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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. MATTHEW D. DOWLING, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

God of all, we look to You with praise and thanksgiving for another day, another chance to do the work of the people of Pennsylvania, another chance to know Your will and to act on it accordingly. We thank You for the everyday heroes in our communities, the men and women who run towards crises when others are running away: our first responders, those in health care, those who fight our fires, those who keep our communities safe. We pray for those serving our country and Commonwealth in the military here at home and around the world.

During this difficult period of our shared history, we ask that You inspire the members of this body with the wisdom we need to address the needs of those who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 mitigation. Help us to protect our most vulnerable. Allow us to come together, rather than to continue to divide. In these weeks leading up to the November election, we pray for civility. Bless the actions of those campaigning, that they may focus on the needs of the people in transparency and platform rather than hate and discord.

Creator of all, we ask You to be with our families, our constituents, and our friends back within our districts. Keep us ever mindful of the needs that they have, and give us the courage to be the voice within these hallowed halls of session this week. May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory. 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 Friday, September 11, 2020, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. However, the following 2020 Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved: Thursday, May 14, and Monday, May 18.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 114 By Representatives KLUNK, BURGOS, MILLARD, HILL-EVANS and MOUL

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by Glen Rock Borough, York County, in return for the development of park and open space lands owned by Glen Rock Borough, York County.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 14, 2020.

No. 2836 By Representatives FIEDLER, A. DAVIS, CEPHAS, HILL-EVANS, GALLOWAY, ZABEL, CALTAGIRONE, CIRESI, KINSEY, McCLINTON, DERMODY, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOMON, DRISCOLL, HARRIS, SHUSTERMAN, GREEN, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, DeLUCA, KENYATTA, DEASY, MADDEN, WILLIAMS, DALEY, COMITTA, SCHLOSSBERG, RABB, ISAACSON, HOHENSTEIN, BULLOCK, KRUEGER and LEE

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 disaster emergency, imposing a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures; and, in Commonwealth services, further providing for general authority of Governor.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, September 14, 2020.

No. 2837 By Representatives FIEDLER, A. DAVIS, CEPHAS, HILL-EVANS, GALLOWAY, ZABEL, CALTAGIRONE, CIRESI, KINSEY, McCLINTON, DERMODY, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, SOLOMON, DRISCOLL, HARRIS, SHUSTERMAN, GREEN, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, DeLUCA, KENYATTA, DEASY, MADDEN, WILLIAMS, DALEY, COMITTA, SCHLOSSBERG, RABB, ISAACSON, HOHENSTEIN, BULLOCK and KRUEGER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, further providing for definitions and for Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, September 14, 2020.

No. 2858 By Representatives McCLINTON, ROTHMAN, LEE, HILL-EVANS, JONES, ROZZI, McNEILL, KINSEY, DALEY, HOWARD, SANCHEZ, KENYATTA and BURGOS

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intestate succession, further providing for forfeiture.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 14, 2020.

No. 2860 By Representatives OWLETT, CAUSER, SAYLOR, OBERLANDER, SAINATO, COX, BROOKS, MILLARD, RYAN, ROTHMAN, BARRAR, BERNSTINE, COOK, ROWE, HERSHEY, KAUFFMAN, TOOHL, TOEPEL, THOMAS, DAVANZO, SCHEMEL, GREGORY, KORTZ, HEFFLEY, RADER, GABLER, MENTZER, KLUNK, NELSON, RIGBY, GLEIM, EVERETT and ROZZI

An Act providing for the restoration of indoor capacity for restaurants, bars and similar places of public accommodation.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, September 14, 2020.

No. 2861 By Representatives RAPP, KAUFFMAN, SAYLOR, TOEPEL, CAUSER, DRISCOLL, COX, TOOHL, PICKETT, MILLARD, GLEIM and KLUNK

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 access to long-term care nursing facilities for essential caregivers.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, September 14, 2020.

No. 2863 By Representatives NEILSON, DELLOSO, HARKINS, McNEILL, GREEN, DRISCOLL, T. DAVIS, MALAGARI, KORTZ, YOUNGBLOOD and GAYDOS

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, further providing for collection and disposition of tolls and other revenue.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 14, 2020.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 991 By Representatives SIMS, HILL-EVANS, A. DAVIS, SANCHEZ, HOWARD, McCLINTON, VITALI, McNEILL, ROZZI, HANBIDGE, DELLOSO, DeLUCA, KENYATTA, DRISCOLL, ISAACSON, MADDEN, BURNS, SCHLOSSBERG, CIRESI, THOMAS and KINSEY

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "LGBT History Month" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on RULES, September 14, 2020.

No. 997 By Representatives MALAGARI, HILL-EVANS, A. DAVIS, GALLOWAY, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, KINSEY, STEPHENS, SHUSTERMAN, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, WILLIAMS, SANCHEZ, YOUNGBLOOD, DeLUCA, INNAMORATO, CIRESI, McCLINTON, HARRIS, ROZZI, DRISCOLL, ISAACSON, GREEN, HOHENSTEIN, DEASY, NEILSON and SIMS

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to fully fund the United States Postal Service.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 14, 2020.

No. 998 By Representatives WARREN, MADDEN, DRISCOLL, KINSEY, RYAN, FREEMAN, VITALI, McNEILL, THOMAS, DAVIDSON, SCHLOSSBERG, LONGIETTI, McCARTER, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, JAMES and McCLINTON

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) to permit each individual with a flexible spending account to carryover the entirety of any remaining balance in the flexible spending account at the end of 2020 to 2021.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, September 14, 2020.

No. 1000 By Representatives MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS, LONGIETTI, KENYATTA, DELLOSO, GALLOWAY, HILL-EVANS, YOUNGBLOOD, NEILSON, CIRESI, DRISCOLL, KINSEY, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, CEPHAS, JONES, THOMAS, KORTZ, SAMUELSON, McNEILL, COX, PASHINSKI, WEBSTER, BIZZARRO, JAMES, BOBACK, MACKENZIE and ROZZI

A Resolution championing FIFA to choose Philadelphia as the site of the 2026 World Cup.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 14, 2020.

No. 1001 By Representatives HEFFLEY, KNOWLES, KINSEY, FREEMAN, MURT, YOUNGBLOOD, DRISCOLL, MOUL, NEILSON, PYLE, GAYDOS and MILLARD

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the International Olympic Committee to reinstate Jim Thorpe as the sole gold medal winner of the pentathlon and the decathlon events of the 1912 Olympic games in Stockholm, Sweden.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, September 14, 2020.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 530, PN 1940

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 14, 2020.

SB 835, PN 1800

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, September 14, 2020.

SB 869, PN 1937

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 14, 2020.

SB 968, PN 1938

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 14, 2020.

SB 1039, PN 1755

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 14, 2020.

SB 1170, PN 1769

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 14, 2020.

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

HB 862, PN 976 By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

HB 2561, PN 4373 (Amended) By Rep. HICKERNELL

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.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

HB 2584, PN 4374 (Amended) By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act amending the act of October 26, 2016 (P.L.891, No.112), known as the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act, providing for criminal background checks for expedited licensure applicants.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 827, PN 3485 By Rep. HICKERNELL

A Resolution designating October 24, 2020, as "Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day" in Pennsylvania to honor the more than 700 licensed acupuncturists in this Commonwealth.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

HR 936, PN 4105

By Rep. HICKERNELL

A Resolution designating June 12, 2020, as "Behavior Analyst Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

**BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

HB 2636, PN 4034

By Rep. HICKERNELL

An Act prohibiting enforcement of covenants not to compete in health care practitioner employment agreements.

Reported from Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE with request that it be rereferred to Committee on HEALTH.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the bill will be so rereferred.

SENATE MESSAGE

**RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

In the Senate,
September 9, 2020

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, September 21, 2020, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of September 21, 2020, it reconvene on Monday, October 5, 2020, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of October 5, 2020, it reconvene on Monday, October 19, 2020, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of September 15, 2020, it reconvene on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of September 29, 2020, it reconvene on Monday, October 19, 2020, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

RECESS RESOLUTION AMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who submits the following amendment to the resolution, which the clerk will read.

The following amendment was read:

RESOLVED, (the Senate concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House reconvenes on September 30, 2020, it will do so at Grace United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, PA.

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate as amended?

Resolution as amended was concurred in.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Moving to leaves of absence. Are there any requests for leaves?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who indicates that there are none.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who indicates that there are none.

