – his intentions I believe are pure – but the execution is questionable. And when it is colored by passions that are unchecked, I believe we do a disservice to the difficult job that lays ahead for the Commonwealth in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. I have two other speakers before I call on the leaders. Representative Boyle wants to go a second time, and then I think Representative Moul, and then I have Representative Dush.

If anybody wants to waive off— Oh, Representative Dush waives off.

Representative Grove, and then the leaders will conclude.

Representative Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think this is a very important point that I am going to make. Despite the interjections of the majority leader, there are no medical doctors in the Republican Caucus. So, Mr. Speaker, I believe we should let medical professionals decide a testing plan, not Harrisburg politicians. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Moul.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

One of the last speakers has mentioned about professionals making decisions, and I will tell you, to be honest with you [words stricken]. I am sorry.

The SPEAKER. Please, please strike.

Mr. MOUL. I am sorry. I will withdraw that.

Nothing angers me off more down south than watching somebody give someone else credit that has been nothing but a bureaucrat all their lives, making decisions for us, the elected officials, who many of us have spent our lives outside of politics making decisions on how to run business. And all we are asking for here is to simply do some testing. That is all we are asking for, Mr. Speaker, is let us push this forward, let us get the testing done in Pennsylvania. I cannot believe there would be one single person vote against this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Grove waives off.

I am going to go with the minority leader first and then the majority leader. We are not going to be calling on anybody else. I am going to end with the two leaders. If you want to speak, let me know now before I call on them.

Democratic Leader Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, over the last several weeks both the majority leader and myself and others have had discussions with the administration, with both the Secretary and with the Governor, the administration, on testing. They will have a plan; they have a plan. They will announce their plan, and it evolves daily, because in those discussions, we talk about the problems with testing and the difficulties in obtaining equipment and obtaining test kits and all of the problems they have been having throughout, as many States have, because of the failure in leadership from Washington. So we will have a plan. And that plan evolves daily and they need the flexibility to make those changes and work within those confines of what they are dealing with from day to day.

Now, she wrote a letter, the Secretary of Health wrote a letter to us. We should read it. There is a paragraph I think that is meaningful and answers a lot of questions. And what she says is, "It is unfortunate that the General Assembly would consider subjecting our procurement of needed supplies to these requirements given the chaotic, needlessly competitive, and constantly changing environment my team and I must navigate daily. Amendment A05363...creates another layer over these dedicated public health workers by linking the deployment of desperately needed federal CARES Act funding to legislative approval of a testing plan. We must not handcuff our scientists, doctors, public health nurses, and others within our public health workforce during the midst of a public health crisis not seen in our lifetimes."

Look, all of us want to make sure we get the proper testing done so that we can, in a responsible way, protect our workers and get them back to work. We are not capable of that right now. They will have a plan to do that. The last thing we should be doing is handcuffing them and tying their hands. The fate of testing should not be in the hands of the Republican Appropriations chairman. It should be left with the professionals in the Department of Health, the public health workers, and the Secretary. That is where it should lie, with people who know how to make decisions, who are evaluating what is going on in the Commonwealth.

There were another 1100 cases yesterday. You know, people say everything is going well. No, people are still getting sick and people are still dying, and we need to be careful. So we need to trust our health-care leaders in proposing a plan. We want to work with the other side in creating that plan, and they will have proper oversight. They will submit the plan. We can evaluate it. Making decisions on whether or not we fund and how we purchase should not be in the hands of the Appropriations chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And the majority leader, on the amendment.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to start by actually reading the amendment, because I fear that some in the chamber have not yet done so. Mr. Speaker, it outlines the definition of "COVID-19" in the first part, but starting on line 18, under subsection "(a) Submission of plan. —No later than seven days after the effective

date...the Governor, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall submit a plan for the procurement and disbursement of testing kits or equipment necessary to test for COVID-19...." And then it goes on to describe the Appropriations chairs of both chambers. That is the first part, submission of the Governor's own plan.

