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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CEREMONIAL HOUSE SESSION COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Musical selection was presented by Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman.)

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

CALL TO ORDER

The SPEAKER. The hour of 11 a.m. having arrived, the House will come to order. Members, please take your seats.

OPENING PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer this morning will be offered by Rev. Dr. Mike Minnix, Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church. Immediately thereafter we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests will please rise as able.

REV. DR. MIKE MINNIX, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning and welcome to Grace Church. It is delightful and exciting to have you here again. I have only encountered one or two of you who were here in the first session. But I will allow those persons to remain nameless. Clancy.

Would you pray with me.

Gracious God, move among us with Your gracious spirit. Make us more and more thoroughly Your own. Inspire us to be those things which you most value: loving, compassionate, joyful, peaceful, generous, patient, humble, and merciful.

Hear our prayers of blessing and thanks today for the churches, the synagogues, and the mosques of the city of Harrisburg; for the intentional work that all of us do to make this city a good place to live, no matter one's life circumstances; for their focus on those things which You most value, O God; for

their openness and welcome to all of God's children. We give You thanks for Your presence and Your inspirations.

Hear our prayers for this congregation also, who 200 years ago began to make its mark on this city by establishing a place of worship and service for the people called Methodist. Then, shortly after this building was constructed, they made a most generous decision, not only for the city of Harrisburg, but for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Who among them could have imagined that more than 120 years later we would gather in the same room to remember the important work done here at that time.

Hear our prayers of thanks for all who gather here today, especially for those who serve in the House of Representatives, guiding the people of Pennsylvania through perilous times. Continue to strengthen and inspire them and all those who serve with them in this great legislative body.

Through difficult times in our Commonwealth, our nation, and throughout the world, we covet Your guidance, O God. In the midst of pandemic, in the midst of racial tension and climate change, in the midst of economic turmoil, the people whom we serve are struggling and tired and in need. As You make these government leaders sensitive to those needs, renew all of us with Your tenacious, hopeful, encouraging, and loving presence. We pray through our Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Members may be seated.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

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

GREETING BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Moving on to the actual ceremony, I, for one, will be putting in a request to the Clerk that we begin every session with organ music. So thank you very much for gracing us with your talents. It was very enjoyable to listen to.

As was mentioned, this chapel is rich in history. So thank you to Grace United Methodist Church for having us here today. And on behalf of the House members in 1897 to this present day, thank you for opening your doors back then.

Standing over this desk and sharing this beautiful church with all of you today, you really should stop and consider what it meant to open the doors of the church to legislators from all over the Commonwealth back before the turn of the last century. It seems like a simple gesture. The House needed a place, the church was nearby, so the House moved in for a little while. No big deal. But keep in mind, during that time the church was stripped of all the religious furnishings to make room for the desks that were placed here, and if you have not had the chance to look at the photographs from that time period – there is one on the program – I would encourage you to take a look at it, because I do think it is a little more crowded than our current chamber. So it was no small sacrifice on behalf of the church to make room for our body.

Those who followed the legislature hoped a higher power would influence the General Assembly in some way, and I know that I personally hear it from my constituents, and many of you do as well, asking for divine intervention to help the legislature continues to this day.

But still, our members stayed here, probably overstaying, for about 5 months. I am happy to see the church has more than recovered from those months and it is a beautiful and vibrant congregation today.

But what this church provided in 1897 is just as important as what we are continuing to do today. Back then our session continued. The work on behalf of every Pennsylvanian did not stop. Pennsylvanians were not silenced because of a fire in the Capitol. In 2020 our challenge is not as simple as a fire. It is not just about not having a room to meet in. A worldwide pandemic knows no borders, boundaries, or rebuilding timeline. But our work continues. We have continued to function. That is what we are called to do. That is why we take the oath to serve our constituents as their Representatives.

Yes, times are tough, and we all face unique challenges and circumstances, but we keep going; not for us, but for the people who chose us to represent them. We have obviously had our own share of challenges this year, and I want to personally thank each and every member for not backing down. We found a way to once again keep our chamber operating and to continue to answer the call for all of our constituents.

Thank you again to Grace United Methodist for opening your doors, and I hope that we will not have to return anytime soon, but it is nice to know that you are still here just in case we would ever need the space.

Thank you.

REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE KIM

The SPEAKER. The Chair now invites Representative Patty Kim to come up and provide some remarks.

Ms. KIM. I, too, want to thank the Reverend and your congregation for hosting us today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning, colleagues.

I want to thank you for supporting and passing HR 1017 yesterday to recognize this church for the pivotal role it played back in 1897. After the fire, there were not many places that could hold such a large crowd. Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, as it was known then, opened its front doors and every door inside to make sure that the legislature could continue the business of the people. I am so pleased that we are able to pause and remember this church and its example of grace.