Without objection, we will move to the master roll.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll, and members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—202

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

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The SPEAKER. Two hundred and two members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

**COMMUNICATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE
AND EDUCATION**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence Report for 2020 from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. MALAGARI called up **HR 955, PN 4193**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 26, 2020, as "Bangladesh Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MURT called up **HR 961, PN 4231**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2020 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. MASSER called up **HR 963, PN 4233**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of August 2020 as "Stevens-Johnson Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. BARRAR called up **HR 970, PN 4282**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 16, 2020, as "Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. WHEATLEY called up **HR 989, PN 4332**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2020 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and calls on the gentleman, Representative Harris, the Democratic whip.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Barrar	Fiedler	Lee	Reese
Benninghoff	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Rigby
Bernstine	Flynn	Longietti	Roae
Bizzarro	Frankel	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Boback	Freeman	Madden	Rothman
Bonner	Fritz	Mako	Rowe
Borowicz	Gabler	Malagari	Rozzi
Boyle	Gainey	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Galloway	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Gaydos	Marshall	Samuelson
Brooks	Gillen	Masser	Sanchez
Brown	Gillespie	Matzie	Sankey
Bullock	Gleim	McCarter	Sappey
Burgos	Goodman	McClinton	Saylor
Burns	Green	McNeill	Schemel
Caltagirone	Gregory	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Greiner	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causar	Grove	Merski	Schroeder
Cephas	Hahn	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Ciresi	Hanbidge	Metzgar	Shusterman
Comitta	Harkins	Mihalek	Simmons
Conklin	Harris	Millard	Sims
Cook	Heffley	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cox	Helm	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cruz	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hershey	Moul	Staats
Daley	Hickernell	Mullery	Stephens
Davanzo	Hohenstein	Mullins	Struzzi
Davidson	Howard	Murt	Sturla
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	Irvin	Neilson	Tobash
Dawkins	Isaacson	Nelson	Toepel
Day	James	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Deasy	Jones	O'Neal	Toohil
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Topper
Delloso	Kail	Ortitay	Ullman
Delozier	Kaufar	Otten	Vitali

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

The SPEAKER. Three members have requested to speak on the resolutions that were adopted, and we will do that at the break.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. I ask the House to please come to order. Members, please take your seats.

We are about to take up a condolence resolution on the death of a former member of the House.

I will ask the Sergeants at Arms to please close the doors of House. Members will please take your seats. We are taking up a condolence resolution for our former colleague, Representative Micozzie.

I will ask the clerk to please read the resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Nicholas A. Micozzie, a former member of the House of Representatives who served the 163d Legislative District with distinction and passed away at the age of eighty-nine on July 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia on September 7, 1930, Mr. Micozzie was a graduate of Saint Joseph's College and Villanova University. He served this country with honor as a member of the United States Air Force for four years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, and he worked in the private sector for twenty years as an Electronic Computer Specialist at the General Electric Missile and Space Department in Philadelphia. An Upper Darby Township Commissioner from 1971 to 1989, Mr. Micozzie was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1979 and was re-elected to seventeen consecutive terms. A member of the De La Salle Knights of Columbus Council No. 590 for fifty-five years, he was a past Grand Knight, a member of the De La Salle Knights String Band and a past President of the De La Salle Home Association. Active in his community, Mr. Micozzie was a life member of Primos-Secane-Westbrook Park Fire Company, Station No. 74. A beloved family member, dedicated

legislator and avowed community steward, he generously gave of his heart and time to enhance the quality of life of his family and community, and his loss will be felt by the many individuals who knew, admired, and loved him; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Nicholas A. Micozzie; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife of sixty-five years, June Howard Micozzie; son, Thomas; daughters, Kathleen Micozzie O'Connor and Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by the Honorable Michael P. Zabel, on July 31, 2020, be transmitted to June Howard Micozzie.

Michael P. Zabel, Sponsor
 Bryan Cutler, Speaker of the House
 ATTEST:
 David Reddecliff, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the resolution will rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests will also please rise.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Nicholas A. Micozzie.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.

The Sergeants at Arms will please open the doors of the House.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I will now go to some comments. I had the privilege of sharing some of this previously with the family but wanted to share it on behalf of the members as well.

To Representative Micozzie's family – some of whom are here, some of whom could not be – his wife, June, as previously mentioned; the children, the grandchildren, and the great grandchildren seated to the left of the Speaker; and his very dear friend, and also former colleague, Representative Mario Civera: I offer sincere condolences on behalf of the members of the House of Representatives.

Nick was a very special person with a big heart and a big personality. He is dearly missed by all those in the chamber who knew him. I had the privilege of sitting right behind Nick on the floor back here, as I shared with the family earlier, so in many ways, you could say I watched over his shoulder and I learned, and from that perspective, I would offer the following comments.

The things that impressed me the most about Representative Micozzie, and what came to mind first, were his devotion and love to his family. To the family members who are here with us today and others who could not be, you were always his greatest priority. At the end of a session week, he could not wait to get home. He would tell us all about it. And he thoroughly enjoyed dancing with his beloved wife. He often shared his joy over the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

Second, Nick was a man of gratitude, and he expressed it regularly and I certainly think it is a great aspect to have on life. He would often say, "If you don't love this life, you're nuts," and then if he were wearing a suit, he would always snap his suspenders. I always admired him for his love and commitment to his family and community, but also for the gratitude for the life he lived.

Those of us who knew Nick knew he was serious about passing legislation that could benefit Pennsylvania in areas where solutions were sorely needed. As chairman of the House Insurance Committee for 18 years, he had that avenue to effect change. At the time he was chair, reforming our health-care system was a top priority. The focal point in the late nineties was the reform of the managed-care industry. Patients needed additional protections relative to their health coverage and payment disputes that they encountered. Out of this came Act 68 of 1998, which was described as a patients' bill of rights. It included several protections, but one that Nick was particularly proud of was the "prudent layperson" standard. This required insurers to apply common sense in their decisions to reimburse for emergency care.

Another law that was very important was Act 13 of 2002, instituting major reforms to the medical catastrophic loss fund – or as many of us refer to as the "CAT Fund" – reforming the State's tort system and establishing the Patient Safety Authority. Prior to the passage of Act 13, those interrelated yet disconnected issues were considered separately in various standing committees and separate chambers, resulting in little success. It was his drive and determination that saw them to the finish line.

But following the untimely death of former Representative Dick Hess in 2013, Representative Micozzie assumed chairmanship of the House Transportation Committee, and during this time Nick was instrumental in building a coalition of interests that resulted in the passage of Act 89 of 2013. This was the largest and most comprehensive transportation funding package of our time. Included was funding for roads, bridges, railroads, mass transit, aviation, bike paths, and trails, and the scope of the law was nothing short of groundbreaking.

But over the course of his career, and a goal I think that we should all pursue, Nick built lasting relationships with colleagues in his own caucus, across the aisle, in the Senate, the Governor's Office, and State agencies. And those relationships were instrumental in the passage of many of his far-reaching and previously unsuccessful attempts to get the laws changed that continue to have significant impact on the residents of Pennsylvania. He was a commonsense man who employed commonsense approaches to the work he did here in Harrisburg and in the district.

We as a body, but me personally, really miss Nick and are proud to honor his memory. To his friends and family gathered with us here today, please be assured that his presence in this chamber and the lessons that he taught us and the impact all across this State will not be forgotten.

REMARKS BY MR. ZABEL

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair would like to recognize Representative Zabel for additional comments.

Mr. ZABEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today we mourn the passing and celebrate the life of a dedicated and distinguished public servant, a man who

was a firefighter; a township commissioner; a veteran; a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Mr. Speaker, of course I am speaking today of Nicholas A. Micozzie.

Thirty-five years: that is how long Rep. Micozzie served residents of the 163d District. And he did his job well – so well in fact that his constituents reelected him 17 times. To this day, to say that Rep. Micozzie is loved in the 163d would be an understatement. Mr. Speaker, when I first ran for this seat in 2018 – and it was not against Nick, thank God – as I knocked on doors and spent time in future constituents' homes, routinely people would offer me stories about Nick Micozzie spending time with them and how much they cherished that time. When the news of his passing broke in the 163d, the community outpouring of grief and love and gratitude was overwhelming.

His work here in Harrisburg, as you heard from the Speaker, was equally impressive. As the chair of the Insurance Committee, he was a powerful advocate for consumer protections, and his son, Tom, relates that Act 89, when he was the chair of the Transportation Committee, was one of his very proudest achievements.

And as you heard today as well from the condolence resolution, Rep. Micozzie lived a life of service and accomplishment that extended beyond the walls of this House. He served in the Air Force and attained the rank of staff sergeant; for 20 years he was an electronic computer specialist for GE (General Electric); he served 18 years as an Upper Darby Township Commissioner; and he was a life member of his local fire company.