What are we asking to be contained in that plan? Mr. Speaker, there are several subsets, and I apologize, but I am going to read it for the benefit of the members, because again, I do not believe anybody has actually read it. "The plan under subsection (a) shall include...(1) A review of the type and quantity of testing kits and equipment proposed to be procured." Simple supply list. "(2) A proposed timeline for the procurement of..." that "equipment." And "(3) A proposed plan to disburse the testing kits and equipment across this Commonwealth. (4) A list of categories of individuals who serve an essential health and safety function or who are at a high-risk of contracting COVID-19 to be given initial priority to be tested. The list shall include" and there are some subsets that include "(i) Health care staff. (ii) Staff and residents of nursing homes, long-term care nursing facilities, assisted living residences, personal care homes and hospices. (iii) Staff and clients of home care providers, home health care providers, mental health providers, behavioral health providers, children's services, intellectual disability providers and drug and alcohol providers. (iv) Emergency service and public safety personnel. (v) Any other category of individuals who serve an essential health and safety function or who are at high-risk...." Subsection (vi), tell us how much money you need.

Mr. Speaker, that is not a handcuff. That is a simple request for information, something that we have requested again and again. Now, you may ask, why do we not just trust the Governor on this one? Let us wait. Let us see what they produce. Mr. Speaker, the problem is — and I do not dispute the good gentleman's recitation of the Secretary's medical degrees, education, and residency. I agree. They are topnotch. She has all of those. But the one thing we do not have is a plan. We do not have a plan to actually implement it or we do not even have a summary of a plan.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 55 days. That is not a quick response or a rapid response. And yesterday we heard timeline arguments that making them wait 7 days, 7 days longer, 5 weeks too late — those were the responses that came forth when I asked for a vote yesterday. The one thing I am certain of, by not considering this yesterday, we lost yet another day.

Mr. Speaker, back to the bill. Within 7 days. I was not an English major, but it seems fairly evident they could submit it immediately after signature. So where does that leave us? It leaves us with the good gentleman from Chester County's proposal that helps his county, and this amendment, which helps the State.

The timeline is very simple, Mr. Speaker. On April 28 we had a quote from the administration, the Governor himself, that said there was no benchmark. I said it yesterday but I will recite it again today. "We don't have a benchmark. There's not a benchmark for testing for reopening, and we don't even have a benchmark as for where we need to be." This was printed on the 29th. I drafted the amendment that day. We are now here today because we could not consider the amendment yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, since that time, I saw printed this morning "Pa. to set coronavirus testing, contact tracing benchmarks just days before gradual reopening...." It is about time. What happened



between the there is no benchmark and now we have a plan being put forth? I will tell you what happened, Mr. Speaker. This bill moved, the amendment was filed, and it worked.

We asked for information. I would like to get more. I think it is relevant because we are being asked to appropriate money to fund this. That is our job. I understand that some in this chamber may wish to abdicate all of their constitutional authority to the Executive during this crisis, but it is our job to be here. It is our job to work through the issues and to have the legislative debate and offer amendments. I understand that. And we may not always agree. I surely hope that we agree testing is important, and I surely hope that we can get it sooner rather than later.

We should have had it yesterday, we should have had it 5 weeks ago, but we can get it today. I urge a "yes" vote.

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 a unanimous vote by 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—132

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

NAYS—70

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

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. We have two other amendments.  
Representative Sims offers amendment 05306. Representative Sims, are you still offering that?

Mr. SIMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
No. My understanding is that the maker of the bill has offered a similar amendment himself, and so I am going to withdraw my amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Sims.  
So amendment 05306 is withdrawn.

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

Mr. LAWRENCE offered the following amendment  
No. **A05312**:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out "and negative" and inserting  
, false positive, negative and false negative  
Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out "in 60 days" and inserting  
immediately

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

The SPEAKER. Representative John Lawrence, on the amendment.

Representative Lawrence, why do you not come up to the front here, if you do not mind. Thank you.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the good gentleman from Philadelphia from the 182d District brought up in committee that the bill might, the underlying bill dictates that a municipal health department would report positive and negative test results to the State Department of Health. And the good gentleman from Philadelphia suggested that it might be important also to include false-positive and false-negative test results, and I think that is a great idea, so I would encourage an affirmative vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Boyle, on the amendment, sir.

Mr. BOYLE. I would urge members to support this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sirs.

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
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

Mako

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

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 **HB 1439, PN 3629**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for mental health parity and access to addiction treatment.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair is going to call upon the majority Appropriations chair at this time for a committee announcement.

Representative Kauffman, I will call on you next. I am going to call on the Appropriations chair, but I think you have an announcement as well.

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The majority Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor, is recognized.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

### JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. And the Judiciary chair, Representative Rob Kauffman, our Judiciary chair, is recognized.