A century later, the doors of this church continue to welcome strangers and friends to this beautiful place of worship. Grace United Methodist Church has been an instrumental partner to the city of Harrisburg and surrounding communities. For example, Grace United partnered with the Harrisburg City School District and donated air beds, blankets, sheets, and pillows for their homeless students. In partnership with Christian Churches United, Grace provides nightly shelter for homeless women and nonbinary persons during the cold months. For 4 years, Grace operated a pet food pantry. They knew how important pets are to the elderly and gave out pet supplies for those struggling financially. Grace has also hosted several legislative prayer breakfasts in the past for our members.

This church's former leadership and members have been active partners with groups like Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Council, the Interdenominational Ministers Conference, Historic Harrisburg Association, the Advisory Board for PHRC (Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission), and the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. The list of service projects for this church continues, but I will end here in the interest of time.

I am proud to have Grace United Methodist Church in my legislative district and look forward to their continued service to those in need. I am confident that they will be doing the good work, God's work, for the next two centuries.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you, Reverend.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

HISTORIC RECOLLECTIONS

The SPEAKER. The Chair invites Rev. Wayne Bender to share some historical recollections.

Reverend.

REVEREND BENDER. Good morning, Mr. Speaker, Representatives, and honored guests.

It is our honor to welcome you to Grace Church. My name is Wayne Bender. Some of you will recognize me from being the Executive Director of the Hardwoods Development Council, or if I say the Pennsylvania WoodMobile, that will connect the dots.

I am also a United Methodist pastor and have been attending Grace Church for the past several years, and I have served on their Bicentennial Committee. You have heard or will hear much about our history today and the significance of this building and this congregation to the city of Harrisburg and to Pennsylvania. It is reported by the Harrisburg Patriot that had the church not provided a place for not just the House of Representatives, but also for the Senate, that the delegates from Philadelphia had it up their sleeve to move the capital to Philadelphia. And so we are not taking any recommendations today or motions, but we helped keep Harrisburg as the State capital and the historical marker in front of our building attests to that fact.

While our sanctuary looks different from what it was 123 years ago, back then we were probably the largest and one of the most modern facilities in the city. It was 200 years ago that the church began down on Second Street. Our building there still exists. It is somewhat recognizable. It is the Bridge's Social Club today. Our second building is where the Federal court building is now and has been torn down. But this is our third building and had a very large congregation at the time that the legislature came here.

In the back of our sanctuary, we have several historical pictures of the building as it existed before and after, as well as during the legislature, including the Senate room which is upstairs on the third level. We referred to it then as the assembly room, but it was later remodeled and is now four or five different classrooms. And so that is why we have not invited the Senate to return today as well, because their room is not available.

The church was just 20 years old when this became the State Capitol Building. Everyone came except the Governor's Office, which had not burned. Interestingly, the Harrisburg Patriot gleefully announced the news that the Capitol would move to Grace Church by saying, "The whole legislature will go to church." It is true that all religious elements of the building were removed and spittoons were added. They are not here today though. The desk the Speaker is using today is one of the original desks that were used by the legislators in this room.

If you compare the front cover of your program to the sanctuary today, you will notice that architectural elements remain the same; however, the stained-glass window that was once in the front is actually still there. It has been closed in. You can access it from the back, but it is not really usable in any way. The addition then is also the famous painting of the "Adoration of the Shepherds." This was done by New York artist Irving Couse. The visit of the shepherds on Christmas is usually portrayed at night on Christmas Eve with a dark sky and somewhat often in the shadows, and in most portrayals also the Baby Jesus is in the arms of his mother. But in this case it is rather unique in that Jesus is in the manger and it is the dawn of a new day that is coming. That addition was done in 1899, at the dawn of a new century.

This church was also one of the first, if not the first public building to be electrified in Harrisburg due to the association of longtime church member John Irvin Beggs and his work with Thomas Edison. In 1903 the Tiffany window in the back of the sanctuary was added as a gift from Mr. Beggs in honor of his wife, and it portrays the Ascension of Jesus and is glorious in the morning sun, as the dawn of a new day.

The last 25 years Grace Church has had a difficult time for this congregation as we have experienced major decline in attendance for various reasons. The church was nearly closed last year, along with nine other United Methodist Churches in the city. While the building has great historical significance, it was fast becoming an albatross to a dwindling congregation. But rather than close as was requested by the Bishop, the congregation forged a new vision for vitality and a strategic plan to move forward into the dawn of a new day. The congregation was averaging about 30 in worship. Can you imagine 30 people maintaining a building of this size. But they moved to declare themselves a church where all would be welcome and fully inclusive, with a progressive theology focused on traditional worship. At a time when the United Methodist Church was struggling with inclusion with the LGBTQ community as a denomination, this congregation overwhelmingly declared themselves to be the second United Methodist congregation in all of central Pennsylvania to be a reconciling congregation, celebrating God's gifts of love and grace for all persons.

