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:

"O God, who has made man in thine own likeness, and who doth love all whom Thou hast made, suffer us not because of difference of race, color, or condition to separate ourselves from others and thereby from Thee; but teach us the unity of Thy family and universality of Thy love...."

Please allow us, "while loving and serving our own, to enter into the communion of the whole...family; and forbid that from pride of birth, color, achievement, and hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure or grieve any in whom He lives.

"We pray in Jesus' precious name. 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 Thursday, May 28, 2020, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED
The SPEAKER. The following 2020 Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved: Tuesday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 22.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE
The SPEAKER. We do not have any requests for leave. The only person on leave is Representative Zach MAKO, who is on military leave.

MASTER ROLL CALL
The SPEAKER. Please proceed to vote on the master roll.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.
The minority whip. And the minority whip can designate another leader to verify the vote, and he has designated the minority leader, Frank Dermody. Leader Dermody.
Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, the electronic board accurately reflects the vote.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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The SPEAKER. There are 202 members voting on the master roll. We have a quorum. That is on the master roll.

We are going to call for committee announcements and caucus announcements. Any committee announcements?

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt is the chair of Human Services. Chairman, the floor is yours.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an immediate meeting in B-31 Main Capitol of the Human Services Committee. I would ask all the members to please report there promptly; B-31, Human Services Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The Human Services Committee will meet immediately in B-31 Main Capitol.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Anybody else for a committee meeting?

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. For the minority caucus announcement, the Democratic leader, Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMOHY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will caucus at 12:30.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Our Appropriations chair, our majority Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor; sir.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

RECESSION

The SPEAKER. Members, the House will return to the floor at 1:30. The House will return to the floor at 1:30.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:45 p.m.; further extended until 2 p.m.; further extended until 2:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPOR FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1363, PN 3796 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act establishing a bill of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; and conferring powers and duties on the Department of Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1647, PN 3879 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for effect of failure to receive tax notice.

APPROPRIATIONS.
HB 1947, PN 2727

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for license without restriction.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2101, PN 3257

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, further providing for definitions, for procedure for licensing as professional engineer, for continuing professional competency requirements and for exemption from licensure and registration.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2484, PN 3880

An Act amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing financial restrictions related to the COVID-19 emergency; in financial matters of domestic nonprofit corporations, further providing for investment of trust funds and providing for nonjudicial settlement agreement; and, in principal and income, further providing for charitable trusts.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2489, PN 3810

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 relating to extension of waiver provisions for outdoor recreational activities.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2497, PN 3795

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

HB 2025, PN 3907 (Amended)

An Act authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a public comment process on and submit to the General Assembly a measure or action intended to abate, control or limit carbon dioxide emissions by imposing a revenue-generating tax or fee on carbon dioxide emissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 2350, PN 3911 (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in fraud and abuse control, further providing for definitions, for provider prohibited acts, criminal penalties and civil remedies.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 2351, PN 3912 (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in fraud and abuse control, further providing for definitions and for provider prohibited acts, criminal penalties and civil remedies.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 2352, PN 3913 (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, providing for liability for false claims, for adoption of congressional intent of the Federal False Claims Act, for damages, costs and civil penalties, for powers of Attorney General and for civil investigative demands.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 2353, PN 3509

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the assessment and reduction of improper payments by Commonwealth agencies.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2354, PN 3510

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for payments by the Commonwealth; and establishing Do-Not-Pay Initiative.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2355, PN 3914 (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for medical assistance managed care organization rate setting.

HUMAN SERVICES.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 30, PN 1768 (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for Pennsylvania Housing Tax Credit.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

SB 997, PN 1465

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, providing for election to purchase nonintervening military service; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for construction of part.

STATE GOVERNMENT.
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 735, PN 3306  By Rep. EVERETT
A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Negro National League.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 783, PN 3392  By Rep. EVERETT
A Resolution honoring the life, service and accomplishments of Congressman Elijah Cummings.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 824, PN 3482  By Rep. EVERETT
A Resolution enhancing the friendship and bilateral relationship between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan and congratulating President Dr. Tsai Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai Ching-je.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 826, PN 3484  By Rep. EVERETT
A Resolution designating December 15, 2020, as "Bill of Rights Day" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 828, PN 3486  By Rep. EVERETT
A Resolution designating the month of October 2020 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED SENATE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives by amending said amendments to SB 905, PN 1754.

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2561  By Representatives SCHLEGEL, CULVER, TOOHIL, KULIK, PICKETT, KORTZ, YOUNGBLOOD, BARRAR, DeLUCA, READSHAW, IRVIN, JAMES, M. K. KELLER, FRITZ, BOBACK, SCHEMEL, SCHMITT, MULLERY and MIZGORSKI

An Act amending the act of June 6, 1980 (P.L.197, No.57), known as the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act, further providing for definitions, for approval of drugs, for exemptions and exceptions and for violations and penalties.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 8, 2020.

No. 2566  By Representatives WHITE, ROTHMAN, MURT, BARRAR, PICKETT, MILLARD, NELSON, THOMAS, KEEFER, BERNSTINE and SCHMITT

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentences for offenses committed with illegal firearms.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 8, 2020.

No. 2567  By Representative GROVE

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in boards and offices, providing for information technology; establishing the Office of Information Technology and the Information Technology Fund; providing for administrative and procurement procedures and for the Joint Cybersecurity Oversight Committee; imposing duties on the Office of Information Technology; providing for administration of Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2020.

No. 2568  By Representatives GAYDOS, MOUL, BROWN, HELM, NELSON, JOZWIAK, JONES, HENNESSEY and STAATS

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection of purchasers relating to condominiums, further providing for public offering statement and general provisions and for resales of units; in protection of cooperative interest purchasers relating to cooperatives, further providing for public offering statement and general provisions and for resales of cooperative interests; and, in protection of purchasers relating to planned communities, further providing for public offering statement and general provisions and for resales of units.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, June 8, 2020.

No. 2569  By Representatives GAYDOS, RYAN, ZABEL, JONES, ROWE, HELM, PICKETT, READSHAW, SAINATO, DUSH and SHUSTERMAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 8, 2020.
No. 2571  By Representative KORTZ

An Act amending Title 8 ( Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, further providing for appointments and incompatible offices.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2020.

No. 2572  By Representatives BURGOS, DRISCOLL, PASHINSKI, DELLOSO, KINSEY, DeLUCA, YOUNGBLOOD, SHUSTERMAN, GREEN, HILL-EVANS, SCHWEYER, NEILSON, GALLOWAY, ROZZI, GANEY, TOOHIL and SANCHEZ

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, establishing the SNAP Benefits Start-Up Assistance Program; providing for applications for assistance, for award of assistance, for requirements of participants and for funding for assistance.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 8, 2020.

No. 2573  By Representatives BROWN, KORTZ, DeLUCA, SCHWEYER, CIRESI, GAINEY, READSHAW, TOMLINSON, STEPHENS, FRITZ, RADER, BARRAR, BOBACK, WARREN and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for an automated external defibrillator tax credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 8, 2020.

No. 2574  By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, MILLARD, NEILSON, GLEIM, BENNINGHOFF, RADER, GILLEN and COOK

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing for duties of long-term care nursing facilities and personal care homes during public health emergency.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 8, 2020.

No. 2575  By Representatives SCHLEGEL CULVER, PICKETT, MILLARD, JAMES, MARSHALL, KORTZ and CIRESI

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for refusing issuance of certificate.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 8, 2020.

No. 2576  By Representatives RADER, FREEMAN, MOUL, RYAN, EMRICK, WILLIAMS, MULLERY, O'NEAL, STEPHENS, DONATUCCI, MADDEN, McNEILL, KAUFER, CIRESI, BROOKS, PASHINSKI, MENTZER, MILLARD, MALAGARI, ZIMMERMAN and WHEELAND

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions and for property tax and rent rebate.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 8, 2020.

No. 2577  By Representatives PYLE, TOPPER, JONES, M. K. KELLER, RYAN, ROTHMAN, BARRAR, MARSHALL, JAMES, MILLARD, DUNBAR, TOMLINSON, BERNSTINE, KORTZ, SCHMITT, DOWLING, WHEELAND, STAATS, MENTZER, MOUL, KEEFER, JOZWIAK, LONGIETTI, MASSER and TOOHIL

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in general provisions applying to both liquor and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed service.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, June 8, 2020.

No. 2580  By Representatives GALLOWAY, MURT, DELLOSO, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS, SCHWEYER, KORTZ, McNEILL, DeLUCA, ROZZI, CIRESI, SANCHEZ and LEE

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

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, June 8, 2020.

No. 2581  By Representatives GALLOWAY, YOUNGBLOOD, MURT, DELLOSO, SCHWEYER, KORTZ, McNEILL, DeLUCA, ROZZI, CIRESI, SANCHEZ, KINSEY and RABB

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

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, June 8, 2020.

No. 2582  By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, CALTAGIRONE, MOUL, KEEFER, GLEIM, GILLEN, GAYDOS, RADER, JAMES and BARRAR

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for furnishing claims experience to policyholders.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, June 8, 2020.

No. 2583  By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, BERNSTINE, T. DAVIS, CALTAGIRONE, HEFFLEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for method of incorporation, for municipalities withdrawing from and joining in joint authorities, for amendment of articles and for governing body.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 8, 2020.
(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The electronic voting board is correct on HB 1647 on final passage for the majority party. The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

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

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Dunbar         Kirkland             Pyle                Williams
Dush           Klunk                Quinn               Youngblood
Ecker          Knowles              Rabb                Zabel
Emrick         Kortz                Rader               Zimmerman

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 276, PN 227

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 9, 2020.