Mr. KAUFFMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Looking toward next week, I want to make sure that all members of the Judiciary Committee and public know we will be holding a House Judiciary Committee meeting at noon on Monday, May 4, in the majority caucus room here in the Capitol. So Monday, May 4, at noon, in the majority caucus room, there will be a Judiciary Committee meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Judiciary Committee will meet Monday, May 4, at noon, in the majority caucus room.

So at this time we are going to be at ease. The Appropriations Committee will be meeting in the majority caucus room. And also, for those who wish to vote by proxy or remotely, you may do so. We will stand at ease until the Appropriations Committee returns.

The House will come to order.

### BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

#### HB 2423, PN 3588

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 2429, PN 3677

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 2435, PN 3674

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Food Establishment Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Grant Program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

#### HB 2436, PN 3612

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.

### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2429, PN 3677**, 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 Russ Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As the clerk noted, this bill would require the Secretary of DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) to immediately issue a waiver to allow all lawn and garden equipment and supply stores to open that can adhere to the social distancing and other CDC measures. And I want to note, Mr. Speaker, that even though this is about lawn and garden equipment and supply stores, this not about a zero-turn radius mower. This is not about buying shovels. This is about one thing and one thing only: food. I cannot think of any other basic necessity of life more important than food.

Mr. Speaker, I believe most of our colleagues are well aware of the practice that began during this crisis of farmers dumping milk, not putting it to market because the supply chain got messed up. That practice, Mr. Speaker, is no longer limited to milk. I happen to live in one of the leading poultry-producing counties in the Commonwealth, second only to my good friends from Lancaster County, and I began hearing of chickens being gassed 2 weeks ago. One night it was 300,000 chickens at a processing plant. The next morning it was two entire houses full of chickens on a farm.

This is not unique to Pennsylvania. Just on April 27, 2 days ago, I have got an article that talks about 2 million chickens—

#### POINT OF ORDER

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Yes. The leader—

Mr. DERMODY. Point of order.

The SPEAKER. —has a point of order.

Mr. DERMODY. Point of order.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, you may proceed.

Mr. DERMODY. I am not aware of chicken, or garden centers doing much work with chickens across the Commonwealth. So we can talk about garden centers. I understand that is the subject of the bill, however.

The SPEAKER. The majority leader I think wants to speak on that point of order.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the gentleman's underlying argument is regarding the food and food supply chain and the importance of the garden centers. And to my colleague, the minority leader: yes, garden centers also sell poultis. I have six of them at my house. We are currently raising them. I believe the gentleman is currently on point.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Diamond, if you can continue to tailor it, that would be appropriate. Thank you so much. But I do think we know where you are headed, and thank you.

Mr. DIAMOND. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To underscore, this is about food. Chickens are food, pork is food, beef is food, vegetables are food. And today I saw an article about millions of piles of big, giant piles of potatoes in Idaho just sitting to rot.

The idea here is that we have 12.8 million citizens in Pennsylvania who need to be fed, and our food supply chain is beginning to break down. They need the ability to plant their own garden. If they cannot get to a garden center to buy plants to put in the ground to produce food, they will be relying on a food supply chain which is on the verge of potential breakdown. And I know a lot of people would say, well, those folks can go to a food bank, but I want to tell you that food banks have the same supply chain and personnel issues that our commercial food chain is experiencing.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we do what Indiana did, what Michigan did, what Vermont did, what Illinois did, and what Rhode Island did, and offer a blanket waiver to our garden centers so folks can go to any garden center in Pennsylvania and buy those plants – which, by the way, Mr. Speaker, within a few weeks will be absolutely useless for transplanting. Absolutely useless.

This is about food, and I am more concerned about food not from – look, this is not for my area. I live in Lebanon County. We are a rather rural district. I know a guy with chickens, I know a guy with a garden and vegetables, and I know a guy who raises beef. I can find alternative sources. I am worried about our populations that are vulnerable to the food supply chain breakdown in highly densely populated areas of Pennsylvania. Those folks are going to be the ones that suffer the most if we do not pass this bill and the food supply chain breaks down.

I ask for an affirmative vote on HB 2429.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The minority leader.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Leader, do you want – I do have another member. I am glad to call on you but I do have another member, and I typically let the leaders go last. I do have another member, if you are okay with that.

Representative Owlett, you may proceed.