As we celebrate his life, I would like to take a moment to recognize the woman whom I know he could not have done it without – she could not be here with us today, but I know she will be watching this – June Micozzie. Can we take a moment to recognize her, please.

Also with us is Nick's son, Tom, who followed him into public service, serving as an Upper Darby Township councilperson and mayor of Upper Darby; as well as Nick's daughter, Kelly, who sits as a magisterial district court judge in Delaware County right now. Also with us are Tom's wife, Sue; Nick's grandchildren, Anna, Nina, Nicole and her husband, Michael; and some of Nick's great-grandchildren, including David, Emily, Michael, Matthew, and Luke. We are also honored to have with us Rep. Micozzie's good friend and colleague, and another longtime member of the House of Representatives, former State Representative Mario Civera.

To all of you seated to my left, thank you for being here today, and thank you for sharing Nick Micozzie with the people of Pennsylvania.

REMARKS BY MRS. DAVIDSON

The SPEAKER. The Chair now recognizes Representative Margo Davidson.

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to honor a man and the Micozzie family of Upper Darby – truly icons in Delaware County, and in Upper Darby in particular. I rise to honor him today because I considered Nick Micozzie not only a gentleman and a scholar, but I am proud to say he was also a friend.

When he left the House, I missed him dearly for a number of reasons. When I first came to the House, I had shared on a Facebook post that he and I were an unlikely pair. Particularly in this day of polarization, he was an older White guy and I was young activist African-American woman who had just won a Republican seat for the first time in history in Delaware County, and I was ready to tear the House down. Nick Micozzie gently reminded me that I could tear the House down or I could get some things done.

And we were at the time trying to save Upper Darby Arts, which is a public school program in Upper Darby, and I was all over the newspaper talking about how public education was not properly funded, how the reason that we were losing the arts in Upper Darby was particularly the fault of the legislature. And I remember the conversation clear as day. He walked up the aisle – he was such a humble man but had a real strong presence – he walked up the aisle to see me to say, "Hey, kid, you're making us all look bad." And I said, "Well, I don't mean to make us look bad, I just want to get something done. I just want to get the money for the schools." And he said, "If you work with me, we'll get the money for the schools."

I did not know if I could trust him. And Bill Adolph, the former Appropriations chair, vouched for Nick. But I said, "You're on the other side of the aisle. I don't know if I can trust you either." But former Appropriations Chair Dwight Evans came to speak to me in my office. He said, "I hear you're giving Nick Micozzie a hard time. You should stop." I said, "Why? Is he going to help me? I don't believe him." And Dwight said, "If Nick Micozzie gives you his word, you can count on it." And so I said, "Okay. Well, let's work."

And not only did we get \$3.3 million to save the Upper Darby arts program, but we got another \$1 million for the William Penn School District. And I watched him ferociously fight later on for the transportation bill to the point that he stood in the middle of the aisle when things were going haywire and he said, "Mr. Speaker, if we don't get this done right, take my name off the bill." And that meant something; that meant something in this House that Nick Micozzie was going to withdraw his name from the bill if the transportation bill was not done right. They got it right and Nick had his name on the bill and it became Act 89, which is still creating transportation opportunities and infrastructure opportunities, economic opportunities in this Commonwealth.

I had a rockier relationship with his son, Tom, who was the mayor of Upper Darby, but Nick brought us to the table and he said, "I need you two to work together," and so we formed an alliance for the people of Upper Darby, because what was always important to Nick Micozzie was getting stuff done and how it affected the people that he cared about and the people that he served. So I became friends with Tom and Sue and Kelly and everybody in the Micozzie family because of Nick, and we got things done for Upper Darby.

And when he left the House and all chaos broke out and we could not get a lot of big things done, he was missed, and I miss him today. And I am honored to have known Nick Micozzie and to call him my friend.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

REMARKS BY MR. SAYLOR

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Representative Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will keep this short.

For those that did not know Nick Micozzie, he was a special gentleman – and I say gentleman. I served with him for 28 years, and those of us who knew him called him Uncle Nick – Representative Barrar, Representative Civera. He was just an amazing man. And the Representative from Delaware County hit it: He was just a guy who would love to bring people together, a guy who you could not ask for a better person to be your friend. So you can tell when somebody calls Nick Micozzie "Uncle Nick" how endearing he was to so many people that he met. He was just truly an amazing man in his own right.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Majority Leader Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, will share a couple quick comments. I just wanted to say our thoughts and blessings continue to be with the family. Though a little time goes by, it does not change the pain that you feel when you do not have that certain person around you, but I would encourage them to remember that – and through many of us who have served with him, and you heard the testament – that person continues to live on.

I chuckled to myself when I saw when Nick got elected was the same year I came out of high school. When you come to Harrisburg, much like Representative Davidson, we are all full barrels loaded and we are going to change the world because we are all smarter than all the rest of you folks who have been here before us. And then you meet a senior member, and they are usually tempered, calm, let you trip over yourself a couple of times, and then a guy like Nick would come up to you and just kind of tap your forearm, "now, now" or "take it easy."

I remember Nick a little bit more as a reserved gentleman for the most part. He was not one to jump up and flail and scream and holler about things. But as a younger member, I felt that his mentoring sometimes came passively through his own actions, and that you could be as effective getting your message across, sharing insight, and being a teacher passively by his own actions in the way he delivered himself. I always appreciated that.

If I had a nickel for every time he would say, "My wife this, my wife that," in a very positive manner, I could probably have retired. Family and his wife were everything, and every opportunity he had to reference that, it was mentioned.

So as we say how much we miss Nick, we will always remember the things that he shared with us. As I said, a very seasoned gentleman, very mature. At the end of the day I would say goodbye to him or see him somewhere and he would always say, "Be good," and I would take that as several things. As a closing message here: Be good at what you do, be good to other people, and be good to yourself. Nick loved this chamber, he appreciated what it represented, and he knew that it would go on after he left, and he left a lasting memory there.

So to his family, thank you for the time away from home that he shared with us and away from you, but he loved you dearly, and I hope you hold on to that as your strength.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER. Turning now to reports from committees, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Saylor, for a supplemental report of the Committee on Committees.

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees
Supplemental Report

In the House of Representatives
September 15, 2020

RESOLVED, That

Representative Mike Peifer, Pike and Wayne Counties, resigns as a member of the Professional Licensure Committee.

Representative Zachary Mako, Northampton and Lehigh Counties, is elected a member of the Professional Licensure Committee.

Representative Jim Marshall, Beaver and Butler Counties, resigns as a member of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Representative Zachary Mako, Northampton and Lehigh Counties, is elected a member of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Representative Jim Gregory, Blair County, resigns as a member of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

Representative Zachary Mako, Northampton and Lehigh Counties, is elected a member of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

Representative David Rowe, Union and Snyder Counties, resigns as a member of the Finance Committee.

Representative Zachary Mako, Northampton and Lehigh Counties, is elected a member of the Finance Committee.

Representative Mindy Fee, Lancaster County, resigns as a member of the Labor and Industry Committee.

Representative David Rowe, Union and Snyder Counties, is elected a member of the Labor and Industry Committee.

Representative Mark Keller, Perry and Cumberland Counties, resigns as a member of the Commerce Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Saylor, Chairman
Committee on Committees

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATION FROM SPEAKER

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is also in receipt of the following letter:

In the House of Representatives
September 15, 2020

I hereby appoint Representative Jesse Topper, Bedford, Franklin, and Fulton Counties, as Secretary of the House Appropriations Committee, replacing Representative Sheryl Delozier, Cumberland County.

I hereby appoint Representative Wendi Thomas, Bucks County, as Secretary of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, replacing Representative James Gregory, Blair County.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan D. Cutler
Speaker of the House

The SPEAKER. Moving now to announcements.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Representative Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will be holding a voting meeting at the break, at the first break today immediately upon recess here today from our current activity. We will be meeting in room 60, East Wing, to consider a letter that we are considering sending to IRRC (Independent Regulatory Review Commission) regarding regulation 7-536, the Air Quality Fee Schedule Amendments, as well as any other business that may come before the committee.

So meeting upon the break immediately in room 60, East Wing, for the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for a voting meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will meet immediately in room 60, East Wing.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Moving to caucus announcements. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Toepel, for a caucus announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 2 o'clock virtually and in person; 2 o'clock. We would be prepared to return to the floor at 3 o'clock. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative McClinton, for a caucus announcement.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

House Democrats, we will caucus virtually this afternoon at 2 p.m.; that is 2 p.m. this afternoon.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

For the information of the members, we are going to stay open here so that some members can speak regarding some resolutions, and then we will adjourn until 3, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker upon conclusion of comments.