With our new pastor, the Reverend Dr. Michael Minnix, and our focus on traditional worship where all are welcome, the congregation began to grow. A winter shelter for homeless women was opened, a support group for parents of transgender children was started, and an active reconciling ministry began

welcoming the LGBTQ community of Harrisburg to our sanctuary, letting them know that we were sorry for how the church had treated them in the past and that it was safe to come back home. The congregation grew to nearly 100 on several Sundays, prior to our closing on March 16 for the pandemic. Financially, the church has miraculously stayed strong during this past year and we plan to open for worship again this coming Sunday, hoping that we will be able to continue without interruption.

We are thankful that we are able to celebrate our bicentennial year by welcoming the State legislature back to this building. The congregation wishes we could afford you refreshment hospitality and extend your stay, but social distancing did not permit. We are deferring our big bicentennial celebration, which was planned for this November, till next year when we will hopefully be able to gather fully with many more people than are here today.

We are also offering that our church members would be willing to take you on tours through the building, if you would like to see more of the building, or you are also welcome to wander about as you would like throughout the entire building. Lights are on and you can see the different areas.

I will tell you that the Senate chamber is now used for storage. It is not of real interest, but you are welcome to come. Also, the classrooms on the second and third and fourth, they are like when we had 1500 members attending here, as it was in the 1960s. Things are a little bit different now, but it is really rather interesting up in those areas.

The congregation offers to each of you in the House of Representatives and to also the Senate and to our Governor our prayers, our prayers for your leadership during these difficult days. We look to you for guidance and leadership during tumultuous times. We pray the dawn of a new day will come soon for this pandemic. We pray that the dawn of a new day will come to end racism that divides our country. We pray for the dawn of a new day for the future of our Commonwealth and our nation.

As William Penn founded our Commonwealth as a Holy Experiment where all could worship freely, may we all work together as an inclusive community for the common good of all within our great Commonwealth.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

We will now move on to remarks by both floor leaders.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes first, the honorable gentleman, Kerry Benninghoff, the majority leader.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As well, I will share a few remarks with you.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you and your office for organizing this very special ceremonial session of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as part of the bicentennial celebration of Grace United Methodist Church. Much like Pennsylvania, this community of worship had humble beginnings but has gone on to do great things. Founded in 1820 after moving from its location, as we heard earlier, on the corner of Second and State Streets, the original building cost \$1500. In many ways this church preceded the modern world to the small town of Harrisburg, being built 6 years before the groundbreaking of the Pennsylvania Canal and 20 years before the railroad even came to Harrisburg.

In 1897 something happened that would be both heartbreaking and extraordinary in any time of history: Pennsylvanians lost their State Capitol to an unfortunate fire. Uniquely, the Governor at that time was Daniel Hastings, from a little town called Bellefonte. The six big white pillars that adorned the front of that State Capitol were rescued out of the remnants of that fire, eventually transported to Bellefonte, and have been incorporated into the front exterior of what is known as the Hastings Mansion and still stands there today.

A Capitol building is not merely a physical place of meeting, but it is symbolic of our valuation of the rule of law and the faith that we have in open and transparent representation. When the building was lost, something extraordinary happened – more extraordinary in our time than maybe 123 years ago – government and the host community worked together to restore what was lost. Even more amazing is that it was this place, a church, that was chosen to conduct the people's business. It was chosen not for political reasons or personal reasons, but for practical ones. It had the space to house both chambers of the General Assembly. By generously opening their doors to us, the Grace United Methodist Church community also opened their doors to Pennsylvania's unique brand of democracy and ensured that our Commonwealth's seat of government would remain in the beautiful city of Harrisburg.

What you may not know is that while we took over this building, we also helped to return it to its original beauty and even provided a few updates, including updating the building and allowing for electric lights.

We have come a long way in 123 years, but really, the more things change, sometimes the more things stay the same. While our Capitol was rebuilt, during this time of current pandemic, many lawmakers are appropriately exercising their legislative duties outside of the physical building. Today, God forbid, if we were to lose the State Capitol, we could probably convene via Zoom rather than ask ourselves where or what building we could use next. But this place, Grace United Methodist Church, reminds us that inherent in our constitutional republic is the need to find some way to meet in person with each other, to have those personal interactions with one another and to decide on votes and bills, to interact with our citizens from different parts of our beautiful Commonwealth, and to hear the different perspectives and ideas and even discuss and debate opposing views. It is both these differing viewpoints and the willingness to listen that ultimately makes what we do and makes our legislation better.