SB 798, PN 1409

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 9, 2020.

SB 927, PN 1320

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 9, 2020.

SB 1076, PN 1560

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 8, 2020.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 1647, PN 3879, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for effect of failure to receive tax notice.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.
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 2484, PN 3880, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing financial restrictions related to the COVID-19 emergency: in financial matters of domestic nonprofit corporations, further providing for investment of trust funds and providing for nonjudicial settlement agreement; and, in principal and income, further providing for charitable trusts.

On the question,
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Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?
Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Majority Whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
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The SPEAKER. And Minority Whip.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
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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 2497, PN 3795, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)
The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Majority Whip. There he is.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Sorry, Mr. Speaker. It is kind of like a legislative "Where's Waldo?" But the electronic voting board is correct on HB 2497 for 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 SPEAKER. Thank you, sirs.

The following roll call was recorded:

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**NAYS—1**

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**NOT VOTING—0**

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**EXCUSED—1**

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 1363, PN 3796**, entitled:

An Act establishing a bill of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; and conferring powers and duties on the Department of Human Services.

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?

Chairman Tom Murt is recognized.

You want to wait until after? Yes; absolutely, 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.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party on HB 1363.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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:

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- NAYS–0
- NOT VOTING–0
- EXCUSED–1

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

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

### STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER, Representative Tom Murt is the chair of the Human Services Committee.

I would ask all members to please take their seats. Please take your seats. Members, if you could please take your seats.

Just wait, Mr. Chair.

Members, please take your seats. The good gentleman is going to be speaking on unanimous consent with respect to the bill that was just passed that he prime-sponsored, a bill that establishes a set of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism, HB 1363. Please take your seats.

Chairman Thomas Murt.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, after some of the acrimony and some of the ugliness that has manifested itself in our Commonwealth the last couple of weeks, today, with this disability bill of rights, we have really done something of which we can be very proud — something that was drafted, conceived, something that was brought to the finish line in a bipartisan fashion. And I am very, very grateful to all my fellow members for working towards that end, and I just have some brief remarks, if I could.

Mr. Speaker, for many years, we have been advocating for a law to ensure that our brothers and sisters and those with intellectual disabilities or autism receive the services necessary to live more independent and fulfilling lives. The truth is, the history of disability rights in this country is marked by many challenges that still need to be resolved. I want to thank my colleagues for taking us on a major step forward in creating the bill of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism.

HB 1363 affirms that individuals with autism or intellectual disabilities have the opportunity to live in their homes and fully participate in their communities. It affirms that they can independently make choices about their lives, contribute to society, and experience full integration and inclusion in the mainstream of society in this great Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation simply requires the Department of Human Services to develop and submit a plan to address the waiting list for community-based services for our brothers and sisters with intellectual disabilities or autism. And I add, Mr. Speaker, that many of these people on the waiting list, many of their families literally wait decades until they get a placement into a group home. In the development of this plan, Mr. Speaker, the department is required to conduct public hearings, obtain public comment from individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism, their families and guardians, and the providers of special needs and services. It also gives the individual or family member a way to object if an individualized service plan is not being followed. If a problem arises, the bill requires the State or county in question to take corrective action within 30 days.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, we have many challenges ahead, including having the Senate pass this and get it to Governor Wolf's desk, but today we take a major step forward, and I thank my colleagues for their support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 1947, PN 2727, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for license without restriction.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.
The question is, shall the bill pass finally?
Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Majority Whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party on HB 1947.
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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Everett Krueger Ravenstahl Turzai,
Farry Kulik Readshaw Speaker

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 2101, PN 3257, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, further providing for definitions, for procedure for licensing as professional engineer, for continuing professional competency requirements and for exemption from licensure and registration.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.
The question is, shall the bill pass finally?
Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Majority Whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party on HB 2101.
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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**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.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 2171, PN 3801, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for establishment of the State System of Higher Education and its institutions, for board of governors, for the chancellor, for powers and duties of the board of governors, for councils of trustees, for powers and duties of councils of trustees and for power and duties of institution presidents.

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

The SPEAKER. We do have an amendment that needs a motion to suspend. It is a Curt Sonney, Chairman Curt Sonney amendment, 05891.

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

Mr. SONNEY offered the following amendment No. A05891:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "(A.3)"

The proposed implementation plan shall be approved by a majority vote of the board.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 13, by striking out "A FINAL" and inserting an

Amend Bill, page 5, line 15, by striking out "A MAJORITY" and inserting two-thirds

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

**RULES SUSPENDED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Chairman Sonney for a motion.

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I would like to make a motion.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. You may proceed.

Mr. SONNEY. I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules to offer amendment A05891.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
majority of the board. And then in addition to that, it would require, on the final implementation, it would require a two-thirds majority vote of the board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

All those in favor of the motion to suspend will be voting — I am sorry.

Go ahead, Leader Dermody.

Mr. DERMOODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge the members to support the motion to suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

And Leader Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also urge the members to please support the chairman's suspension of the rules motion.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Amend Bill, page 5, line 13, by striking out "A FINAL" and inserting "two-thirds"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 15, by striking out "A MAJORITY" and inserting "two-thirds"

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, please.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The proposed implementation plan shall be approved by a majority vote of the board.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 13, by striking out "A FINAL" and inserting "two-thirds"

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, please.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by inserting after "(A.3)"

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, please.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct for 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—198

Amend Bill, page 5, line 15, by striking out "A MAJORITY" and inserting "two-thirds"

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, please.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

The SPEAKER. We are now going to go to the final passage of the bill. So remember, your screen does not reflect the addition of the amendment.

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

Representative Sonney, on the bill, sir.
Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, our State System of Higher Education is facing considerable challenges that threaten the sustainability of the system. The COVID-19 crisis has made the need for reform even more urgent. In an effort to confront these challenges, the State System has begun the process of a complete system redesign. But they cannot do it alone, which is why we have worked closely with them to develop this legislation.

HB 2171 will update our current laws allowing the chancellor and board of governors to better manage and optimize the State System, as well as allowing it to be more flexible, responsive, and competitive in today's ever-changing higher education landscape. HB 2171 will reform the governance structure of the State System, which will allow the chancellor and the board of governors to better respond to the pressures that they currently face. This legislation will vest the board of governors with the power to create, expand, or consolidate an institution to better align the system with the Commonwealth workforce needs and enrollment.

This bill will make other changes to the board of governors and the university council of trustees. For example, it will set qualifications for any new potential member, ensuring that they have the experience and the expertise that is necessary. And finally, this bill adds language clarifying the powers and duties of the board of governors, the chancellor, the university council of trustees, and the university presidents, creating a more streamlined governance structure.

Throughout this process, we have sought input from stakeholders and have amended it in committee and on the floor and again just now. The bill now requires a detailed and transparent process prior to the board of governors exercising any of their new powers. This includes a detailed implementation plan, including the impact on the community, a 90-day public comment period, at least two public hearings, and at least 1 year before the implementation plan can be completed. And with the amendment today, it will also require a two-thirds vote of that board of governors to implement that plan.

Mr. Speaker, if we do nothing, the institutions that are already struggling will keep getting worse, they will keep seeking loans from the system, and ultimately, they will hurt the entire system. Under the current structure, no one is really accountable for anything. Powers are diffused among the board, the council of trustees, and presidents, with no single entity that is in charge.

The lack of a central authority to strategically make changes for the benefit of the system is the reason that we are here today.
There is no mechanism to create any efficiencies, so we are left with the status quo, which is not financially sustainable. If we do nothing, we will have schools that will fail and will be forced to close. And it is estimated to close an institution, it costs upwards of $150 million because of bonded indebtedness and contractual agreements.

Mr. Speaker, the current pandemic has only exacerbated the need for reforms to the system. The chancellor, the chair of the board of governors, the president of the PA Association of Councils of Trustees, and the president of the commission of presidents have all urged that we pass this legislation. So I ask for the members’ support of this legislation to ensure that the success of our State System of Higher Education will continue, and continue for many years to come.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Jesse Topper, on the bill, sir.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, I would like to publicly take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our chancellor in this system who has done precisely what we asked of him as a legislature. He has gone back, and he has taken a look at how this system can truly thrive moving forward.

I would also like to thank Chairman Sonney for his tireless work, not just on this particular piece of legislation, but on the entire redesign package that we are working to move over to the Senate, and we look forward to working with our Senate colleagues to make sure that the intent of this system remains what it always has been: to provide our students with an affordable and accessible higher education.

I ask for a “yes” vote HB 2171. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

On the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yea’s and nay’s will now be taken.

(Member proceed to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is a unanimous vote by the majority party on HB 2171, final passage.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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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.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 2509, PN 3852, entitled:

An Act establishing the Long-Term Care Facility Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Grant Program and imposing duties on the Department of Aging.

On the question, Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.
The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 400, PN 3850**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of abuse of care-dependent person.

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

The SPEAKER. There is an amendment. It is late-filed. That is withdrawn. Thank you, sir.

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 2293, PN 3847**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for broadband services.

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 2438, PN 3848**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for broadband services.

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 2369, PN 3857**, 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?