Mr. OWLETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I rise today in support of HB 2429. I want to talk about three things: food supply, farmers who have diversified to be able to supply our garden centers, and mental health issues of those who would love to take a break and go outside and do some gardening.

Like everyone else, I am sure it is hard to have a straight face when you tell your constituents at home that they cannot go to a garden center. It is probably good that we have a face mask on when we have that conversation, Mr. Speaker. It is hard to

believe that garden centers are not allowed to sell vegetable plants and seeds, but yet community gardens are allowed to open. Just outside here we have a Hunger Garden that is preparing for the season, yet, Mr. Speaker, if people want to plant their garden at home, the administration is saying that is great, but garden centers are closed.

Mr. Speaker, I grew up on a dairy farm. I was not a doctor in the previous conversation and debate. I get that. But I did grow up on a dairy farm and I understand a little bit about agriculture. And you know what you do in the spring? You plant. And when the sun shines, you make hay. That is what you do. And we are soon going to miss the opportunity to get these plants in the ground.

So there are three points, Mr. Speaker. One is the food supply. Right now we are entering into some unintended consequences where 3 or 4 months from now, we are not going to have the fruits of our labor that we could be putting in the ground right now, and that is going to challenge our food supply even more, Mr. Speaker. These are unintended consequences that I do not think we are trying to make, but it will happen. The amount of food that comes from all the backyard gardens across the Commonwealth equals tractor-trailer loads of food that we will have to bring in from other States. Does that seem like common sense to you? It does not to me. So this is an unintended consequence.

Honestly, Mr. Speaker, I do not think it makes a ton of common sense. I think our garden centers can open up, and I think they can do it in a responsible way, following the scientific CDC guidelines, so that we can put our own food on our own tables this summer. What could be safer? These garden centers are owned by creative, innovative problem solvers who know what it takes to offer a safe product to their customers; otherwise, they would not be in business.

Second, Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about agriculture. You know, we have been encouraging our dairy farmers to diversify in other areas of agriculture, one of those being greenhouses. A lot of them are wholesalers to our garden centers. They have been looking for other ways to make money, right, because dairy farming is struggling and it has been for a long time. But what we are saying is, nope, you cannot sell that. So now it is going to be even harder for those farmers. I know a little bit about this too, Mr. Speaker, because when I grew up on a dairy farm, we had a greenhouse and we sold wholesale to garden centers. It was incredibly important to us. Not only do we have a struggling dairy industry, but now they are struggling even more to put food on their table.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to talk a little bit about mental health and how this bill and this process to open up these garden centers will help folks who are struggling right now with mental illness. We are being asked to stay home, stay calm, and stay safe. Mr. Speaker, growing your own food can bring a smile to someone's face and purpose in these challenging times. We are being told to call mental health hotlines, and I think that is great, but, Mr. Speaker, I believe our garden centers can help in this situation as well.

Yes, I am frustrated. I am frustrated that we have to run a bill like this, but it truly does make common sense and I am asking my colleagues to please vote for HB – I am going to get it right – 2429. It is so important. This is an agricultural vote. This is a vote for your farmers. This is a vote for the folks that own those small garden centers in your community. And this is a vote to help those

that are struggling with mental illness to be able to plant some food for themselves this spring. Now is the time. Let us get this done.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. I just wanted to add my own background and experience from my own region to the debate. And frankly, I love home and garden centers. I really enjoy going to them and I hope Governor Wolf has a plan and modifies his plan to get them open in a safe and a responsible way, and I await and look forward to that.

But in my region, this argument that home and garden centers are needed for food supply, it is just totally bogus, totally bogus. I mean, in my areas, when I go to places like Mostardi and other places in Chester and Montgomery and Delaware Counties, it is all about azaleas and rhododendrons and, you know, my fig tree, which I get like maybe a cup of figs a year. It is nothing— It is about bedding to make your lawn look nice so the weeds do not grow up. This idea that we are making the argument that this has something to do with food supply may be true in the maker's bill, may be true on the gentleman's that spoke on it, but food supply? That is really a ridiculous argument.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The minority leader, Representative Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, over the last several weeks, we have voted on several bills like this with this piecemeal opening of our economy. We deal with bills that open the economy statewide without any regard for the status of the virus in regions of the State, regardless of the situation with regards to the virus in the various municipalities, counties, and regions of the Commonwealth.