One hundred and twenty-three years ago legislators and the Executive put aside their differences to come together to stand up for the basic notion that State government should have a Capitol. May they and this place be an example to us today as we deal with significant issues that are before us as a State and as a nation and that we can work together, absent our own personal viewpoints and differences, to serve the citizens of Penn's Woods, this great Commonwealth that we call home and the great State of Pennsylvania.

I want to thank the Speaker for organizing this. I also want to thank the pastor and the United Methodist Church congregation for hosting us again today. Bless you in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the honorable gentleman, Representative Dermody.

Thank you, Mr. Leader.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1897, alarms were raised at the Pennsylvania Capitol Building when a fire was discovered. It was later guessed that a small fire may have burned for a couple of hours in the 75-year-old Capitol Building before it became evident. Legislators and visitors gathered outside on that winter day and made themselves useful – some made themselves useful by removing valuable papers inside. Harrisburg firefighters arrived to battle the fire, but the blaze was out of control and it was too advanced by that point and they were not able, clearly, to save the building.

At about 5 p.m. that very same evening, Gov. Daniel Hastings met with the Senate President and the House Speaker and formed a plan to convene the legislature the following week right here at Grace Methodist Church. And that is what happened.

Remarkably, just 6 days after the State's Capitol Building was rendered unusable by fire, the House and the Senate met here at this church so that Pennsylvania government could continue uninterrupted in Harrisburg. The congregation here generously gave up their sanctuary so that the legislature could find a place of refuge.

The room we are in was reconfigured with desks for the lawmakers rather than pews. Some of the religious images were removed or covered up. The members of the church moved their services to the Harrisburg Opera House about three blocks away on Walnut Street. And in that singular act of grace, the men and women of Grace Methodist Church made sure that Harrisburg would remain the State's capital, the capital city, at a time when Philadelphians were urging to move the seat back to Philadelphia. It did not happen.

The House and Senate met here in this church for a number of months before a new Capitol building started to take shape on the hill. Though the next Capitol building was not the one we are in now; it took another 8 years to finish that building. But those crucial months in which lawmakers were able to meet here made all the difference. By providing a venue the legislature could use in a time of uncertainty and doing so at barely a moment's notice, Grace Methodist saved the day and helped transform the future of the city of Harrisburg. Never again was there talk about moving the State capital to another city.

We meet here today to celebrate the bicentennial of this congregation's presence in Harrisburg and to pay tribute to the special role they played in the history of our legislature. It is a story worth telling and appreciating today, because once again we are facing a big challenge to our ability to do the people's business.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the House adopted unprecedented temporary rules to allow our members to participate remotely and cast votes by proxy. A devastating fire is one thing, a virus is something else, but I do see some parallels in the two historical events. In both cases our institution was compelled to take extraordinary steps to stay in session. There was very little time to plan the changes and carry them out. But with the help of many people, the members of the House were able to get things done.

We are still in the midst of the pandemic emergency, and we do not know how long it will last. I believe that the lesson of our earlier history, as embodied in this church, offers the promise that even from a great tragedy we can emerge with something stronger and something better. The government of our Commonwealth is able to persevere and meet any challenge. That is what our leaders and the good people of Harrisburg did back in 1897, and that is what we are doing now.

One hundred and twenty-three years ago this building, this house of God, was the answer to many prayers. "For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace," the Book of John, chapter 1, verse 16. Grace Methodist Church played an integral role in helping the House of Representatives to adapt and endure. We are honored and full of gratitude to return today and to once again say "thank you" to those who, with the fullness of grace, made it possible.

Pastor, thank you for having us here today.

And thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

I, for one, am very glad that we did not move the capital, because this morning's journey would have been much longer had we had to come from Philadelphia. So thank you.

PRESENTATION OF HOUSE CITATION

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair will invite Representative Kim up to the rostrum and Dr. Minnix so we can do a presentation of a citation.

For the information of the members, this was a citation that Representative Kim mentioned yesterday that we voted celebrating the bicentennial.

In addition to that, we will be presenting a ceremonial gavel to both you, Dr. Minnix, as well as the church, to commemorate this special session. So thank you.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. All good things must come to an end, and we are approaching the end of the ceremony. I want to thank the congregation and the pastor and the historian for sharing. Thank you again. I am looking forward to the postlude here as we wrap up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. But prior to us leaving this remote session, there are several announcements that I have been asked to make.

Representative Moul will be calling a Local Government Committee meeting in G-50 Irvis Office Building immediately at the break; again, Local Government, G-50 Irvis Office Building at the break.

Representative Pickett is calling an Insurance Committee meeting in B-31 Main Capitol at the break; Insurance Committee, B-31 Main Capitol at the break.

Representative Everett is calling State Government, 60 East Wing at the break; State Government, 60 East Wing at the break.

Representative Toepel is asking that we announce that the Republicans will caucus in the majority caucus room and virtually at 1 p.m., return to the floor at 2, where we will resume normal session on the House floor, not here.