The SPEAKER. There are many amendments that are filed by – one by Representative Shusterman, one by Representative Schweyer, one by Representative Briggs, and a number filed by Representative Wheatley. They are all late-filed and we would have to have a motion for suspension. If any of the members – I will begin with Representative Shusterman – wishes to make a motion, we will call upon you so that you can make the motion, and then I will go to Representative Schweyer, then I will go to Representative Briggs, then I will go to Representative Wheatley. Representative Shusterman, Representative Schweyer, and Representative Briggs have all withdrawn their amendments.

Representative Jake Wheatley I know has filed a number of amendments. Let me see if Representative Wheatley wishes to state a motion for suspension.

And those amendments are withdrawn. Representative Wheatley withdraws those amendments. There are no further amendments.

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

Bill was agreed to.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. CUTLER called up **HR 739, PN 3310**, entitled:

A Resolution设计ating May 15, 2020, as “Trauma Registrars Day” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

The House voting board is correct for the majority party on HR 739.

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

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

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Mr. RYAN called up HR 752, PN 3323, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 12, 2020, as “World Cholangiocarcinoma Day” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic voting board is correct for HR 752.
The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Ms. GAYDOS called up HR 796, PN 3406, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 17 through 23, 2020, as “Emergency Medical Services Week” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
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Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
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Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 888, PN 3827**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 8 through 12, 2020, as "Child Welfare Service Providers Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

*(Members proceeded to vote.)*

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

The SPEAKER. I presume that both whips said that that was a verifiable vote, correct? Thank you.

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Ms. BOBACK called up HR 887, PN 3826, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 1 through 5, 2020, as "Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Majority Whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The board is correct for the majority party on HR 887.
The SPEAKER. Minority Whip.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

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

The SPEAKER. And we are going to have some remarks.

STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Ryan is going speak on HR 752. Representative.
Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.
The resolution that we passed today, HR 752, to recognize "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day" is something that, the word itself, I had not heard of until about 2 1/2 months ago. A very dear friend, Maj. Adam Kishhardt, who recently retired from the Pennsylvania State Police, and his wife called to find out that his wife, on a routine medical checkup – and they asked me to mention this in honor of what she is going through and to help bring some degree of understanding of how this illness affects people – but they asked me, they said that I could freely use her name. There is a key issue concerning the cancer's effect that many diagnoses that come about are unintentionally made: you go to the doctor for one particular issue and end up with a surprise cancer diagnosis.

This is a family that has sacrificed so much for our Commonwealth; wonderful family, wonderful human beings. They have always been caring and considerate when their lives were turned entirely upside down. This has been coupled with the fact that there are very few specialists in the field, which means there is a tremendous amount of disparity in the research and the treatment options when compared to other forms of cancer. Many young Americans are now being diagnosed with the illness and there is not enough awareness, which is the reason for this resolution. It is a rare form of cancer. It is extraordinarily difficult to detect, and when it is detected, it is unfortunately usually in the later stages of life.

Tina and her warriors group’s goal is to make people more aware of this cancer so that there is an earlier detection so that the outcome is better for those afflicted. The warriors group is working to get this cancer more awareness in all States. While it used to be much more common in the senior population, it is now affecting a much younger population as well.

Tina herself has worked in the health-care field in Lebanon County for 28 years as a dental hygienist. Adam has worked and served our State for the Pennsylvania State Police for 28 years. Their family, and candidly, their friends, were just not prepared
for this diagnosis. Tina and Adam and their daughter, Samantha, ask you for your prayers, but thank you, most importantly, for the unanimous support that you have given today so that we can say to Tina that we love you, we support you, and whatever we can do for you and your entire family and for all those families and individuals afflicted by this illness and by having to become more publicly aware, we know that you will understand and accept our prayers and our support.

Thank you very much.

STATEMENT BY MS. GAYDOS

The SPEAKER. Representative Valerie Gaydos will be speaking on HR 796.

Ms. GAYDOS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for voting for HR 796, which designated the week of May 17 through 23 as “Emergency Medical Services Week” in Pennsylvania. I know that was a couple of weeks ago, but of course, we certainly have been busy the last couple of weeks. And it was unfortunate that we could not recognize a number of our EMS professionals and bring them to the floor, but hopefully, we will be able to do that in the times to come.

But this resolution honors emergency medical services, and a little bit of history is that in 1974, President Gerald Ford had authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work that they do in our nation’s communities. And when I say community, they really truly are a part of our community.

Having served once as an emergency medical technician with Valley Ambulance in my community in the 1980s — yes, I know that was a little bit a while ago — certainly ranks as one of the greatest —

The SPEAKER. Member, please excuse me. Thank you, Representative Gaydos.

Members, please take your seats. Please take your seats. The good lady should be heard.

Representative, you may proceed.

Ms. GAYDOS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I was saying, having served as an emergency medical technician with Valley Ambulance in the 1980s certainly ranks as one of my greatest experiences that I have had in my life. Working together with police, fire, and EMS, I saw firsthand how essential that these services are and our unsung heroes are, and that is why I work so hard to support this community. We also recently had voted on SB 1122, which provided close to $50 million in COVID fire and EMS grants to our volunteer fire departments who serve our communities so well.

So I want to thank everybody for voting unanimously for that resolution, which declares and designates the week of May 17 through 23 as “Emergency Medical Services Week” in PA. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

Members, we are going to be at ease.

The House will come to order.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 2530, PN 3782, entitled:


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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. CAUSER

The SPEAKER. Chairman Martin Causer is recognized.

Mr. CAUSER. Mr. Speaker, to make a caucus announcement?

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir, you may.

Mr. CAUSER. Mr. Speaker, since we are going to go at ease, the Republican members of the Northwest Caucus would like to meet in 150 Main Capitol; Republican members of the Northwest Caucus.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Thank you.

Mr. CAUSER. At the break. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MACKENZIE

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Mackenzie is recognized, I believe on unanimous consent. Representative Mackenzie, sir, please.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The members of the East Central Caucus will meet immediately at the break in Representative Benninghoff’s conference room. Again, that is members of the East Central Caucus meeting in Chairman Benninghoff’s office right now. Thank you.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairman Rob Kauffman, chair of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. KAUFFMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to make an announcement of a meeting. The House Judiciary Committee will meet in the majority caucus room this coming Monday, which I believe is the 15th of June, at 8 a.m. We will be meeting to consider HB 1841 and HB 1910 and any other business that should come before the House Judiciary Committee. Again, that is Monday, the 15th, at 8 a.m., in the House majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Judiciary Committee will meet Monday at 8 a.m. in the majority caucus room.

And I know I have some other announcements. Chairman Millard, Chairwoman Rapp, I will get to you in just a second.
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The majority caucus chair, Marcy Toepel, for a caucus announcement, a majority caucus announcement.
Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Republicans will caucus virtually at 4:15. Thank you.
The SPEAKER. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MILLARD

The SPEAKER. And Chair David Millard. He is chair of the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee. Chairman Millard.
Mr. MILLARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The northeast Republican delegation will meet immediately at the break in 128 Main Capitol. Northeast Republican delegation, immediately, 128 Main Capitol.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairwoman Kathy Rapp is recognized.
Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Tomorrow morning at 8:30 in room 140 in the Main Capitol the House Health Committee will be meeting for an informational meeting. That is tomorrow morning at 8:30.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.
The Health Committee will meet tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. in 140 Main Capitol.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. So we will be in recess until 4:30 p.m. Please listen to see if we have to extend. Please listen if we have to extend. We are awaiting legislation from the Senate.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 4:45 p.m.; further extended until 5 p.m.; further extended until 6 p.m.; further extended until 6:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned HB 1510, PN 3854, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler.
Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, I would like to call an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee for consideration of HR 908, which will be originating in the Rules Committee, in the majority caucus room; immediate meeting of the Rules Committee.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

The House will be at ease.
The House will come to order.

RESOLUTION REPORTED AS ORIGINATED IN RULES COMMITTEE

HR 908, PN 3916 By Rep. CUTLER
A Resolution adopting temporary Rules of the House of Representatives relating to roll call votes, to voting meetings of committees, to consideration of bills, to third consideration and final passage bills, to conference committee reports and to members' and employees' expenses; and repealing the temporary Rule adopted March 16, 2020.

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On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Leader, do you want to speak on the resolution?
The majority leader, on the resolution.
Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, very briefly, HR 908, which originated in the Rules Committee, would be a temporary rule that would replace the prior two temporary rules, HR 834 and HR 2, that did the following items: It extended the existing remote voting provisions, both here on the House floor and in committee, until the end of the legislative term; it extends the existing remote voting provisions, both here on the House floor and in committee, until the end of the legislative term; it extends the 3-hour timeline for amended bills on concurrence and final passage, as well as 3-hour timelines for conference committee reports until the end of the legislative term; and it continued the extended expense reimbursement provisions using the same end dates as previously in the rules. It would simply make the rule a permanent fixture
for the remainder of the session and not contingent on the emergency declaration, as is currently drafted.

I would urge the members’ support so that we can continue operating in the same manner that we already are.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Leader Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose HR 908. Mr. Speaker, this temporary rule seeks to make permanent our special rule adopted in response to a disaster declaration, even if that disaster declaration is ended. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, this resolution is not needed. Until the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution ending the Governor’s disaster declaration and that concurrent resolution is either signed by the Governor or his veto is overridden, we remain under a disaster declaration and our current emergency rules remain in effect.