The Chair recognizes Representative Malagari, who is speaking on HR 955. The gentleman waives off. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MURT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Murt, to speak on HR 961.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First order of business, Mr. Speaker, is to say thank you to my colleagues for their unanimous support for this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, the numbers are staggering. In 2018 an estimated 60 percent of people age 12 or older in the United States had used either tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs. And, Mr. Speaker, the 164 million past-month substance users include 139 million people who drank alcohol, 58 million people who used a tobacco product, and 31 million people who used an illicit drug.

One out of every eight people who suffer from a drug use disorder struggle with both alcohol and drug use disorders simultaneously. Mr. Speaker, the serious nature of this public health problem demands continued outreach to the millions of individuals and Pennsylvanians who need our help. We must acknowledge that behavioral health is an essential part of overall wellness, and that prevention and treatment of mental illness and substance abuse can be and frequently is effective. Through prevention and treatment, individuals around our nation and our Commonwealth are able to recover.

This is why it is so important that we in the legislature, Mr. Speaker, join the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and declare September "National Recovery Month" as a way of inviting our communities to participate in National Recovery Month observances.

Mr. Speaker, Recovery Month is a chance to recognize the achievements made by those in recovery. This is the same as celebrating the health improvements made by those who live and manage other health conditions, from diabetes to heart disease. In doing this, we are recognizing that treatment for mental health illness is effective, and that people can and do recover.

Mr. Speaker, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery. Let us celebrate these achievements so our neighbors and our loved ones can see that

mental health challenges can be overcome. Recovery Month is a vehicle for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, colleagues.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MALAGARI

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Malagari, to speak on HR 955.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to be able to honor my constituents and all the Bangladeshi-Americans by formally recognizing "Bangladesh Day" for the whole of the Commonwealth. Many Pennsylvanians have ancestral roots in Bangladesh, and many Bangladeshi-Americans live in my region and also the 53d District. In fact, Lansdale and Hatfield in my district are home to some of the largest populations of Bangladeshi-Americans not just in the State, but in the country. The Bangladesh community in Lansdale, my hometown, does a lot to promote Bangladeshi social and cultural activities in Pennsylvania, and one of their primary goals is to develop increased cooperation and understanding between similar cultural organizations.

So on their behalf, I welcome and invite my colleagues to celebrate Bangladeshi-Americans, and I appreciate your time.

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will be in recess until 3 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:30 p.m.; further extended until 3:45 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 2530, PN 3782

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of December 9, 2002 (P.L.1701, No.214), known as the Religious Freedom Protection Act, further providing for free exercise of religion protection.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2548, PN 4339

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, providing for emergency plan extension.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2862 By Representatives DELOZIER, M. K. KELLER, GALLOWAY, DUNBAR, GLEIM, JAMES, MARSHALL, MILLARD, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG and READSHAW

An Act amending the act of May 15, 1933 (P.L.565, No.111), known as the Department of Banking and Securities Code, in banking and securities, further providing for fund.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, September 15, 2020.

No. 2864 By Representatives RABB, BURGOS, HILL-EVANS, GREEN, ROZZI and LEE

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 15, 2020.

No. 2866 By Representatives METZGAR, MILLARD, ROTHMAN, MALONEY, BROOKS, BERNSTINE, MOUL, ZIMMERMAN and WARNER

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in management of condominiums, further providing for powers of unit owners' association; in management of cooperatives, further providing for powers of association; and, in management of planned communities, further providing for power of unit owners' association.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, September 15, 2020.

No. 2867 By Representatives DAY, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, MILLARD, MIZGORSKI, READSHAW, ROZZI, THOMAS and SCHLEGEL CULVER

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for long-term infectious disease control.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, September 15, 2020.

No. 2868 By Representatives HELM, CALTAGIRONE, BARRAR, BOBACK, DRISCOLL, McNEILL, MOUL, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, further providing for definitions and for mortgage and rental assistance program.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, September 15, 2020.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would like to recognize some guests located in the gallery. We are pleased to welcome Lauren Musser and Hannah Sellers from Representative Jozwiak's district office. Welcome.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 2022, PN 4316, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, establishing the Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program.

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 2100, PN 2979, entitled:

An Act designating September 11 of each year as "September 11th Remembrance Day" in this Commonwealth; providing for the observance of "September 11th Remembrance Day" in public school entities and during public meetings.

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

Mr. POLINCHOCK offered the following amendment No. A06988:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "and" Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after "meetings" and inserting ; and providing for veteran recognition.

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CHAPTER 5

VETERAN RECOGNITION

Section 501. Scope of chapter.

This chapter recognizes the contributions of veterans of the United States Armed Forces from this Commonwealth in major conflicts since the Vietnam War.

Section 502. Persian Gulf War Veterans Day.

(a) Legislative findings and declarations.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) On August 2, 1990, Saddam Hussein ordered Iraqi troops to invade and occupy the sovereign nation of Kuwait.

(2) The United States led an international coalition demanding Saddam Hussein to withdraw Iraqi forces from Kuwait by January 15, 1991.

(3) After Iraq failed to meet the deadline, passed by the United Nations Security Council, President George H. W. Bush on January 16, 1991, ordered United States Armed Forces to begin "Operation Desert Storm."

(4) On January 17, 750,000 coalition forces from 36 nations, including 540,000 United States Armed Forces, began the battle to liberate Kuwait from occupation.

(5) After an intensive air campaign, coalition forces liberated Kuwait City on February 28, 1991.

(6) On March 6, after negotiating a cease-fire, President Bush announced the end of combat operations.

(7) By the end of the conflict, 200 United States Armed Forces members were killed, including 29 from this Commonwealth.

(8) The bravery of United States Armed Forces and their allies should be recognized for the liberation of Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait's sovereignty as an independent nation.

(b) Designation.—March 6 of each year is designated as "Persian Gulf War Veterans Day."

(c) Proclamation.—The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation encouraging all public schools and educational institutions to observe "Persian Gulf War Veterans Day" and to conduct exercises recognizing the contributions of all those involved in the Persian Gulf War and remembering the sacrifices they made for their country. The proclamation may not mandate a public school or educational institution to participate in the observance.

§ 1303. Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day.

(a) Legislative findings and declarations.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) The campaign in Afghanistan, which is America's longest conflict, began in 2001 and continues to this day.

(2) Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States demanded that the Taliban regime stop harboring Al Qaeda, the terrorist organization responsible for the 9/11 attacks, and hand over the Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

(3) President George W. Bush ordered United States Armed Forces to begin "Operation Enduring Freedom" (OEF) to combat terrorism in Afghanistan and confront Al Qaeda.

(4) United States Armed Forces first entered Afghanistan and began combat operations on October 7, 2001.

(5) On May 2, 2011, Osama bin Laden was killed during the fighting after President Barack Obama ordered Navy SEALs to raid Osama bin Laden's compound.

(6) On December 31, 2014, the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) combat operations

in Afghanistan officially ended.

(7) Since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, over 830,000 Americans, including 18,000 from this Commonwealth, have served in Afghanistan.

(8) More than 2,000 members of the United States Armed Forces, including 98 from this Commonwealth, were killed in action in Afghanistan since combat began.

(9) More than 19,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were wounded in service to their country during Operation Enduring Freedom.

(10) When Operation Enduring Freedom ended, the United States began a new phase of the campaign, named Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS).

(11) United States Armed Forces remain in the country to participate in a coalition mission to train, advise and assist Afghan National Defense and Security Forces and to conduct counterterrorism operations against the remnants of Al Qaeda.

(12) During Operation Freedom's Sentinel more than 70 Americans have lost their lives and another 453 have been wounded in action.

(13) On March 19, 2003, President George W. Bush announced the beginning of combat operations in Iraq after Saddam Hussein failed to meet the demands of the United States.

(14) "Operation Iraqi Freedom" lasted for more than seven years, reducing the influence of insurgents, stopping sectarian violence, assisting in training the Iraq Security Forces and promoting the development of Iraq's constitution and elections.

(15) Major United States combat operations ended on September 1, 2010. American troops remained in the country to advise Iraqi Security Forces as part of "Operation New Dawn" until the withdrawal on December 15, 2011.

(16) More than 4,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives during "Operation Iraqi Freedom" and "Operation New Dawn," including 197 from this Commonwealth, and more than 32,000 were wounded.

(17) With the rise of the terrorist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the United States created a new combined joint task force in 2014, dubbed "Operation Inherent Resolve."

(18) March 23, 2019, marked the end of ISIS controlling any physical territory.