Representative McClinton has asked us to notify the Democrats that they will be caucusing virtually at 1 and also returning to the floor at 2.

BENEDICTION

The SPEAKER. At this time we will ask Pastor Minnix to come and give the benediction.

REVEREND MINNIX. Would you stand, please.

God's richest blessings are ours already, for God has held nothing back from us. The wonderful blessings of family and home, the rich resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the joys of life that we experience in myriads of ways, God has held nothing back from us, not even, not even God's own child did God hold back from us. God's richest blessings are already ours.

All that remains is for us to take them up, to put them to use, to put them to work in the service of Christ in the kingdom He seeks to bring into being among us and among all God's children in every place.

Go in God's peace. Amen.

RECESS

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

(Musical selection was presented by Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman.)

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 2:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the State Government Committee continues to meet regarding legislation. They have permission to continue. We will do housekeeping in the interim.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 707, PN 4460 (Amended) By Rep. METCALFE

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, further providing for definitions and for variances and exemptions.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 2002, PN 2807 By Rep. METCALFE

An Act repealing the act of May 11, 1921 (P.L.479, No.225), entitled "An act imposing a State tax on anthracite coal; providing for

the assessment and collection thereof; and providing penalties for the violation of this act."

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 2197, PN 3105 By Rep. METCALFE

An Act amending the act of November 23, 2010 (P.L.1083, No.108), known as the Covered Device Recycling Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 2646, PN 4459 (Amended) By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for vehicles not requiring certificate of title; in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration; and, in special vehicles and pedestrians, further providing for operation of pedalcycles with electric assist.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 745, PN 2039 (Amended) By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 1195, PN 2041 (Amended) By Rep. PICKETT

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in general provisions relating to insurance companies, associations and exchanges, further providing for Reinsurance Credits and providing for credit for reinsurance and reciprocal jurisdictions; in Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, further providing for purpose, for definitions, for coverage and limitations, for creation of association, for board of directors, for powers and duties of association, for assessments, for plan of operation, for powers and duties of the commissioner, for prevention of insolvencies, for credits for assessments paid, for miscellaneous provisions, for examination of the association and annual report, for immunity, for stay of proceedings and reopening default judgments, for prohibited advertisement or Insurance Guaranty Association Act in insurance sales and for prospective application.

INSURANCE.

SB 1281, PN 2040 (Amended) By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.

TRANSPORTATION.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 980, PN 1110 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for State Veterans' Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2103, PN 4381 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.719, No.112), known as the Patient Test Result Information Act, further providing for definitions, for test results and for duties of Department of Health.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2331, PN 3436 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in mental health: departmental powers and duties, commissioner of mental health, interstate compact, reciprocal agreements, research foundation, providing for mental health care services clearinghouse; and making an editorial change.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2673, PN 4098 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Allegheny Township, Blair County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2674, PN 4099 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Allegheny Township, Blair County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2792, PN 4307 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act providing for a long-term care medical director registry and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT REGULATORY REVIEW
RESOLUTION NO. 3 REPORTED AS
ORIGINATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL
RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE**

The following resolution was read:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Disapproving the Environmental Quality Board regulations on air quality fees.

WHEREAS, The Environmental Quality Board proposed at 49 Pa.B. 1777 (April 13, 2019) regulations on air quality fees in accordance with sections 5(a) (1) and (8) and 6.3 of the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L. 2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act; and

WHEREAS, On July 21, 2020, the Environmental Quality Board approved "Air Quality Fee Schedule Amendments" Regulations (Environmental Quality Board Regulation #7-536 and Independent Regulatory Review Commission #3231) (Regulations); and

WHEREAS, On September 15, 2020, the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of Representatives, in accordance with section 5.1(j.2) of the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633,

No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, voted to disapprove the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2020, notwithstanding the disapproval of the House of Representatives Oversight Committee, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) voted to approve the regulations; and

WHEREAS, In a letter dated September 17, 2020, the IRRC notified the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of Representatives that the IRRC had adopted an order, by a vote of four to one, approving the regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of Representatives has determined that the submitted regulations should be disapproved by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of Representatives is reporting this resolution under section 7(d) of the Regulatory Review Act for action by the House of Representatives, which shall have 30 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which the concurrent resolution has been reported to adopt the concurrent resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Senate shall have 30 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which the concurrent resolution has been adopted by the House of Representatives to adopt the concurrent resolution; therefore be it

RESOLVED, (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly disapprove the Environmental Quality Board regulations on air quality fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with section 7(d) of the Regulatory Review Act, this resolution constitute a bar to promulgation of the regulations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT REGULATORY REVIEW RESOLUTION NO. 3 PLACED ON CALENDAR

The SPEAKER. The resolution will be placed on the calendar as House Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution No. 3 of 2020.

TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Millard, rise?