Additionally, this temporary rule removes the ability of our members to file complaints of violations of the temporary rule with the Committee on Ethics. As such, members will lose the ability to file complaints with the Ethics Committee on things such as improper designated voting, improper disbursement of members’ expenses, among others.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, this temporary rule seeks to make permanent our temporary rule, which provides that members and the public only be given 3 hours’ notice of an amended bill on final passage, on concurrence, on a conference committee report. All in all, Mr. Speaker, this resolution seeks to make permanent proxy voting regardless of the existence of a pandemic, it seeks to end Ethics Committee oversight of that proxy voting, and wants to deprive members and the public the ability to read and understand and have input on bills on final passage.

Therefore, I ask the members to oppose HR 908.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Leader Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I understand the good gentleman’s concerns regarding the rules; however, I respectfully disagree with the application of the existing rules, as well as the new proposal. Specific to the portion he referred to regarding the complaints process, that was specific to the exceptions in the blackout period leading up to the primary. The primary date has already passed and is no longer needed. So yes, while they were removed, rule 3 E is very clear that the Ethics Committee may receive complaints against members and House employees alleging unethical conduct from the Legislative Code of Ethics or the rules of the House. Mr. Speaker, our existing rules already allow for the complaint process, and the only portion that was removed was contingent on the primary date blackout period, and therefore, is a nonissue.

I would still urge a “yes” vote. Thank you.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip, please. Thank you, sir. Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party.

The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to be at ease. We are still awaiting HR 836, PN 3910, from the Senate, so we are just going to be at ease.
Members, the House will come to order.

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2348, PN 3454**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, providing for Unserv High-Speed Broadband Funding Program; establishing the Unserv High-Speed Broadband Funding Program Account; making an appropriation; and making a related repeal.

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

The SPEAKER. Members, the Senate did vote on HR 836, PN 3910. We should have it here shortly. If anybody wishes to be listed on the remarks, we will start taking names, if anybody wishes to speak.

**SENATE MESSAGE**

**AMENDED RESOLUTION RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in **HR 836, PN 3910**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B**

**RESOLUTION ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HR 836, PN 3910**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution terminating the March 6, 2020, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued under the hand and Seal of the Governor, Thomas Westerman Wolf.

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

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the prime sponsor of the resolution, Representative Russ Diamond.

Members, if you can, please take your seats. Please take your seats. Members are entitled to be heard. I am going to ask everybody to please take their seats. And the Sergeants at Arms, you can close the doors of the House at this time. If any member knocks to get on, please let them in, but otherwise, please close the doors of the House at this time.

Representative Russ Diamond, the prime sponsor of the resolution, you may begin, sir.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will be very quick here.

HR 836 was debated on this floor Thursday night 2 weeks ago. The Senate has amended it and essentially reverted it back to full termination of the disaster emergency related to COVID-19, with publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, transmission to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and publication in various newspapers across Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Brad Roae, chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee. Representative Brad Roae.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be very brief as well.

I strongly urge a "yes" vote on the legislation. I do not think we are in a state of emergency. No governments are being overwhelmed. There are only about a thousand people in our 35,000 hospital beds. All the local municipalities, they are doing just fine. They are not being overtaxed of the resources that they have to cope and deal with. This is a very good piece of legislation. I urge a strong "yes" vote.

My district is partly in Crawford, partly in Erie. Our Erie County economy is being absolutely destroyed right now. Erie County residents are going to Ohio to do things that they are not allowed to do in Erie County, which is still at yellow. And I strongly urge people to vote for this. We need to open up our economy. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hohenstein.

Mr. HOHENSTEIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also will be brief.

We do not want to be here as long as we were the last time on this resolution, but one thing that we have all had to endure are unemployment compensation claims. And we know the UC commission has had a difficult time making sure that that gets done, but we also know that that has been a lifeline for so many of our constituents. This resolution, if we pass it, all of the special unemployment compensation rules go right out the window, and a lot of our constituents, a lot of my folks, are going to be left without vital supports. So let us keep that in mind. If you want to vote for this resolution and pull the rug out from my constituents, from your own constituents, then that is on you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Eric Davanzo.

Mr. DAVANZO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here in support of HR 836. Like many of my colleagues, for some time now I have heard from constituents over the phone, through e-mails, on Facebook, and they ask us simple questions. And we deserve, they deserve simple answers. When will my unemployment check come? A lot of people that have been calling me since April 6 still have not gotten it yet. We cannot say anymore, "be patient." That time has passed. It is time we take a stand for the hardworking people of this Commonwealth.

When can our businesses reopen? What are the requirements? What are the recommendations? We do not know because they change daily. They change hourly. Do we have to wear a mask? What do we tell these people anymore?

It is time, Mr. Speaker. In many cases, Mr. Speaker, we do not have answers for these questions. There is no definite anyway. Over the past few months the answers of these questions have changed by the hour and depended on whom you ask. It is my
belief that these issues lack clarity because the policies were put in place by one branch of government system. When can the members of this body effectively answer these questions and end this lockdown?

Regardless of the party, Mr. Speaker, regardless of the region, our constituents deserve better, and it is time we do better for them. It is time we stand together on behalf and we hear the voices of the people of this Commonwealth. So I stand with the good gentleman from Lebanon County and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Chairman Daryl Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As one of the previous speakers, I think the gentleman from the Crawford County area, had mentioned, out west we have some folks that have recently been contacting me letting me know that they were going to Ohio to shop for furniture and going to Ohio to visit a restaurant. West Virginia, I think, to get a haircut. So a lot of folks have been enjoying the freedoms that they thought they had as American citizens, but they had to go to another State to enjoy those freedoms and those rights, Mr. Speaker, rights as basic as being able to go out into the marketplace and make a purchase so that you can enjoy a night out with your wife or replace furniture in your home, Mr. Speaker.

So I wanted to rise in support of HR 836. I think it is important that the people of Pennsylvania know after this action tonight that we, by the actions of the Pennsylvania Legislature through the House and Senate on this resolution, both voting for it in a majority fashion, that their rights are restored, that their freedom has been protected, and that we have stopped the unconstitutional dictates that have been coming out of this Governor that have damaged the economy, destroyed some with their American dream of having businesses crushed and homes put in jeopardy of people not being able to put bread on the table for their family because they have been stopped from going into the marketplace to exchange their labor for a wage that they can put food on the table for their kids.

Mr. Speaker, with our actions, joining with the Senate, we are bringing an end to this emergency declaration that Wolf has used to abuse the people of Pennsylvania and wreak havoc on our economy, driving unemployment rolls above 2 million Pennsylvanians, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Governor agrees with us, in a letter he sent to us tonight, that this brings an end to the emergency declaration. To read an excerpt from his letter, within the first paragraph, he states, "... (HR 836) would terminate the COVID-19 Proclamation and end the disaster emergency prematurely, therefore stripping away the ability of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania...to continue providing services to citizens." So we agree with him in that part, that this action tonight, a positive vote, an affirmative vote in a majority fashion on HR 836, brings an end to this emergency declaration that he has utilized to claim powers that do not exist under the Constitution, and thereby, harm more people in this State than the virus has, Mr. Speaker. So I ask for a positive vote, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Mike Jones.

Mr. JONES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In March we asked our business owners to close so that we could flatten the curve. Flatten the curve was clearly defined as "flattening the rate of new cases of coronavirus in Pennsylvania." That occurred in early to mid-April, Mr. Speaker. And then those business owners realized they were lied to. The goalposts were moved and we came up with a 50 out of 100,000. We came up with a red, yellow, green system. They were asked to close their businesses in good faith and they rose to the occasion to protect their fellow citizens. They were never, never supposed to be asked to be driven into bankruptcy and out of business.

What if the Governor told all of us to shoot your dog? Would you go home and shoot your dog? What if he told you to go and burn your house down? Would you burn your house down? As crazy as these things sound, they are actually not as crazy as destroying a business that you and your families and your employees worked 10, 20, 30, 40 years to build and you are now being asked to burn them down.

We are now nearly 3 months and counting, with no end in sight for many businesses. Businesses that cannot operate at 50 percent. Businesses whose sales will drop 20 to 30 percent because of an irrational fear we have unnecessarily instilled in our citizens and consumers. Please understand that when your sales drop 20 to 30 percent, your profit does not drop 20 to 30 percent – you go out of business. The worst is yet to come because of this terrible, irrational approach that we have inflicted upon our State.

I want to apologize to those business owners, those employees, to every citizen for us not demonstrating the proper sense of urgency. When the Governor vetoed SB 613 in early April, we should have stood on the Capitol steps and told you to defy this irrational and un-American order. When the Governor deemed you nonessential, we should have gone to your defense. What a terrible thing to say to anyone. You are all essential. We should have immediately defunded those entities at the Department of State, the Liquor Control Board, and elsewhere who have weaponized licenses to harass you. When we crossed the tipping point in mid-April, where our approach to this virus undoubtedly began, and continues to destroy more lives than it will ever save – overdose deaths, child abuse, suicide, anxiety, undiagnosed cancer and disease, and poverty – we should have acted immediately to end this nonsense.

I have been working relentlessly with an incredible group called ReOpen York PA to support those business owners who underpin our way of life and have chosen to open. Our group's motto is "Reopening Saves Lives," because it does. This is not about profit over people. It is all about saving lives – the lives that are being destroyed by the collateral damage resulting from our unjustified and irresponsible response to this virus.