(19) United States Armed Forces under "Operation Inherent Resolve" continue to work by, with and through local partners to defeat the final ISIS force and stabilize the region.

(20) The fight against ISIS under "Operation Inherent Resolve" has claimed more than 80 American lives, with another 80 wounded in action.

(21) United States military personnel have served domestically securing key infrastructure and support overseas operation.

(22) Since September 11, 2001, members of the United States military have served on nearly every continent fighting international terrorism.

(b) Designation.—October 7 of each year is designated as "Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day."

(c) Proclamation.—The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation encouraging all public schools and educational institutions to observe "Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day" and to conduct exercises recognizing the contributions of all those involved in the Global War on Terrorism and remembering the sacrifices they made for their country. The proclamation may not mandate a public school or educational institution to participate in the observance.

CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by striking out "5" and inserting

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Polinchock.

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We have all talked to World War II veterans and Vietnam veterans and Korean war veterans, and even our World War I veterans are represented. What amendment A06988 would do is create formal days of recognition for the only veterans of armed conflicts in our nation's history who are still not currently recognized, yet are alive, by the Commonwealth or the nation in an official manner.

The amendment would designate March 6 as "Persian Gulf War Veterans Day." March 6 was chosen because it was the day when President George H.W. Bush announced combat operations had ceased. The amendment also designates October 7 as "Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day." This was specifically designed to recognize veterans of the war in Afghanistan and second Iraq War. The reason why the Commonwealth chose to designate October 7 to recognize these brave heroes is due to the fact that the war on terrorism began on that day that U.S. troops entered Afghanistan nearly 19 years ago, on October 7, 2001.

By adopting this amendment, the Commonwealth will ensure that all living veterans who served our nation during a major conflict are recognized with gratitude that they deserve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Boback	Freeman	Madden	Rothman
Bonner	Fritz	Mako	Rowe
Borowicz	Gabler	Malagari	Rozzi
Boyle	Gainey	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Galloway	Markosek	Sainato
Briggs	Gaydos	Marshall	Samuelson
Brooks	Gillen	Masser	Sanchez
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Burgos	Goodman	McClinton	Saylor
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Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Wentling
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	White
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Williams
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Youngblood
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1961, PN 2703**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration relating to retirement of State employees and officers, further providing for administrative duties of the board.

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. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 1962, PN 2896**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and miscellaneous provisions relating to retirement for school employees, providing for stress test of system; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, providing for stress test of system.

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. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 1963, PN 2705**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for actuarial cost method; and, in contributions, further providing for actuarial cost method.

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. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 1996**, **PN 2799**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration relating to retirement for school employees, further providing for Public School Employees' Retirement Board and for administrative duties of board; and, in administration relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for the State Employees' Retirement Board and for administrative duties of the board.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you. I am just wondering if the maker could stand for brief interrogation? You know what, I am going to withdraw that. I see we have some Democratic speakers. I am going to withdraw that.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and will recognize the gentleman, Chairman Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As State workers eye retirement, they should feel assured that the best available professionals are available to serve on the pension board. This bill, however, establishes an arbitrary 12—

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman please suspend.

Will the House please come to order. This is a very important bill and the gentleman deserves to be heard.

The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill establishes an arbitrary 12-year term limit on service to the pension board. That simply does not make any sense. Literally, we are making ineligible pension board members just as they are acquiring the vital know-how and institutional

knowledge to make the right fiscal decisions. Furthermore, I must say that I am quite surprised to see this bill being promoted by the modern GOP. So often we hear the GOP praise the private sector and this practice, though, however, is not private-sector practice. Among most corporate boards, among Fortune 500 companies, there are no term limits. So the question becomes, why would we have term limits on the pension board for State workers here in Pennsylvania?

So I hope members oppose this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Ryan.

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

And I appreciate the gentleman's comments, but in reality, in corporate America and in not-for-profit associations, term limits are actually quite common. We are seeking the best in corporate governance. We are seeking the best in a transition of ideas. We are seeking the best in the ability to represent, in this case, the annuitants, as well as those members of the public who are in fact paying the bills. One would think that after a situation in which \$75 billion of unfunded pension obligations comes about, there would be an opportunity for us to make sure that we have the best transitioned and recognized expert advice representing the interests of all the individuals involved.

The term limits at 12 years is actually a little bit longer than the vast majority of other corporate boards that have typically been capped out at approximately 9 years. We have made it 12. The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations that codes those standards actually encouraged the term limits. But I think most importantly that what we want to recognize is that we have a responsibility to the annuitants, we have a responsibility to the taxpayers, and we have a responsibility to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to give the best in practices so that we achieve the best results, and that varied ideas come to pass to ensure that we have the greatest representation on our two pension system boards.

I merely remind people that in the recession of 2001 and 2002, and that again in 2008 and 2009, a combined \$29 billion was lost in the pension systems that now needs to be made up. Additionally, there were shortfalls in the payments of the ARC (annual required contribution) because of the inability of the Commonwealth to afford those payments. Now is the time for us to ensure that we have the level of governance that is so critically important to protect everyone within the Commonwealth and to make sure that the annuitants will have the resources there to ensure that they are paid. I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Boyle, for the second time.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Quickly, I just want to make sure that members are aware that both PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association) and AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) are opposed to HB 1996.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Kortz.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill. It is very simple: If we are going to impose term limits on anybody, we should look at ourselves first in the General Assembly and lead by example. So I would vote "no" to this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After the Enron scandal, Congress acted and enacted the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or SOX. Part of that legislation codified best practices to prevent fraud within boards and within corporations across the country. Many aspects of this underlying bill are enshrined in SOX; for instance, Mr. Speaker, a separate audit committee to ensure that internal auditors are not reportable to the corporate board entity, to the executive director, Mr. Speaker. That independence ensures those audits are independent and they are not manipulated. From what we have seen from corporate fraud it is usually complacent. The executives are complacent with the auditors, fraud occurs, and it is not picked up within the corporation's financial statements. It is manipulated.

This bill actually goes a step further than Sarbanes-Oxley, that it actually provides training to the board. Think about that, Mr. Speaker. Today is 2020, yet those who are supposed to oversee and provide those day-to-day decisions on investments of not only our teachers, school employees pensions, but our own pensions, are not required to have any training in investments, financial management, or internal controls – all those things critical to ensure and protect billions of dollars of taxpayer investments, including most of our pensions, Mr. Speaker. No training. This bill actually requires those members to be trained.

Mr. Speaker, having turnover on boards is not a bad thing. Having fresh ideas, making sure things are not stale is a good thing. This provides not only individuals being trained but allows that shorter turnover so we have new members coming in. Allowing the training and the term limits is a good thing. It allows that you build that knowledge base earlier. You have a better understanding so you are not that new board member coming in for, my understanding of it, hour-long meetings dealing with huge financial decisions and not understanding what is going on. Right away you are going to have a better understanding and you can have better decisions as a board member because you are a fiduciary. You are personally responsible for those decisions moving forward for billions of dollars, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is much-needed reform to our broken pension systems. Mr. Speaker, this will bring an end to best practices, which corporate boards have to, and going a step further than what corporate boards have to do. Mr. Speaker, this is good legislation. I hope we can support this in a bipartisan manner and ensure that our taxpayer pensions are protected and make sure that we have the right investments to make sure that the pensions do not continue to blow out our budget, so to speak, and we can do other investments rather than into pensions because of bad investments, Mr. Speaker. I urge a "yes" vote on HB 1996.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dush.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In 2000 I was an AFSCME employee. It was kind of— I was not going to get up and speak until they brought up about AFSCME taking opposition to this. As an AFSCME member, I was told, given some information that said, go get your legislators to get on board with this. What they gave me was what became Act 9. I took the stuff to my father, who was already a retired State employee. He took a look at that thing and he says, "If this passes, the COLA is dead."

Dad used to comment all the time and boast about the fact that Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, at the time, were the only two States in the United States that had fully funded pensions. Our State employees' pension was 130-percent funded, the teachers' pension was 120-percent funded. The fact that we had a bunch of people that were on that board who were actively pushing to make the changes that within 6 months took us from 130- and 120-percent funded to under 100 percent before the stock market crash of 2001, that is exactly why this list of regulations and policies has to be adopted, because we need to use the same things that Vanguard and other fiscally responsible retirement pension managers are using. These tools that are in this bill and these other bills that we are bringing up are meant to do that, because right now I think we are more than the \$76 billion in the hole; I think it is more like \$130. We are going to end up totally bankrupting our pension system if the \$100 million investment, the risky investment that went against the advice of the people that have fiscal experience, keeps getting ignored.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is necessary for our State employees and for our teachers. We need to start moving these bills.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Tobash.