Mr. MILLARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For a committee announcement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MILLARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Tomorrow the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee will hold a meeting, a voting meeting, on HR 1001 at 10 a.m. in G-50. Following that we will have an informational meeting on HB 1706.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Tomorrow the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee will meet at 10 a.m. in G-50.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MARSHALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Marshall, under unanimous consent.

Mr. MARSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to make an announcement to the members that Representative Kail and his wife, Abby, have welcomed their new baby this morning. Baby girl and Mom are both doing well, and I wish them congratulations, and I am sure they are watching,

so if the members can also wish them congratulations, we would appreciate it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and extends congratulations to the Kail family.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2901 By Representative FIEDLER

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 use of money relating to Department of Human Services; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS,
September 30, 2020.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander, the majority whip, who indicates that there are none. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair now recognizes Representative Harris, the Democratic whip, for leaves of absence. The whip indicates that there are none. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. 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
Causer	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	Kaufer	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.

It is the Chair's understanding that the State Government Committee meeting has concluded, so we will be moving to the uncontested resolution calendar.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD called up **HR 985, PN 4358**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 21 through 27, 2020, as "Diaper Need Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SAINATO called up **HR 1009, PN 4419**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 30, 2020, as "NICU Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. STURLA called up **HR 1010, PN 4420**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the essential work performed by individuals with disabilities during the 2020 pandemic and thanking them for their continued efforts through the remainder of the pandemic as they continue their work into the future.

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 1019, PN 4429**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2020 as "Agent Orange Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DELOZIER called up **HR 1031, PN 4449**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

(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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Brown	Gillespie	Matzie	Sankey
Bullock	Gleim	McCarter	Sappey
Burgos	Goodman	McClintock	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
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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,
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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 resolutions were adopted.

The SPEAKER. We will ask the House to please come to order; members, please take your seats. Any conversations that must continue, please move off the back of the House.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MRS. TOEPEL

The SPEAKER. We are going to move to another retirement speech, and it is my distinct pleasure to invite our caucus chairwoman, Marcy Toepel, to the rostrum.

Representative Toepel is serving in her fifth term representing the 147th Legislative District. She is currently serving as the Republican Caucus chairwoman. Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, she served as first deputy to the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts and, more recently, to the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds. In addition to her work with the county courts, Marcy enhanced her business experience by having held positions as an executive assistant and office manager for locally owned businesses. She also served on the Boyertown Area School Board. She was a former volunteer coach and referee with the Boyertown Optimist Club youth sports programs and the Boyertown Baseball League.

Marcy and her husband, Mark, reside in Douglass Township. They have 5 grown children and 12 grandchildren.

Representative Toepel, welcome.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ten years ago I had no idea what to expect when I was elected to this esteemed body. I interviewed retired members, read about the position, and spoke to current members, but no one could adequately describe the job of being a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. It is like being in love. No one can find the words to describe love, but you know when you have found it. I can say with certainty that I have found love with this job.

That being said, it is a job I never dreamed I would hold, an honor I will never take for granted, and an experience that I will cherish forever. God certainly works in mysterious ways. There is no earthly way that I should hold this position, but God's plan is perfect and this is where He placed me. He opened this most

unlikely door for me and to Him I will always give honor and praise.

I want to give a shout-out to my political mentor, Jane Markley. She is a little fireball, now in her nineties. She took a chance on me and hired me as her assistant. She was a political dynamo in Montgomery County and she was the one that pushed me to run for office. She is still my campaign manager, and I guess she can retire shortly from that position. Thank you, Jane.

Of course, all of us are only as good as our staff. And I have been blessed with smart, selfless, caring individuals who are not only team members but friends. In my district office I have Bill, Meghan, Donna, and Helen. They are back at home watching this. Thank you so much for holding down the fort. In Harrisburg I have Jessica, Jennifer, Barb, and Tricia. And many others who moved on or retired: James, Lynn, Chris, Teresa. These staff work tirelessly to serve the Commonwealth and my constituents. Thank you so much. I could never do this job without you. I love you guys, and I love you guys at home.

I have had the great fortune of serving as majority caucus chair for two terms. Thank you to my Republican colleagues for trusting me to serve you in that capacity. I will sure miss those 3-hour caucuses.

I have been so blessed to serve on a leadership team that deserves the title. They are each outstanding leaders and the camaraderie we shared will be missed. Thank you, Speaker Cutler; Leader Benninghoff; Whip Oberlander; Chairman Saylor; Secretary Reese; Policy Chairman Causer; and, I guess, Administrator Masser too, I will give you a thanks. You have not only been my colleagues, but you have been my dear friends.