My conscience is clear. I am at peace with my decision. I am indebted to my friend and colleague from Lebanon County for his vision and courage in introducing this resolution, and my only regret is that we did not pass it 6 weeks ago.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

Representative Marty Flynn.

Mr. FLYNN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Article III, section 9, I believe – section 8 – section 9, "Action on concurrent orders and resolutions. Every order" – not some order, not this order, not that order – "Every order, resolution or vote, to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary,
except on the question of adjournment, shall be presented to the Governor and before it shall take effect be approved by him, or being disapproved, shall be repassed by two-thirds of both Houses according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill."

What are we missing here, Mr. Speaker? This is not our lane. It is plain as day. For all my constitutionalists on the right, it is in the Constitution: "Every order...." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Torren Ecker.

Mr. ECKER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My good colleague on the other side referenced our constitutional, our constitutional colleagues here on the right. You know, one of the foundations of our system is checks and balances. When one branch of government becomes too powerful, there is a check on the other two branches.

Now, the emergency powers act as put out there, that we voted on in this body some years ago, put checks and balances within that system. It was not to be absolute. It was not to give the Governor unfettered power to decide things. It was to give the Governor the opportunity to act quickly, swiftly, and immediately to true emergency disasters. And in this case, we had an emergency disaster, and the Governor acted quickly. We as the legislative branch came here, changed our rules, allowed us to come here and function as a legislative body. We have exercised that legislative process almost every week since the emergency declaration has passed. This is not about the legislature being sidestepped; this is about returning to the coequal branch of government.

An emergency declaration gives the executive branch extraordinary powers to respond to immediate dangers, to act swiftly. An emergency declaration is not meant to be constant. It is not meant to be protracted. It is not meant to last forever. Pennsylvanians have spent the better part of 2020 under this order. The need to respond quickly is over.

We have functioned as a legislative body. We have been part of this process. It is time to return to that process. We have provided bills and resolutions and ideas to the executive branch, which have ultimately been vetoed. However, in turn, the Governor has then decided to issue his own guidance based upon those, so clearly, we are being part of this process. Whether or not he is vetoing bills or issuing his own guidance, we are influencing those decisions.

The time to get out of the emergency declaration is now. This is more evident than ever by the Governor's own actions this week. It is time to end this declaration. It is time to act as a legislative body. It is time to respect the process. I respect the gentleman from Lebanon County for advancing this. The time to vote on this now. The time to go back to normal is now. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

Representative Clint Owlett.

Mr. OWLETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HR 836. Last week, Mr. Speaker, I received a phone call in my office from a constituent that was down to their last $24 – $24. His call was to us because of the failed unemployment system. He could not get through to this broken system. Similar to calls all of us are getting in all of our offices — I know this is not just me. So what do we say? "Hang in there." "Sorry." "We're doing our best." But are we really? They need to get fully back to work so that they can put food on their own tables, not wait for the government to deliver. We cannot deliver, and we can do better.

Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago I received word that a 200-person employer was pulling out of my district and moving to another State. That is a huge loss for my community. We are trying to save those jobs, but until Pennsylvanians is going to get serious about supporting workers and getting people back to work, I am afraid that this will happen in all of your communities as well.

So for those 200 employees, I rise in support of HR 836. For the restaurant owners that have no vision of how to get past 50-percent capacity and are still closed – something that I have been asking for several times from the administration; a vision, a plan – what is the next step? Just tell us what we need to do and we can do it. For the restaurant owners that have closed in my district never to open their doors again – one of those being my favorite, Grandma's Kitchen – I rise in support of HR 836. And finally, for the gentleman who just wants to get back to work and put more than $24 in his checking account, I rise in support of HR 836, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Cris Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Article I, section 1, of the Pennsylvania Constitution that "all men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent and indefeasible rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation.... Article I, section 25, solidifies that: "To guard against transgressions of the high powers which we have delegated, we" the people "declare that everything in this article is excepted out of the general powers of government and shall forever remain inviolate."

Mr. Speaker, we authorized some extraordinary powers that infringed and impeded, and in some cases, destroyed those rights of our constituents. I have got a young woman, entered into a male-dominated business — used car sales — started her own company. It took months for her to try and get that used car dealership open. And after all the hoops that PennDOT was making her go through, she came to our office. We were able to cut through an awful lot of that red tape. Two days ago, Mr. Speaker, I was informed she is no longer in business.

I wish Governor Wolf would come and speak to Jennie and say how it is justified, when she can operate and she knows that she was put out of business this past week never to open their doors again. We are being part of this process. Her investments, the things that she put in that she scrimped and saved for for years to finally get the opportunity to have her own business. It is easy for a trust-fund baby. It is easy for somebody who collects a paycheck from the government or some other place to sit and say, "Oh, we can take this. We can sit here and take it. We can stay home." You cannot do that if you are a small business owner. You cannot do that if your employer is a small business owner.

Jennie, I am sorry we are late. But for everybody else that is still hanging in there, vote for HR 836.

The SPEAKER. Representative Ryan Warner.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in the debate on HR 836 previously and in the Senate, we have heard a lot about science and data, and we were told that voting for this resolution was going against science and data. But I would just like to make a couple of points here about science. And first of all, that the Governor and the administration does not hold a monopoly on that science and data. In fact, many other States in this country have chosen many different decisions than we have here in Pennsylvania, with better outcomes.
Let us look at Florida, for example. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Florida has a population of 21 1/2 million people, and Pennsylvania has a population of 12.8 million people — roughly 9 million more people than us, and they have a higher population density. When the COVID outbreak initially happened, they were the top destination for people from New York City, but Florida has less than half of the COVID-19 deaths than we do. They have 2,712; Pennsylvania has almost 6,000, because Florida’s science decided that they would protect seniors and those that were vulnerable, and they did not accept COVID-positive patients into their nursing homes, which can explain why they have less deaths than us.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor’s science said that you could go into a big-box store and buy a bicycle, but it was not safe to go into a bicycle store on Main Street and purchase one. The Governor’s science said that you could buy curbside pickup from a State store, but you cannot do curbside pickup from a mom-and-pop store downtown. Mr. Speaker, the Governor’s science said that we cannot do construction in Pennsylvania, while almost every other State in this Union, their science said we could. The Governor’s science said that it was okay for his former cabinetmaking business to get a waiver — and I always wondered whom they were selling cabinets to when the construction industry was closed down, because it had to be people from out of this Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor’s science said that you could not buy or sell a car here in Pennsylvania, while you could in almost every other State. It said that you could not buy or sell a house here in Pennsylvania, while you could in almost every other State. Mr. Speaker, the Governor’s science said that you could be granted a waiver, but you would get that waiver revoked the night before they had to be displayed publicly from a subpoena. Mr. Speaker, the Governor’s science, unlike many other States, decided that we had to release 1800 prisoners into the State of Pennsylvania.

But if we want to talk about science, Mr. Speaker, let us talk about political science. I want to know why the legislature at this point cannot make decisions on the same science as the Governor? Let us remind this body and the people of this Commonwealth that the Constitution of Pennsylvania clearly states: "The legislative power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and a House...." In this State and in the United States of America, I man does not get to determine the fate of 13 million. It is simply not how we do things in the United States of America.

At this point, there is no reason to sacrifice and abandon democracy. It is time to end unilateral decisions. It is time to end authoritarian government. It is time to restore democracy. It is time to restore the power back to the people, where it belongs, and vote "yes" on HR 836.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Representative Tarah Toohil.
Ms. TOOHIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Good evening, Mr. Speaker.

When this virus crisis began, we did not know what the facts were. Since then, over the last 3 months, the facts have continually changed and been flipped on their heads and the instructions have changed. We have taken actions that have not made any sense, and then we have also taken some very positive actions. For example, one of the items is that we quarantine the healthy. I spoke with a farmer recently who said this went against everything that was ever taught in agriculture, that you do not quarantine the healthy. It is something that absolutely that you do not do and that in history we have not done.

The number one reason for all of the restrictions was for the spread of the virus to not overwhelm our hospitals. It sounds harsh, but we wanted to slow the curve; we wanted to have the spread of the virus be manageable by our hospitals so that people could have treatment. But our communities were scared. People were scared. This virus with a strange name — coronavirus, COVID-19 — all uncharted territory.

We quarantined everyone, everyone was shut down, except if you worked at a large corporation in my district. Unless you work with 2,200 other employees for a large corporation. We called. We tried everything. We called the Department of Health. They did not call us back. We called OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). OSHA basically laughed at me, told me there is nothing that they can do for my community. We called the Governor’s Office time and time again. We called for help, and no one ever came for us in Luzerne County.

There were times when I did not come to work because I did not want to jeopardize the safety of some of you that I work with. There were times where I would watch on TV as you talked about my town and my county and the people that I am elected to represent.

We called for help and none ever came. And how does this make any scientific sense, that all of these workers should be forced to work for shipping, receiving, warehousing — nonessentials — all of them? So everyone knows it got so bad that we had to create our own task force. The good Senator from Luzerne County had to create his own response team with code enforcement locally. We had to have all of these setups. It was bipartisan. We worked together.