Mr. TOBASH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in favor of this bill. I want to commend my colleague from Lebanon County for bringing this bill forward. The Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission did substantial work, and this bill deals directly with the work from that commission. And this bill is so much more than term limits. It is the introduction of additional education and training, adding important subcommittees to those huge pension boards, and improving audit capabilities of the boards.

I cannot stress enough the tremendous debt that the Commonwealth finds themselves in right now as a result of the commitment that they have made to workers of the Commonwealth who have done tremendous service for this State. But at this same time, I can tell you that we need to be very mindful that oversight of these huge funds is extremely important. The work of the commission was excellent and I commend my colleague for bringing this piece of legislation forward, and I urge a "yes" vote on the bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. We will temporarily go over HB 1996.

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BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2548, PN 4339**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, providing for emergency plan extension.

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. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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 2530, PN 3782**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 9, 2002 (P.L.1701, No.214), known as the Religious Freedom Protection Act, further providing for free exercise of religion protection.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes the prime sponsor, Representative Owlett.

Mr. OWLETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to ask you for your support of HB 2530. This is a bill that I personally wish we did not have to write or push for here in the Commonwealth; however, religious freedom is something worth fighting for even in the midst of a pandemic – maybe even more important in the midst of a pandemic. Yes, we must stand and make sure that people's physical health is safe and people are safe, but we also need to make sure that we support people's spiritual and mental health – something that we have talked very little about.

Our houses of worship and faith have played a key role in helping communities through the most challenging of situations, just like we find ourselves here in today. They are literally the hospitals for so many of our constituents' spiritual and mental health, and that is why I was incredibly concerned when back in May I read that the Department of Health and the Governor restricted our houses of worship to a capacity of 25, no matter what the size of the building. Yes, this was in the FAQ (frequently asked questions), and the number was 25. When trying to work with the department to reconsider, they said no, unless we drafted HB 2530. Miraculously, after we introduced this bill, the department did reconsider and made it a suggestion and backed off completely. However, we must keep this bill moving to make sure that it is inherently clear that houses of worship and any administration – this one or any in the future –

cannot, even in the midst of an emergency declaration, restrict religious freedom. Mind you that real data needs to be produced to our spiritual leaders.

I believe that just like this spring and summer, houses of worship have done everything they can to make sure that their parishioners in their communities are safe. They have done a lot of online platforms; however, where I serve, a lot of areas do not have Internet access. By continuing to come up with creative ways, they have served spiritual and mental health for so many in our communities; however, they should not have had to ask or be in fear if it is okay by the Governor to go ahead and worship.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman please suspend.

The members are indicating that they are having difficulty hearing the prime sponsor. I will ask the members to please come to order and take their seats. Move any conversations to the rear of the House.

The Chair thanks the gentleman. You may proceed.

Mr. OWLETT. Here in the Commonwealth, it has always been perfectly okay to worship as you see fit. It does not need to be okayed by the Governor or the Secretary of Health. Clearly, this body can work with the Governor on issues in the future if they come up – that is our job. This legislation ensures that Governors now and in the future cannot interfere with our constitutionally protected right guaranteed under Article I, section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the United States Constitution, which says, "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences...." It goes on to say, "...no human authority can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience...."

This is what we are finding here today and why we are here to make this very clear. However, this administration showed us back in May that we must run this legislation and add it to the Religious Freedom Protection Act of 2002, further protecting the rights outlined in the Constitution. I would value your support of HB 2530 as we make sure that even in the midst of an emergency declaration, houses of worship here in the Commonwealth know that they are needed, valued, and able to keep serving their communities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and you may make your motion.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a motion of constitutionality of HB 2530. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make this motion to stand up for religious liberties in Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, our Commonwealth was founded on the notion of religious freedom. In fact, Article I, section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that "...no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious establishments or modes of worship." I repeat, Mr. Speaker, "...no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious establishments...." Mr. Speaker, HB 2530 explicitly provides a preference to religious institutions in direct

contradiction to our Constitution. Mr. Speaker, at first blush this bill may seem like it protects religious institutions, but in fact it places religious institutions in grave danger.

It is important to recognize that no church was ever shut down or limited places due to the Governor's emergency order. Governor Wolf knew that the Constitution of both the Commonwealth and the United States prohibit government interference with religion. We have neither the authority to restrict nor promote the practice of religion in this Commonwealth, and that is where this bill gets dangerous. By passing legislation restricting the Executive's authority to interfere with the practice of religion – which, by the way, he never tried to do in the first place – we are implying that we could also by law grant the Executive the authority to interfere with religion.

Our Founding Fathers knew that politicians should have no role in the practice of religion, so they not only prohibited us from restricting religion, but also from establishing or giving preference to it. As such, Mr. Speaker, I think it is important that we all stand together to protect our churches, protect our synagogues, protect our mosques and other places of worship from the meddling hands of politicians and reject this unconstitutional attempt to insert ourselves in an area where we do not belong.

Mr. Speaker, to that end, I move that HB 2530 is unconstitutional pursuant to Article I, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman raises the question of constitutionality. The Speaker, under rule 4, is required to submit questions affecting the constitutionality of a bill to the House for decision, which the Chair now does.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes, on that question, the gentleman, Representative Lawrence.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of constitutionality, we do well to recall from time to time the words of our forefathers. Even the wisest among us stands to benefit from a review of familiar stanzas. Sometimes a well-worn path becomes all too familiar and we forget the true power and significance of ideas that were radical when first penned, and for much of the world remain radical today.

The freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience is foundational to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the founding documents of Pennsylvania, and the founding documents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The right is so fundamental, it was recognized decades before Pennsylvania became a State, decades before the United States became a country, and centuries before we walked into the hall of the House earlier this afternoon.

Now, Mr. Speaker, William Penn penned these words in the governing document of the Commonwealth nearly 319 years ago, the Charter of Privileges, from October 28, 1701, "BECAUSE no People can be truly happy, though under the greatest Enjoyment of Civil Liberties, if abridged of the Freedom of their Consciences, as to their Religious Profession and Worship...I do

hereby grant and declare, That no Person or Persons, inhabiting in this Province...shall be in any Case molested or prejudiced, in his or their Person or Estate, because of his or their conscientious Persuasion or Practice, nor be compelled to frequent or maintain any religious Worship, Place or Ministry, contrary to his or their Mind, or to do or suffer any other...Thing, contrary to their religious Persuasion."

Now, Mr. Speaker, since 1701 Pennsylvania has had five Constitutions. Pennsylvania's first Constitution was adopted September 28, 1776. It states: "...all men have a natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to" what? "the dictates of their own consciences...no authority can or ought to be vested in, or assumed by any power whatever, that shall in any case interfere with, or in any manner controul, the right of conscience in the free exercise of religious worship." Later it adds, "...the people have a right to assemble together...."

The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1790 states, in part, "...all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences...the citizens have right, in a peaceable manner, to assemble together for their common good...."

The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1838 states: "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God, according to the dictates of their own consciences...."

The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1874 states: "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences...no human authority can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience...."

The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1968, our Constitution today, states what by now has become a well-worn path: "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences; no man can of right be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry against his consent; no human authority" – that includes the Governor – "can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.... The citizens have a right in a peaceable manner to assemble together for their common good...." The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1968.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today, HB 2530, is the latest in a long line of affirmations of this basic, fundamental, foundational, constitutional truth: the right of the people to worship, to gather for prayer, preaching, teaching, encouragement, and indeed, the right of the people to not engage in religious practices at all if that is their choice.

Mr. Speaker, this bill was constitutional in 1701. It was constitutional in 1776. It was constitutional in 1790. It was constitutional in 1838. It was constitutional in 1874. It was constitutional in 1968. And it is constitutional today. I encourage a vote against the motion to declare this bill unconstitutional.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Williams.

If the gentleman will please suspend.

I would like to clarify for the members regarding the motion as we debate it. Those voting "aye" will declare the bill to be constitutional, and those voting "no" will vote that it is unconstitutional. That is just clarification for the members as we go throughout the debate and we encourage one another in the manner in which we believe is the correct way.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman, Representative Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Speaker, let me suggest to you at this moment that HB 2530 is both bad policy and bad theology. The church is essential; gathering is not. Both the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions prohibit the government from unilateral, absolute exceptions for religious institutions. Burdens placed on religious exercise by statute or through other types of executive action are still subject to the constitutionally required balancing tests. The government may not grant religious exemptions that harm others. And HB 2530 prohibits any burden on religion under the Executive's emergency powers outright, effectively exempting religious exercise from any balancing test. In other words, this bill creates an absolute right to flout emergency and public health directives in the name of religion, but it would still allow other laws to burden religion if the government shows it is necessary. The government currently infringes on some religious beliefs, such as requiring people to send their children to school or to show they meet homeschooling standards. But in a true emergency, all restrictions are lifted? This is an inversion of the balancing test.