And I have made friends on both sides of the aisle, too many to mention, but I would be remiss if I did not mention the original Sleepytime Tea Caucus. We were a raucous group that imbibed herbal tea and warm cookies, all temporary residents at the Hampton Inn: Jesse Topper; Marcia Hahn; Rosemary Brown; Joe Emrick; Lynda Culver; Ryan Mackenzie; Becky Corbin; and occasionally Tarah Toohil and Jerry Knowles, who was always trying to break into the cool kid gang. Your friendship has meant the world to me and you made the first years in Harrisburg a whole lot of fun.

To my southeast Republican Caucus friends, thanks for your support and friendship. No one knows the challenges you face on a daily basis. Hang in there.

Some of my proudest moments have been authoring the Brad Fox Law, working to create the first Rare Disease Advisory Council in Pennsylvania – and I am happy to have Marie Conley here, who was my partner in that endeavor – preserving open space, including Stoneleigh Estate in Montgomery County; increasing penalties for child pornographers; and bringing millions of dollars of casino revenue back to Montgomery County to fund our parks, child advocacy centers, and domestic abuse programs. Our outstanding research staff were instrumental in all of these bills, and each one was passed with bipartisan support. Thank you to each research staff that I have had the privilege to work with. Your talent and patience amazes me.

And to members on both sides of the aisle, it has been a pleasure to work with both of you, all of you.

One piece of parting advice I would like to share is that this job is no doubt very difficult, the hardest one that I have ever had. The politics of the campaign as well as the debate of issues can change you over time and warp the lofty ideals that you held the

first day you were sworn in. You need to have a very tough skin to survive, but never allow that defensive mechanism to claim your heart. A tender heart is necessary to fulfill the greatest potential of this position entrusted to you.

I will never forget being at a campaign event and the entertainer for the evening approached me at the end of the evening. She said, "Marcy, I'm embarrassed to share this story with you, but I think it's important for you to hear. Early this year my father passed away. As the family started to clean his home and go through his belongings, we found a journal that he kept. On the day of his birthday he entered the following: 'Today is my birthday. No one remembered it or wished me a happy birthday except my State Representative.' " This daughter was grieved by the fact that she had forgotten his birthday but also wanted me to know that such a seemingly small gesture, one we may take for granted, had touched this man on the last birthday he was to celebrate. As legislators you have the ability to make such a difference in others' lives. None of us should ever lose sight of the incredible impact we can have on others.

Lastly, but most importantly, I want to thank my husband, Mark. He is my perfect partner for this crazy job and he never complained once. Thank you, Mark. I love you.

To my children and grandchildren, you are the light of my life. I hope they do not get sick of me because I am going to be all up in their business since they are going to be my new constituency. I have 5 kids and 12 grandchildren, and I just may need repnet to keep them all straight.

Finally, to my constituents, I am profoundly grateful for the honor of representing you. There is no greater compliment than to have someone choose you to be their voice. I hope I did so faithfully and honestly. It has always been my desire to be a tireless advocate for the residents of the 147th. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman and certainly wishes her well with her new constituency. I am sure they will be as satisfied with you as your current one.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. While the next group of guests are coming in, we will move to some bills on second consideration that currently do not have amendments in order to keep moving.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2724**, **PN 4197**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 2, 1966 (1965 P.L.1860, No.586), entitled "An act encouraging landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection therewith, and repealing certain acts," further providing for definitions; and providing for recreational user's claim for property rights and for the substitution of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a party in litigation.

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 2478**, **PN 3700**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for required financial responsibility.

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 2825**, **PN 4292**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8680, carrying State Route 3055 over Stonycreek River in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the City of Johnstown Firefighters Memorial Bridge.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 995**, **PN 1460**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 940**, **PN 1951**, entitled:

An Act providing for filing and recording by municipalities of condemnation orders and for statements of vacated condemnation orders.

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

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MS. HAHN

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair will invite Representative Marcia Hahn to the front. Representative Marcia Hahn is serving her fifth term representing the 138th Legislative District. She was elected in 2010. She serves as a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Appropriations, Tourism and Recreational Development, and Transportation Committees. She has also been appointed to serve as a deputy

chair on the Policy Committee. Marcia formerly served on the board of directors of the Nazareth Chamber of Commerce and Pen Argyl Families First. Marcia resides in the borough of Bath. She is the mother of two children as well as a devoted grandmother to her four grandchildren.

Marcia, welcome.

Will the House please come to order. Members, please take your seats.

Ms. HAHN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the last 8 years my good friend from Northumberland, Representative Masser, has been asking me if today is the day and everybody says, "For what?" And I always say, "Oh, he wants to know if I'm making my retirement speech." Well, Representative Masser, today is the day. Put the newspaper down; I can still see you.