And the small mom-and-pops have been obliterated. Many will never reopen. They have no hope left of recovery. In my district, my small, family, home-owned companies are not qualifying for PPP (Paycheck Protection Program). The banks are not granting them loans for a lot of different reasons, but also, if you were not continuing to operate, you do not qualify. If you owned a general store, your family was put on the sidelines — welfare, benefits, reduced to full government dependency. Stay at home. And yet again the contradiction: the big corporations, the big-boxes, big home improvement stores, all open. Everything can be accessed online. Stay at home. The workers in my district, we are going to be the ones that ship it to you. And this is not based on science that thousands can go to work for large corporations and thousands can shop at the same big-box stores, the same grocery stores. This was not science. The mom-and-pops could have done this safely, and that is what they are begging you to do now.

There are red flags that were ignored by our government, the red flags from the very start about our most cherished in the nursing homes. Or are they our most cherished? We had the red flags that were there, and they were left there to die, many of them.

And we have had successes. That declaration served its purpose, long and hard. In Luzerne County, thank God, we emerged as a collection of survivors. We never had to use the refrigerated trucks that we ordered to put the bodies in that we were expecting. We never ran out of ventilators, choosing between the young and the old. These are successes. We never, we never— We have our open food banks. We have extra open food banks that are actually not being utilized this week — Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. We were not driven out into the
streets to triage the sick and those falling down in the street, and that is what we thought that we would be doing, with our gloves and our masks. That is what we thought this COVID-19 would be for us.

And yet we have restrictions and restrictions still. Loss of business. Loss of work. Loss of your First Amendment rights. We “…shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof…” People could not assemble to pray in our communities. “…shall make no law…abridging the freedom of speech…or the right of the people…to assemble…” The residents of Pennsylvania still cannot exercise in a gym. They cannot exercise their freedoms to contract, to have a business, to life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Children cannot play outdoors. Three months of shelter in place. Three months of restrictions. And what has it done to us? The children. Children have suffered in Pennsylvania. Children have been disconnected from the vital mandated child abuse reporters, the ones that are there to protect them. Forty percent of child abuses are down. It does not mean that they are down 40 percent, it is just because you cannot see them because they are locked away.

Last year we had 47 children die from child abuse and there were 7 that died from the flu. And child abuse is an epidemic that we do not have a vaccine for and that we must do more with. I met with doctors that discuss this. These are our most vulnerable, just like the cherished members and residents of our nursing homes. And this year, the last 3 months have been very difficult for children.

Thanks to Cathy Palm, Cathleen Palm from the Center for Children's Justice. She has compiled 37 pages, which I am going to submit for the record. And it is not a full compilation, it is just the information that we can get to – near fatalities, fatalities. It does not even touch upon the child abuse.

On page 21, 4-year-old died during the COVID crisis. April 21 – I remember this child – 4-year-old female – because her State Representative called me. The good gentlewoman, Martina White, from Philadelphia called me over this death and was sickened by this death.

And some of you have your counties in here and some of your counties are not in here. But there has to be more that we can do – drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, families needing services. People need to get out of this shelter in place. I am going to submit this for the record.

And I believe that people need their freedoms. We can do it safely. We can do it smartly. We can listen to directions. And we have to grab our freedoms now before the next phase, because there will be a second wave, a second wave – October, November – that is what they are saying. So go out and grab that green. And we can live in a way that is not the new normal that we are supposed to get used to – taking all of these freedoms away.

And so in closing, I do support this. And I understand, I have been cautioned that this will not, I have been affirmed that this will not affect funding. And I am going to vote for this and allow our families to have this freedom that they deserve and so we can help the children in Pennsylvania and help all of our communities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge an affirmative vote.

Ms. TOOHIL submitted a document for the Legislative Journal.

(For document, see Appendix.)

The SPEAKER. Members, the remaining speakers that I have on the list include the majority Appropriations chair, the minority Appropriations chair, the majority leader, the minority leader, and then the prime sponsor wishes to speak a second time.

I am going to ask if any other members wish to speak on the resolution – Representative Bill Kortz – before I go to the Appropriations chairs and the leaders and the prime sponsor.

And at this time Representative Bill Kortz is recognized.
Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thirteen weeks is long enough. Time to vote "yes."

The SPEAKER. Representative Matt Bradford, the minority Appropriations chair.

Mr. BRADFORD. Like some of the speakers before, my desire is to be equally brief.

Much of this has been covered over 13 weeks. At this point, it looks like a rerun of a bad TV show or maybe the movie "Groundhog Day." Thirteen weeks of having this same debate, passions on both sides, sowing confusion, division, and anger. And today, once again, we give people not just bad science and a faith that we trust their gut feeling of how to handle a pandemic, but today we say that Governor thing, that Constitution, that Article III, section 9, that is an inconvenient barrier. We will just publish this in newspapers and create unbelievable false information, put those very businesses that some say they cherish, give them false information, put them in an impossible spot, make it difficult to manage this pandemic if it resurges again this fall.

This body has been largely comical in its handling of this matter. For weeks and months we have heard that we are going to reopen things that are already reopened. We have tried to reopen zoos and dog groomers at times where people were dying in the thousands. And of course, this body, which could not get its own House in order, pretends to know what is best for the entire Commonwealth. Science, health care, data – all of that be darned; we know better.

Look, no one wants to go from how painful red was – and my community was there longer than most. And we have seen yellow and now we are seeing green in most of this Commonwealth. We have made tremendous progress. Let not those sacrifices be in vain. We cannot continue down this path. This Commonwealth is too difficult to manage if its leaders give in to what can only be called the anger of the mob. This has been painful and people have hurt, but their sacrifices should be honored. We should see this through. We have gotten from the pain of red to kind of, eh, yellow, and most of our counties are at green.

Let us recognize that this body has a job to play to support our Executive. That this is truly an emergency. That this will have a time to get to green, to do the right thing, but let us do it in the right way. Let us honor the sacrifices of those who have given so much. Let us not go backward. Let us not give in to the demagogues and those who have false hope, the false prophets who would lead us into a bad day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. The majority Appropriations chair, Stan Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, I have been here 28 years. I have served as Policy chairman, I have been the whip of the House for the Republican Party, and now Appropriations chairman, and I have never, never been more proud of my caucus than what I have seen over the last many, many weeks here in the House of Representatives. The gentleman from Montgomery County calls it funny, clownish. He has called it all kinds of names when he has spoken on this House floor. But I want to tell you what, this body has acted more affirmative for the taxpayers of this Commonwealth than I have ever seen anybody act. I am so proud of my members and the members of the Democratic Caucus who have joined us on a number of votes to make sure that our citizens are out there keeping their businesses.

You know, as a former business owner, it is not just that you lose your business when something like this happens, but what you do forget is that small businessman and that small businesswoman, their house is on the line, their children, where their children live is on the line. When they cannot reopen that business and they go bankrupt, it does not just lose that business; they lose their house where their children live in. Is that what we are going to stand for in this General Assembly, that we are going to continue to allow this declaration to ruin the lives of Pennsylvanians? That is just downright wrong, wrong policy.

I give the Governor credit when he first acted and what he did. It was the right move to make. But now the failure to act quickly and to understand the real problems out there has got to end.

Let me read a few things into the record. From the White House, from the White House. Due to the national emergency, on March 13 President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to section 501(b) of the Stafford Act to avoid having the Governors to need to request individual emergency declarations. From FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency): "Revocation of the Governor's COVID-19 proclamation will not" – repeat – "will not impact the Commonwealth's eligibility for reimbursement of costs...." You see, I have heard speeches saying how – and the Governor sent out a letter today, said it will. That is absolutely untrue. And if you read the COVID-19 bill, by the way, you will find out that it has nothing to do with an emergency declaration.

So let the record be clear: voting on this resolution to end this declaration of emergency – from the White House, from Secretary Mnuchin, and from FEMA have made it very clear – ending this declaration will have no impact on any funds received by this Commonwealth. And anybody who says otherwise ought to check the facts, because it is not true. It is straight from the White House, straight from Secretary Mnuchin, and straight from FEMA.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask for an affirmative vote. It is time for our businesses to move on and for our families to save the lives of how hard they have worked for.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The prime sponsor, Representative Russ Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I never thought I would be here today. I never dreamed we would have to bring up this resolution. And I want to take you back to March 17, the day after our restaurants were closed down, when I first sent out the cosponsorship memo for this resolution. I said, "I offer this resolution not because I believe there is no cause for a unified statewide response to COVID-19, but because I believe the General Assembly, as a co-equal branch of government, should be prepared to act quickly on all contingencies as this situation continues to unfold." Then I stated, "While Section 7301 of Title 35 "defines the Governor's authority, some decisions made by the Executive will be judgment calls. Our duty as a co-equal branch of government is to serve as a check on that authority in case that judgment creeps into overreach or violates the rights of Pennsylvania citizens."

Mr. Speaker, I never, never dreamed we would be here today. I never dreamed I would be so emotionally drained from trying unsuccessfully to answer the calls of constituents who for weeks and weeks and weeks have not heard from unemployment. I never dreamed that I would literally break down and cry at the opportunity to go out to eat at a fine restaurant like Taste of Sicily in Palmyra or Round the Clock in York. And I never dreamed of the day, Mr. Speaker, when I would see Pennsylvanian pitted against Pennsylvanian in loud, boisterous arguments in the middle of a store about why they should wear a mask – something our Governor cannot even explain to the general public.

Mr. Speaker, this disaster emergency, certainly not by design but by its existence nonetheless, has become untenable for the people we represent. The prospect of more damage being inflicted upon this Commonwealth by its continuance than by a major modification, and now a complete termination, is real. Mr. Speaker, the general emergency is over. We have addressed the real emergency in our long-term-care facilities.