There is no prohibition on churches to gather. As a pastor, I know that there are many who gather even now.

In this chamber there is often a conversation around love of God. In this reality, please understand that the love of God and the love of neighbor are why the disaster declaration to shelter in place was absolutely an accurate demonstration of both, and so I am asking that you reconsider your commitment to HB 2530. In a conversation too often on this floor around rights and responsibilities, there is a right to be concerned for the risk and the welfare of others who gather and so my hope is that you will heed and hear these words.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Nelson. The gentleman waives off.

The Chair now recognizes Majority Leader Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As always, we do appreciate good, healthy debate on the floor. I appreciate the interests of the gentleman who raises this motion, but his motion is on constitutionality, and I do not believe that this is an issue in reference to this. He is actually really raising policy questions of which we can debate at a later time, but it is not a matter of not being constitutional, and therefore, I would ask our members to not support the motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Those voting "aye" will vote to declare the bill to be constitutional; those voting "no" will vote to declare the bill to be unconstitutional.

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—133

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

NAYS—69

Bizzarro	Delloso	Isaacson	Pashinski
Boyle	DeLuca	Kenyatta	Rabb
Bradford	Dermody	Kim	Ravenstahl
Briggs	Donatucci	Kinsey	Roebuck
Bullock	Evans	Kirkland	Sanchez
Burgos	Fiedler	Kortz	Schlossberg
Caltagirone	Fitzgerald	Krueger	Schweyer
Cephas	Flynn	Lee	Shusterman
Comitta	Frankel	Madden	Sims
Conklin	Gainey	Malagari	Solomon
Cruz	Green	McCarter	Sturla
Daley	Hanbidge	McClinton	Vitali
Davidson	Harkins	McNeill	Webster
Davis, A.	Harris	Merski	Wheatley
Davis, T.	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Williams
Dawkins	Howard	Mullins	Youngblood
Deasy	Innamorato	Otten	Zabel
DeLissio			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(MATT GABLER) PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Nelson.

Mr. NELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of religious freedoms and this much-needed bill. Unfortunately, let us all not forget that just a few short months ago, citizens were stopped on their way to work, were told that they did not believe that they were actually traveling to what the government called at that time an approved life-essential manufacturer, and they were sent home.

We just had a meeting with the chamber today talking about the impact that that had on businesses through Pennsylvania, and we have seen nationally other States take action against religious assembly itself. Personally, Mr. Speaker, I will not forget the targeting of local churches in our area, both the shaming attempts at parishioners to go and even death threats on our religious leaders. The pastor of our church received credible death threats into which the State Police had to be involved, all because of a misunderstanding or misrepresentation in how the press was going. We had a months-long battle, Mr. Speaker, to get the Department of Health to clarify in writing that there was an exemption for religious assembly, and at any moment another confused, misrepresented, or distorted announcement could have been made. Mr. Speaker, that is exactly why religious freedom is clearly protected in our Constitution, and this bill ensures that citizens can travel to and from church without being stopped.

It was not all that long ago where there was discussion of roadblocks or other attempts to be able to force people away from each other. Our Constitution should always apply, and in the future we need to ensure that these freedoms cannot be limited. Technically, even if in the future we need to make changes because of a situation, the legislature can do that through statute, and it would have to be then narrowly tailored to address the compelling governmental interest as established by the Supreme Court.

So, Mr. Speaker, this bill is important. The clarification is important, and our religious community needs to be underscored that the right of assembly shall not be infringed.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Boyle.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Right now under Governor Wolf's emergency orders, religious assemblies are not prohibited. Repeat: religious assemblies are not prohibited. Hypothetically, though, in the future this bill does present some problems.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman suspend.

The House will come to order. The gentleman deserves to be heard.

The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. BOYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hypothetically, in the future, this bill, if enacted, does present some problems. If in the winter we are dealing with a second

wave, with massive amounts of COVID-19 infections and unfortunately deaths, if there was a megachurch which wanted to come to Pennsylvania and have a service for tens of thousands of people, under this bill, there will be absolutely nothing that State government could do. You might say, no, that is not realistic. But guess what? That actually happened in many parts of the U.S. South and in other parts in the country in the spring.

In Los Angeles, there was a megachurch, which over a couple of weekends had over 6500 congregates come in person for services. In Louisiana in March, when Louisiana, largely due to Mardi Gras, was dealing with some of the very beginnings of the COVID-19 infection, there was a megachurch which had over 1200 congregates there in person. That is something I believe we in State government should have the ability to prohibit.

So, Mr. Speaker, I believe this bill should be opposed, and ultimately, I believe everyone should know that people of faith can acquire, spread, and die from COVID-19. This bill, however, seems to not recognize that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Bonner.

Mr. BONNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This nation was founded by those who sought religious freedom from oppressive governmental edicts. There are people today across the world that still seek to worship without facing government repression or retaliation. People of faith know that they must be vigilant and resist any attempt by the government to place limits or obstacles on their right to worship.

When our Constitution was adopted in 1789, our Founding Fathers insisted that a Bill of Rights would follow thereafter, protecting religion from governmental interference. Our Founding Fathers knew that the intertwining of government and religion would lead to despotic rule and rule by divine right, that had had devastating effects on civilizations in world history. As a result, the very First Amendment to our Constitution was one that gave protection to our religious rights.

During this pandemic, we have found ourselves battling an invisible enemy that has confounded our medical and political leaders. It has been difficult, if not impossible, to come up with a battle plan that our citizens will truly embrace. We have been reminded, however, in this battle that one-man rule, no matter how well-intentioned, leads to further erosion of our basic rights. We learned this lesson under King George during British colonial rule, and we have again learned this lesson under Governor Wolf as he exercises unprecedented emergency powers in this battle against COVID-19.

The people of this nation and this State will not accept one-man rule based upon our constitutional heritage of separate but equal branches of government. Faith is the foundation of human essence. It is the soul and conscience of our being. For many of us, faith is the most important aspect of our lives, our relationship with God to be cherished. And at the core of our faith is our right to worship in common with others who share our beliefs.

HB 2530 does not eliminate the ability of the government under the most dire and emergency circumstances to limit gatherings for worship in the event of a pandemic or other extraordinary emergencies. But HB 2530 does not allow one person, the Governor, to issue an edict preventing the people from assembling for common worship. We cannot allow the Governor to become the King in ruling over our houses of worship.

The intrusion of government into our houses of worship and the setting aside of constitutional rights of assemblage, the freedom of speech, and the freedom of religion should only occur in accord with constitutional norms of government, with the legislature making the restrictions and the Governor then enforcing the restrictions. Yesterday the Honorable Judge William Stickman said, in his opinion declaring the emergency actions of Governor Wolf to be unconstitutional, stating: "Indeed, the greatest threats to our system of constitutional liberties may arise when the ends are laudable, and the intent is good – especially in a time of emergency." In an emergency, "Even a vigilant public may let down its guard over its constitutional liberties only to find that liberties, once relinquished, are hard to recoup and that restrictions – while expedient in the face of an emergency situation – may persist long after immediate danger has passed."

The court noted that lockdowns or lockouts of our people, as found by Judge Stickman in the case involving Governor Wolf where there was a prohibition of a gathering of healthy people for the purpose of worship, were unprecedented in our nation's history and unconstitutional. In the future, if we are going to travel down this road again, we must exhaust all other alternatives before we allow government in any way to impede the exercise of religion. HB 2530 simply states that the executive branch cannot alone act to restrict the rights of the people to travel to our places of worship and to engage in common acts of worship. It is a reaffirmation that the principle reasons that our nation was founded upon – freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and freedom of worship, which are all one together – cannot be set aside by any King, nor can they be set aside by any Governor. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On HB 2530, the question before the House is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I recognize that it is somewhat uncommon for the Speaker to leave the rostrum and debate on the floor, but as it has been said countless times in recent months, we are living in extraordinary times. And on this issue, one in which I believe our very Commonwealth was built, I feel the voices of my constituents, friends, and neighbors deserve to be heard.