Yesterday there were 1100 new cases in Pennsylvania. Today there are 1400 new cases in Pennsylvania, yet we want to go ahead and open garden centers statewide. We should and will open garden centers when it is safe to do so, and that is the way it should be. It should be done after there is an evaluation, which is taking place with the administration right now. We will hear from them. We talk about a strategic opening, phasing in, across the State based on the status of the regions, based on the status where they are with cases, and that is the way it should be done.

We all know that HB 2429 is not going to become law. This will not be the deciding factor when garden centers open. Whether it is safe or not to open them in a certain region should be and will be the determining factor whether or not garden centers should open. It is irresponsible to do a statewide opening of any large-scale business like this. It endangers, unnecessarily, the citizens of the Commonwealth, unnecessarily exposes them, potentially, to the coronavirus, to COVID-19, and people will get sick and people will die.

So let us let the professionals who understand and are evaluating the situation make the decisions on where we should open and where we should not. This piecemeal approach, one, does not work, will not work, will never get signed into law. We know that, you know that, and so let us do it safely so that we can do this in a responsible way, maintaining the health and safety of every citizen in the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And the majority leader, on the bill.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think the last two speakers typified exactly why this bill needs done, and in some cases, what is exactly wrong with government. Mr. Speaker, the people making these decisions probably have never visited a garden center to actually grow their own food. And to the good gentleman from Delaware County, I understand that Whole Foods may be open in your neighborhood, but in my area, we grow our own food.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot about, we have heard a lot about data and science. Here is some ag science: If we do not plant the seeds or the seedlings today, we will not have food in 3 months. That is important. So I understand that we should wait for a plan. It has been a good answer for the last 55 days.

And we have been asked why are we doing it piece by piece? I will tell you why we are doing it piece by piece. Mr. Speaker, we tried to have a uniform process – one that was transparent, one that was consistent, and one that was consistent with more than 40 other States all across the country – and that was vetoed. It is one of the few bills that passed strictly on partisan lines that we have done in the last 4 weeks. So I am a believer in trying to find solutions, not hoping on a plan that might eventually come. So what we are proposing here is perhaps if this is a component that we can agree on, maybe it will in fact make it through the process. I will tell you what will ensure that it can make it through the process, and that is if we deliver a veto-proof vote today. I think that would certainly, hopefully, change the Governor's opinion.

Prior to the pandemic, 50 percent of all food was consumed in restaurants. We have discussed the packaging problems that come with that – we have industrial-size packaging versus home-household packaging.

So we have been told to wait. Wait on the experts. Wait on the plan. My fear is those experts probably do not garden themselves. But let us take a look on why this is good. Mr. Speaker, vulnerable populations, particularly the rural poor, depend on growing their own food, locally sourced. And urban agriculture prior to the pandemic, while trendy, is probably a necessity now.

We have a local garden center who has not previously been open. They filed for a waiver and they were denied. The number of plants – and I quoted this previously in debate, and I think it is important – the number of plants that they had already thrown away over a week ago equaled 375 tractor-trailer loads of fresh produce that will not be grown now because of the timing.

I understand that some individuals may not know what the planting cycles are because they do not have personal experience. I understand that. But for those of us who do have that personal experience, I would encourage you to listen to us. The idea that you could walk into a Walmart with 100 people in it all circling in the aisles is somehow more dangerous than buying a tomato plant is absurd. People want to take responsibility for their own future, their own food security.

And what we hear in response is this: Let us wait on the government, let us wait on the experts. Mr. Speaker, the last time I checked, the experts ran the waiver system; they ran the unemployment system. I do not think our people should wait anymore. We should pass this bill. Let us give locally sourced and grown food an opportunity, and let us let our individual citizens make that choice if they wish to engage in that activity or not, because that is what this is about. It is not forcing people to go there; it is allowing them to be open in the event that other people want to frequent the business and take responsibility for

their own future, because, Mr. Speaker, once the plan eventually comes out in portions of the State, it will be past growing season. And I have seen what waiting on government gets us. I do not want more of it. Please vote "yes."