And we have proven it here, Mr. Speaker, right here on the floor of the House of Representatives. We had a member who had COVID-19, and the members around him were self-quarantined just as a precaution. It was not required; it was just recommended. And guess what? Not another person got infected with COVID-19. Business can operate in the midst of a virus. We proved it. And we did have our House in order.

And unlike what a previous speaker said, we are in fact in our lane by exercising this authority. We need to look no further than the Pennsylvania Supreme Court itself to show that we are in fact in our lane. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in Friends of Danny DeVito v. Wolf, affirms the General Assembly's authority to terminate a state of emergency writing that, "As a counterbalance to the exercise of the broad powers granted to the Governor, the Emergency Code provides that the General Assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time." They also stated, "...that the Emergency Code...provides the General Assembly with the ability to terminate the order at any time." At any time.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking for a "yes" on concurrence with Senate amendments to HR 836. That "yes" vote is a reflection of your constituents who have said enough is enough. That "yes" vote brings an end to our long collective nightmare. It will be over. That "yes" vote will send a message to our constituents, and that message is "Open up. Resume your lives." Mr. Speaker, I ask for a "yes" vote on concurrence on HR 836.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The minority leader, Frank Dermody.

Mr. DERMOY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we have just heard from the gentlelady from Luzerne County, the virus is not over. No, it is not done. She said that. She mentioned that and she is right.

So 50 States now have the emergency declaration in place. A few have just renewed that emergency declaration – Florida, Georgia, and Texas. Now, they are opening up, and you know
what they do know? They need the help from the Federal government. They need the help for the protective equipment. They need the help, they need the help and the financial help to make sure they protect their children, that they protect child welfare, that they protect SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and they get the hundreds of millions of dollars to make sure their citizens can eat. That is why, that is why they are maintaining their emergency declarations.

To suggest that we should rely on guidance from the White House? We will not rely on the White House for guidance on these issues. There is no assurance from anybody in Washington or anyplace else that when this emergency declaration goes away, that financial help goes away. One hundred million dollars from the SNAP program. You are putting children in danger; you are putting families in danger. And it takes regulations away that will help with child welfare and child care. If you care about our kids, if you care about foster care, if you care about all those issues, you care about those regulations that we were able to modify and work with because the Governor had that discretion to make sure he had people in place, workers in place making sure that they could help with background checks that would make sure that people were there to help the people who needed the help the most.

Evictions will be allowed; foreclosures, shutoffs – all of that protection for people who need it the most goes away. That is what happens when you take us out of the emergency declaration. You pass this bill and you do not give the Governor the discretion to help those who need it the most.

The State, most of it, is green right now. That does not mean absolutely go, but it is improving and getting better. We are better, as we have talked many times in this room, than most States in the country because our citizens have made the sacrifices they needed to make this work. We need to continue to do that. We need to continue to do this in a measured way that make sense.

And we also need the help that is not guaranteed from the Feds. There is no evidence whatsoever that the financial problems will not happen, that those grants and the money that we are getting from the Federal government because of our emergency declaration will not go away. And you do not have it because it is not there. It has been a long time since I practiced law, but I do not see anything, any legal opinions from anyplace that suggest that the law says that that is not what happens. It is not there. I got Steve Mnuchin telling me it is okay? No thank you. No thank you.

And you know what several people have mentioned this evening, there is a little problem we have with Article III, section 9. For both the concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency and you think it makes sense and it is going to go away. It is not. This is an unconstitutional resolution.

It ought to be voted "no" because it deprives the Commonwealth of hundreds of millions of dollars to help the most vulnerable citizens. It helps us as we go into the future of moving into the green phase. It helps us make sure that we can protect those who need it the most – with rules, regulations, financial help, evictions, foreclosures, shutoffs. And that is what is going to happen, because it is already happening in some places. But those States – Florida, Georgia, and Texas – just renewed it, and I will tell you why. They did it because they knew they were jeopardizing all the help they could get to make sure they could protect their citizens.

So there is no reason for us to vote for this tonight, and there is a reason for us to continue what we are doing right now and making sure that this emergency declaration is in place, because the virus is not done, and if you think it is, you are naive and you are not following science, data, and the facts. So look, it make sense for us to continue the path that we are on to make sure we protect the citizens as best we can, to make sure we open up in a responsible way, and make sure that we get businesses back in place that have the resources and the wherewithal to protect their customers, to protect the rest of our citizens, and to help our vulnerable citizens who need it the most, because you will be depriving them of the resources they need.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And the majority leader, Bryan Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for several of the issues, I know that there are a lot of questions, so I would like to quickly run through what this actually does. We heard from the good gentleman from Scranton as well as from Montgomery County and now my friend, the minority leader, about the questions of authority – Article III, section 9. For both the purposes of the legislative record and the accuracy of information for those who are listening, I am going to review what the actual process is.

There has been a lot of talk about this concurrent resolution, including whether it is authorized and whether or not it needs to be presented to the Governor. But before answering those questions, it is worth discussing the framework which governs the consideration of any of these matters. We are not talking about interpretations of constitutional authority between the coequal branches of government; we are talking about the interpretation of a statute, which is very important. The Governor, in declaring a state of emergency and issuing subsequent orders, was not acting in his constitutional role, he was acting pursuant to the authority delegated to him by the Emergency Management Services Code, which passed here in 1978 unanimously, signed by a Democratic Governor. He was empowered through this statute to issue the emergency declaration. He was empowered through the statute to issue the business closure orders. Without this statute, none of this would have happened.

The General Assembly, in a similar fashion, we are not acting in our constitutional role in terminating this particular disaster order tonight. We are not legislating, and that is important, because that was first done when the Emergency Code was originally enacted. That was the legislative process. We as a body, like our sister branch, the Senate, most recently this evening did, were following the statutory authority provided to the General Assembly by the Emergency Management Services Code. Specifically, that statute says, "The General Assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time. Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of disaster emergency...."

With that in mind, let us review the recent court case that the good gentleman from Lebanon County also reviewed and quoted, from the good gentleman from Scranton, the Governor, in declaring a state of emergency and issuing subsequent orders, was not acting in his constitutional role, he was acting pursuant to the authority delegated to him by the Emergency Management Services Code, which passed here in 1978 unanimously, signed by a Democratic Governor. He was empowered through this statute to issue the emergency declaration. He was empowered through the statute to issue the business closure orders. Without this statute, none of this would have happened.
Assembly's statutory authority to terminate is there. It is plenary, while the Governor's – and this is important – is limited. But back to the court case, because the quote I think explains it very well, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court explained, "As a counterbalance to the exercise of the broad powers granted to the Governor, the Emergency Code provides that the General Assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time." The DeVito court repeated this same idea, recognizing that the General Assembly's express authority to terminate the state of disaster emergency ensured its temporary nature, and this has actually provided a defense against the takings without just compensation claims in litigation. The Executive order results in only a temporary loss, although this one went on for weeks and weeks. And it is a temporary loss of the use of a petitioner's business premise. "We note," quoting again, "that the Emergency Code temporarily limits the Executive Order to ninety days unless renewed and provides the General Assembly with the ability to terminate the order at any time." The court did not say the General Assembly plus the Governor. The court simply said the General Assembly. In other words, without statutory authority, the disaster declaration and its orders would have never existed. That statutory authority expressly and also authorizes the General Assembly to terminate a state of emergency. Further, the court has recognized that the ability of the General Assembly to terminate the emergency was vital in defending the business closure order from its original constitutional challenge.

Now, as a matter of the presentment clause, it has no impact here on what we do today. Whether a concurrent resolution has to be presented to the Governor or not, it still has to pass the House and the Senate, which is where we are currently at. For the record, the presentment clause, Article III, section 9, states, "Every order, resolution or vote, to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary, except on the question of adjournment, shall be presented to the Governor and before it shall take effect shall be approved by him, or being disapproved, shall be repassed by two-thirds of both Houses according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill."

In the past court decisions, they have determined that the presentment clause only applies to legislative actions, the legislative process. And as I opened with, this simply is not that. This question of whether or not the presentment clause applies to a resolution terminating a state of disaster has never been directly addressed by the court. The closest we have is the court case that we quoted before when the court explained that the General Assembly's power to terminate a state of disaster emergency by concurrent resolution was "a counterbalance" – their words, not mine – "...a counterbalance to the exercise of the broad powers granted to the Governor..." and a necessary component to uphold the business closure orders from a takings without compensation challenge. It never mentioned the presentment clause – not once.

In fact, a determination of the presentment clause applies to this resolution is completely inapposite to those conclusions, and here is why. Let us take that logic out to its natural conclusion. Where does that leave us? It would say if the presentment clause is required and would apply in fact to this as a constitutional matter in terms of terminating the state of disaster, it would raise the very real specter of the tyranny of a disaster. What do I mean? It is very simple. A Governor who held 17 votes in the Senate or 68 votes in the House could declare an emergency and in perpetuity block any action because of that two-thirds requirement in the presentment clause. That is not a counterbalance. That is not a counterbalance of any kind. That offers no assurances that the Executive order during a state of disaster emergency is temporary. That literally means one individual could rule through Executive fiat and disaster declaration by keeping one-third of one chamber. That is completely illogical.