On face value, this is another bill on the role of government regulation during an emergency declaration, and on face value, I know many in this chamber would agree that there is no place for government regulation on the free exercises of religion in our Commonwealth or our nation. In fact, that was the very basis of the argument regarding constitutionality that we debated immediately prior to this. However, whether we agree with that notion or not, the Governor has brought us to this intersection of government and religious practice when he restricted gatherings of all kinds, religious and otherwise. That order was later modified in mid-May. But I simply look back to our Founder, William Penn, who set out to build this part of the world to put a stop to directly what this bill is all about.

His idea of religious freedom was not far-fetched; in fact, our nation's forefathers put it at the top of their list. The First Amendment I think is very clear: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press;

or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

William Penn's own words again, the message that we all walk under when we come into this Capitol Building: "There may be room there for such a holy experiment. For the nations want a precedent. And my God will make it the seed of the nation...."

Now, we can all argue that this seed has grown – we are, of course, the Keystone of the nation today – but, Mr. Speaker, I believe that our work is not done, and William Penn would never expect us to divert from the principles that this Commonwealth was founded upon. It begs the question, why did William Penn set out on this journey? Why was he willing to spend time in prison in his home country, risk his life for his faith, and go back and forth across the ocean? He was wealthy. He could have stayed at home, and it certainly would have been easier. He did it because he believed that a better life was possible here. That very story is in the paintings that surround the Governor's ceremonial room. I would encourage the members, if you have never taken time to read and look at the paintings and the descriptions to do so.

What our Founder was willing to give up to secure religious freedom and to be that experiment for our nation is clearly outlined. He believed in hope, truth, ambition for a better future, not just for himself and his family, but I would offer for each of us here today. And I do not know about you, but are those not exactly the virtues that we are missing the most right now? Six months into a pandemic, millions of our friends and neighbors are out of work. Employers, large and small, are shutting their doors, some of them for good. Schools are doing all that they can to teach the kids, some of whom may not even be in their buildings. My own children are currently enrolled in a hybrid program – 2 days of physical attendance, 3 days remote.

With all of this going on, I simply ask the chamber, is now the time to lock up churches? Is now the time to not allow people to assemble? No. I believe that now is the time to lift our neighbors in need, to serve our Commonwealth proudly, and to answer a call bigger than ourselves, just as William Penn did. For many of us on both sides of the aisle, we find that spirit of cooperation and belief in a brighter future in our faith. It may come in different packaging, different books, different languages, different congregations, but William Penn did not care. His commitment to freedom for all faiths is what got us here today, and, Mr. Speaker, I believe that it will help lead us to better days.

I ask for a "yes" vote on HB 2530, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in recognizing, as it was outlined by the gentleman from Chester County, that again and again and again throughout our Commonwealth's history, it has been affirmed that we have the right to worship how we see fit or if at all. This bill simply is yet another affirmation of that, and we have the opportunity to do that today. I urge a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the bill, The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority leader, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just to be clear, there was never a closure in Pennsylvania. There has never been and the Governor has never ordered a closure. There has been no infringement on freedom of religion in Pennsylvania, so to suggest that the Governor has stood up or stepped in and prohibited people from practicing their religion is simply not true. So we have a bill, as we have heard earlier, that is the solution in search of a problem. To suggest that

the government of Pennsylvania and the Governor have infringed on people's right to practice religion in Pennsylvania is not true. That is not the case. We all know that is true. So please, there has never been a closure and there will not be.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the bill, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tioga County, Mr. Owlett, for the second time.

Mr. OWLETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And this is not a solution in search of a problem. It was stated that now, right now we do not have a prohibition on this, but I have e-mails from May 15 stating that we were going to change this so that it says "suggested" now, which it did not say before, and we were restricting to 25. I do not know about you, but our big-box stores were not restricted to 25, and then we saw a lot of issues that came up in the midst of this pandemic, we really did. However, now is our chance to fix some of those issues, and if not religious freedom, where is the line? Where do we stop with government intrusion into our lives?

There was a quote from Judge Stickman yesterday in his 66-page opinion that says: "The Constitution cannot accept the concept of a 'new normal' where basic liberties of the people can be subordinated to open-ended emergency mitigation measures.... Rather, the Constitution sets certain lines that may not be crossed, even in an emergency...." But here we are today wondering if we are going stand for religious freedom and for our houses of worship so that they will not be limited.

It was stated that we may have problems in the winter. You are right, and that is why it is our job to fix issues, and we can come back and we can do that at any moment, but now is our chance to stand with those that want to meet and they want to communicate with each other. They want to encourage each other. That is what our communities need right now. So this is an opportunity for us to stand with religious freedom, our right to religious freedom, and it does not go away in the midst of a disaster declaration, this one or any future one. Religious freedom is something that we were founded upon, and it is not going to go away and we need to continue to stand for that.

So I ask for your support of HB 2530 so that with this added to our Religious Freedom Protection Act of 2002, this or any future administration that gets the idea to try and restrict our religious freedoms here in the Commonwealth will certainly think twice. Religious freedom will always be at the core of our Commonwealth here in Pennsylvania. I would appreciate, the people of the Commonwealth would appreciate, and our Founding Fathers would appreciate your voting in the affirmative for HB 2530.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentledady from Clarion County, the majority whip.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, the minority whip.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—149

Barrar	Gabler	Maloney	Rigby
Benninghoff	Galloway	Markosek	Roae
Bernstine	Gaydos	Marshall	Rothman
Bizzarro	Gillen	Masser	Rowe
Boback	Gillespie	Matzie	Rozzi
Bonner	Gleim	McNeill	Ryan
Borowicz	Goodman	Mehaffie	Sainato
Brooks	Gregory	Mentzer	Samuelson
Brown	Greiner	Merski	Sankey
Burns	Grove	Metcalfe	Sappay
Caltagirone	Hahn	Metzgar	Saylor
Carroll	Harkins	Mihalek	Schemel
Causser	Heffley	Millard	Schmitt
Ciresi	Helm	Miller, B.	Schroeder
Conklin	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Simmons
Cook	Hershey	Moul	Snyder
Cox	Hickernell	Mullery	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mullins	Staats
Davanzo	James	Murt	Stephens
Davis, A.	Jones	Mustello	Struzzi
Day	Jozwiak	Neilson	Thomas
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Dermody	Keefer	Oberlander	Toohil
Diamond	Keller	Ortitay	Topper
Dowling	Kim	Owlett	Ullman
Driscoll	Klunk	Peifer	Warner
Dunbar	Knowles	Petrarca	Warren
Dush	Kortz	Pickett	Wentling
Ecker	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Wheeland
Emrick	Kulik	Puskaric	White
Everett	Lawrence	Pyle	Zabel
Farry	Lewis	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fee	Longietti	Rader	
Flynn	Mackenzie	Rapp	Cutler,
Freeman	Mako	Readshaw	Speaker
Fritz	Malagari	Reese	

NAYS—53

Boyle	Donatucci	Kenyatta	Roebuck
Bradford	Evans	Kinsey	Sanchez
Briggs	Fiedler	Kirkland	Schlossberg
Bullock	Fitzgerald	Krueger	Schweyer
Burgos	Frankel	Lee	Shusterman
Cephas	Gainey	Madden	Sims
Comitta	Green	McCarter	Solomon
Cruz	Hanbidge	McClinton	Sturla
Daley	Harris	Miller, D.	Vitali
Davidson	Hohenstein	Otten	Webster
Davis, T.	Howard	Pashinski	Wheatley
Dawkins	Innamorato	Rabb	Williams
DeLissio	Isaacson	Ravenstahl	Youngblood
DeLuca			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

**THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER)
PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of a motion from the gentleman, Representative Gabler, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 11 a.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

The Speaker rescinds that order. There is some further housekeeping, but there will be no further votes, for the benefit of the members.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Zachary Giacomelli, who has been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring Zachary Giacomelli.

Whereas, Zachary Giacomelli earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Zachary is a member of Troop 230.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Zachary Giacomelli.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2022 and HB 2100 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1292;
HB 1756;
HB 2598; and
HB 2599.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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

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

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 188 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 188 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

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

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

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1234 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1234 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 742, PN 3313**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2020 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 742 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 742 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 797, PN 3407**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 27, 2020, as "Don't Text and Drive Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 797 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 797 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 838, PN 3523**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2020 as "Bike Month," the week of May 11 through 17, 2020, as "Bike to Work Week" and May 15, 2020, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 838 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 838 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. EVERETT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Everett, for the purposes of an announcement.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Republican members of the House State Government Committee in room 205, Ryan; 205 Ryan immediately to go over the bills for tomorrow's voting meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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. Now the House is in receipt of a motion from Representative Gabler that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, September 16, 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 5:12 p.m., e.d.t., the House
adjourned.