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. The electronic voting board does reflect the majority party voting unanimously.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—133

Barrar	Gabler	Marshall	Roae
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Masser	Rothman
Bernstine	Gillen	McNeill	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gillespie	Mehaffie	Ryan
Boback	Gleim	Mentzer	Sainato
Bonner	Gregory	Metcalfe	Sankey
Borowicz	Greiner	Metzgar	Sappey
Brooks	Grove	Mihalek	Saylor
Brown	Hahn	Millard	Schemel
Burns	Heffley	Miller, B.	Schmitt
Carroll	Helm	Mizgorski	Schroeder
Causser	Hennessey	Moul	Shusterman
Ciresi	Hershey	Mullery	Simmons
Conklin	Hickernell	Mullins	Snyder
Cook	Irvin	Murt	Sonney
Cox	James	Mustello	Staats
Culver	Jones	Nelson	Stephens
Cutler	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Struzzi
Davanzo	Kail	O'Neal	Thomas
Davis, A.	Kaufner	Oberlander	Tobash
Davis, T.	Kauffman	Ortitay	Toepel
Day	Keefer	Owlett	Tomlinson
Delozier	Keller	Peifer	Toohil
DeLuca	Clunk	Petrarca	Topper
Diamond	Knowles	Pickett	Ullman
Dowling	Kortz	Polinchock	Warner
Dunbar	Kulik	Puskaric	Wentling
Dush	Lawrence	Pyle	Wheeland
Ecker	Lewis	Quinn	White
Emrick	Longietti	Rader	Zimmerman
Everett	Mackenzie	Rapp	
Farry	Malagari	Readshaw	Turzai,
Fee	Maloney	Reese	Speaker
Fritz	Markosek	Rigby	

NAYS—69

Boyle	Evans	Kenyatta	Ravenstahl
Bradford	Fiedler	Kim	Roebuck
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Kinsey	Rozzi
Bullock	Flynn	Kirkland	Samuelson
Burgos	Frankel	Kosierowski	Sanchez
Caltagirone	Freeman	Krueger	Schlossberg
Cephas	Gainey	Lee	Schweyer
Comitta	Galloway	Madden	Sims
Cruz	Goodman	Matzie	Solomon
Daley	Green	McCarte	Sturla

Davidson	Hanbidge	McClinton	Vitali
Dawkins	Harkins	Merski	Warren
Deasy	Harris	Miller, D.	Webster
DeLissio	Hohenstein	Neilson	Wheatley
Delloso	Howard	Otten	Williams
Dermody	Innamorato	Pashinski	Youngblood
Donatucci	Isaacson	Rabb	Zabel
Driscoll			

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 2435, PN 3674**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Food Establishment Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Grant Program.

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 that question, Representative Kosierowski.  
Mrs. KOSIEROWSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my bill will create a reimbursement program to help cover the costs of mediation efforts, including the very necessary personal protective equipment for food processing plants. My program will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and will help protect the food supply chain. It will provide reimbursement for PPE, physical barriers to help protect the workers, the costs of hand-washing stations, enhanced sanitation efforts, and medical monitoring such as temperature checks of employees.

This is just the first step, as we have to address the cost of essential programs during the weeks ahead and during the budget negotiations. However, it is very important to get this program on the books and to make it clear with our votes today that we support these plants, this program, and that we support the brave men and women that work in these plants that risk their lives every day to ensure we have food on our table. The least we could do is help make sure that they have PPE equipment to survive this pandemic. I ask this chamber for unanimous 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.

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

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	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
Delloso	Kail	Otten	Vitali
Delozier	Kaufner	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.

The SPEAKER. We are going to do housekeeping. There are going to be no further votes today. Members, we are back on Monday at 1 p.m., May 4.

#### BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1439 and HB 2455 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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 2441;  
 HB 2442;  
 HB 2443;  
 HB 2444;  
 HB 2445;  
 HB 2463; and  
 SB 836.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

#### CALENDAR CONTINUED

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2123, PN 3149**, entitled:

An Act designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Sgt. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2123 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 2123 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1283, PN 1854**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judgments and other liens, further providing for exemption of particular property.

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1283 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 1283 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 574, PN 2720**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 7 through 13, 2019, as "Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

**RESOLUTION TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 574 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 574 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 649, PN 3278**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of February 3 through 7, 2020, as "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

**RESOLUTION TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 649 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 649 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 713, PN 3250**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 8 through 15, 2020, as "AmeriCorps Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?



**RESOLUTION TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 713 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 713 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER. Representative Joe Emrick moves that the House be adjourned until Monday, May 4, 2020, at 1 p.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:37 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.