So what happens? What does actually happen with this? And I believe that this is important. It is worth noting that the health-care orders will stand. They are under the disease prevention law – completely different statute, different delegated authority. Nursing homes can and should continue to be safe. We as residents can continue to be safe and can continue to do what we have been doing in terms of universal precautions. They are called universal precautions for a reason – everybody should do them all of the time. I do not wear a mask just to protect myself. I wear a mask to protect my elderly grandmother, my family members who have been ill, or my friends. That is being smart and that is being safe.

So what will change? For starters, businesses will finally be treated equally. Businesses will be treated equally within the State as well as those will all the surrounding States. We heard the stories of people who cross State lines. We heard the stories of the voodoo science who said it was safer to go into a Walmart with hundreds of people in the parking lot – which I have driven past on multiple days – but you could not go into the neighborhood store or do a curbside pickup there, just the State-owned liquor stores. Mr. Speaker, this for me is very, very clear.

We heard that people want leadership. We heard that people want the truth. But what I have experienced tonight is a sowing of enough disinformation. Article III, section 9 – wrong. The discussion about the science, the discussion about the process here – all wrong. Just questions enough to sow that disinformation.

I know what I have heard consistently from my constituents: they want their voices heard. We are the people's chamber. We have said it again and again throughout the many weeks that we have been here. And previously this evening, in a vote to 31 to 19, a bipartisan vote, this very same resolution passed the Senate. From the comments based tonight, I think the odds are pretty good it will be bipartisan here as well.

And to the good gentleman who questioned if we are even in our lane, we absolutely are because the statute prescribes how we are to respond. We are in our constitutional rights and exercising our legislative authority under the statute according to the Emergency Code.

We stand here tonight, just like each of the past 12 weeks, ready and willing to pass legislation, ready and willing to work with the Governor, ready and willing to represent the people, because, Mr. Speaker, that is who we work for. We do not work for the Governor. We are not a subsidiary of the executive branch. We are a coequal and independent branch of the government, and what this legislative body has delegated, we can choose to exercise according to that delegation.

The statute is clear. It is an enabling statute that gives him powers and us counterbalancing powers. The absurd conclusion that this somehow has to go and get his approval would never be a counterbalance. Never. The court itself has said that. It did not say the General Assembly plus the Governor is a counterbalance. It said we are the counterbalance. We represent the people. We
have the opportunity to make this right, and we should do it tonight. I urge a "yes" vote because this, Mr. Speaker, is the right thing to do, and now is the right time to do it.

For those who are concerned about a continuing emergency or Federal funding or those other pieces of disinformation that have been cleverly sown throughout the debate, I think the answers were given. I think the people expect us to act on their behalf. And, Mr. Speaker, we are not changing the underlying statute. If there is a new emergency in the fall or we need further changes, we can do that. But the truth is, we have been here for the last 12 weeks working for people, and we will work as many as are needed. I urge a "yes" vote because tonight is the night to take action.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The majority whip.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
It is a unanimous vote for the majority party on HR 836 on concurrence.

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

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The majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 2437, PN 3851, entitled:

An Act providing for health care facility reporting relating to COVID-19 and for duties of the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

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

The SPEAKER. There are amendments that are filed. One is by Representative Stephens, the prime sponsor of the bill. I believe another one has been withdrawn.

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

Mr. STEPHENS offered the following amendment No. A05987:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 19, by striking out "or older adult"
Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by inserting before "A"
(a) General rule.–
Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by inserting after "DEPARTMENT" in the same manner the facility currently reports specific identified and reportable diseases, infections and conditions,
Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 25 and 26
(b) COVID-19 data.—For the purposes of this section, COVID-19 related data shall include the number of positive COVID-19 cases and the number of deaths as a result of COVID-19 among employees and recipients.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 20, by striking out "The" and inserting Except as provided under subsection (b), the

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 3 and 4
(b) Facilities with low case numbers.—If a facility reports less than 5 positive cases or deaths related to COVID-19 under section 3, the Department of Health shall not be required to list the numbers as provided under subsection (a) and may only indicate that the facility has less than 5 reported cases or deaths related to COVID-19 on its publicly accessible Internet website.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 4, by striking out "(b)" and inserting (c)

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Stephens. Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
This is a technical amendment that actually just incorporates some feedback from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and I would urge the members' support.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you, members. So we need the majority whip, however. There we have him. There he is. Mr. BENNINGHOF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic voting board is correct for the majority party.
Thanks.
The SPEAKER. And the minority whip. Yes, sir.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

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

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

Mr. RYAN offered the following amendment No. A05966:

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 6 and 7
Section 6. Construction.
Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with the mandatory investigatory requirements of a coroner under section 1218-B(a)(7) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 7, by striking out "6" and inserting 7
Amend Bill, page 5, line 12, by striking out "7" and inserting 8

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

The SPEAKER. On the amendment, Representative Ryan? No. Okay.
Representative Stephens, on the amendment, sir.
Mr. STEPHENS. Just that this is an agreed-to amendment and I would urge the members' support.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Thank you.
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 is correct for the majority party on that amendment.
The SPEAKER. And the minority whip.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

On the question 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.

RESOLUTION SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Resolution 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:

HR 836, PN 3910

A Concurrent Resolution terminating the March 6, 2020, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued under the hand and Seal of the Governor, Thomas Westerman Wolf.

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

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Murt is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I had made some remarks earlier when we passed the disabilities bill of rights, and because of the length of today's agenda, I cut them short, and I just wanted to make a few remarks, and I appreciate everyone's indulgence.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America is built on differences. Our ancestors traveled from all over the world to make settlement in this great country, looking for a better life. And, Mr. Speaker, the differences that our fellow Pennsylvanians face as they struggle with developmental disabilities or autism should never limit their opportunity for fulfilment or happiness in this great Commonwealth. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, caring for adults with special needs or autism is one of the true core functions of our State government.

And I stand here this evening holding on to this faithful conviction that our members have reached inside their hearts and found compassion to aid those in our State who struggle with an intellectual disability or autism. Together we passed HB 1363 to the Senate, the disabilities bill of rights, the first time, the only time this has ever been done in the history of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, someone with a disability should not be viewed as a burden or an obligation, but as an opportunity to accept the neighbors of our community. While some of us are not impacted directly by this issue of caring for an adult child or loved one with special needs or autism, what we do here will directly impact thousands of our citizens – the very citizens we were elected to
serve and to protect. Many of us may never understand the struggle of a developmental disability or having to care for a loved one with a developmental disability, but that should never diminish our devotion to these Pennsylvanians or their families.

Mr. Speaker, families with children who have intellectual disabilities are able to send their child to a public school until the child is 21 years of age, and after that, the parents struggle sometimes to find programs and services for their child's social, intellectual, financial, and emotional well-being. Not only is this a difficult task itself for the parents, but for many families, this is financially devastating unless they are fortunate enough to have a waiver from our State. If families are unable to afford services themselves, Mr. Speaker, their options for their loved ones are limited. While these parents struggle to support their adult child with special needs, they may be unable to provide what their child truly needs. Mr. Speaker, many families are waitlisted for programs and services for years and sometimes for decades.

People with developmental disabilities are among the most kindhearted, accepting, and loving human beings, and only desire a normal and happy life. As government officials, I am pleased that we will not sit here, we have not sat here today and denied them that. The Constitution holds dear the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today, Mr. Speaker, we struck a blow for the rights of Pennsylvanians with disabilities and autism and their families, and we did it in a bipartisan fashion. Despite all the acrimony and bitterness in our country and Commonwealth, we set that aside today to help people with disabilities.

As legislators, it is part of our job to serve the people in this Commonwealth and country. We will not deny the basic rights of thousands in this State. The disabilities bill of rights was long overdue, and it is time to give everyone the rights they deserve, no matter their differences or disabilities.

And, Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your attention, and I thank my fellow members for their attention.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Murt.

STATEMENT BY MR. D. MILLER

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Miller is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. D. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

And even at this late hour, I still must commend the good Chairman Murt for his tireless effort on these issues in relation to the intellectual disabilities and to the autism communities that he has never forgotten. I recognize that the good chairman is in his final term, and I just wanted to say what an honor it has been to see not only his effort on this bill, but his continued effort for all people, especially those in the disability community on this 30th year of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I thank you, sir, for your constant work, your continued effort, and I will look forward to spending the last 5 months of your term working with you on more such efforts. Thank you very much, Chairman Murt.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Chairman Tim Hennessey, the chair of the Transportation Committee, is recognized for an announcement.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For members of the House Transportation Committee, we will have a meeting tomorrow at the call of the Chair, probably shortly after the opening ceremonies of the House floor, in room B-31, to consider SB 773 and other bills and certain bridge-naming bills and highway-naming bills that will come before the committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Transportation Committee will meet tomorrow at the call of the Chair in B-31.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

HB 400;
HB 2293;
HB 2348;
HB 2369;
HB 2437;
HB 2438;
HB 2509; and
HB 2530.

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 1270;
HB 1867;
HB 2488;
HB 2503;
HB 2528;
HB 2536;
HB 2552; and
SB 934.

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 1776 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.
On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1776 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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 1912, PN 2660, entitled:


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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1912 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 1912 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1037 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 1037 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2416 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 2416 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2416 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 2416 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2416 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 2416 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.

RESOLUTION

Mr. CUTLER called up HR 841, PN 3549, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a month of reflection and prayer for the Muslim community, which runs from April 23 through May 23, 2020, and the festival of Eid al-Fitr.
On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 841 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 841 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. My good friend, Representative John Lawrence, moves that the House be adjourned until Wednesday, June 10, 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 9:23 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.