So rather than reflect on the time here, let me go back to where it all started, 35 years ago this month. My son and I were walking up Main Street in the borough of Nazareth when a man came out of his office and said, "Hi. I'm Len Gruppo." I do not know if any of you remember Len, but that was kind of his signature. He made sure everyone knew his name. He said, "I'm your State Representative." I said, "Okay. I'm not really sure what my State Representative does, but okay." So he offered me to come in his office, gave my son a coloring book, and we started to talk. He asked if I have a job, whether I liked it, and he told me he was interviewing for his district office. So we talked for a while, and by the time I left, he offered me the job and my career and my life changed forever that day. I had what I considered the best job ever, helping constituents and making a difference.

Several years later when he left office I did not know what I was going to do, how I was ever going to find a job like that one that I had helping constituents. But I am a firm believer that things happen for a reason. I then went to work for Representative Craig Dally, now Judge Dally. Craig did things a little differently in his office. We did more outreach, I went to more events, and he encouraged me to get more involved with the community, which I did. I then had what I thought was the best job ever.

When he decided to run for court of common pleas, I was facing another situation where I did not know what I was going to do or whom I would work for. When I asked Craig who would be running to be the next Representative of the 138th, he encouraged me to think about it. My first reaction was, "No, I can't do that." But after talking with my family and supporters, I decided to give it a try. I ran in a special election that May. I won the special, I won the primary, and I won a write-in on the other side so that my election was secure that November. I now had and have the best job ever. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, Len and Craig, for giving me such great opportunities, support, and encouragement.

I am humbled and thankful for the support of the constituents of the 138th who voted for me. After 35 years of working in a district, they become your friends, somewhat like family. They showed me their confidence in me by voting for me and allowed me to do the best I could do to represent them, working on issues that were important to them: property tax reform, giving parents right to consent to treatment for their children for drug and alcohol abuse and help with treatment for mental illness, and helping on the other side like Pam Snyder, who worked with us to get this done to make sure we had bipartisan support. Sometimes it was just helping cut through the bureaucracy of

Harrisburg with their personal issues. Whether it was a PennDOT problem or an unemployment problem or as simple as a rebate, it was still a stress factor to them. Again I thank you.

I also could not have done this without great staff. Sandy, Gina, and Ruth have since retired but Lisa and Debbie are still with me in the district office now. They are here over on the side. They are on the front lines helping people every day, keeping the office open through this pandemic. Harley, who has interned with me for the last three summers, is the kid, the IT (information technology) person, helping all of us old people get through all those problems and helping us with whatever needed to be done. Thanks, Harley. And Gail, in my Harrisburg office, she has been with us since the Dally days. She even worked for Bob Nyce before Representative Dally. She knows the district and the constituents as well as the district staff. M.B., who is district operations; Scott, Michael, and Andy, who were my PR people over the years; and our great research staff in Harrisburg. Thank you to each and every one of you. I could not have done this job without you. Staff is who makes us all look good at our job.

To the Lehigh Valley delegation – Gary; Joe; Ryan; Justin; Zach; Bob; Steve; Jeanne; Mike; and, yes, Pete, even you – it has been an honor to work with you to make the Lehigh Valley a great place to live.

Marcy, my classmate, we came in together and we are leaving together.

To the crew in the back of the House – George, Rosemary, Lynda, Jack – Lynda, you are going to have to herd those cats back there – thank you all for being such great friends. We have a friendship that will last forever.

To my friends and volunteers, thank you. I could not have done all this without your love and support.

Most importantly, my family – I brought my tissue, do not worry; I got it – they have always been supportive and put up with me being late to family events because I had other commitments in the district or talking to people about issues while we were out at a family gathering. They understood and they were supportive, and I thank them for that.

My son, Eric, and his wife, Heather; Joe, my soon to be son-in-law; my grandson, Jesse, and his fiancée, Shay – they could not be here today because of work. My grandchildren, Maddie, Nick, and Wyatt, had school; and my great-grandson – Mr. Speaker, I have a great-grandson – Jaxson is at the sitter. But again, Sandy and my granddaughter, Jamie, are with me today. They were all very supportive in everything that I did and I love you all for that. And this leads me with my retirement to getting the best job ever, just being Mom and Gram.

So in closing, I just want to leave you with a few things that I have learned over the years. You are never going to please everyone in this job, so do what is best for the majority of your constituents. I learned this from retired Representative Dick Stevenson, who used to sit next to me in the back of the House: Less is more. If you do not need to stand up and talk, do not. If you do, be brief. You are never going to convince anyone to change their mind. If someone says they are going to be brief, they are probably not. And the words, I think, that we all like to hear the most: "I'll submit the rest of my remarks for the record."

Thank you for your friendship and support. It has been a great 10 years. I do not know where the time has gone. I will miss some of you more than others, but I will still miss you. God bless.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. To Representative Hahn, certainly appreciate the remarks, and I would probably need more than one tissue, as I shared with you, when it is time for me to give similar remarks. You did an excellent job, and I will certainly miss your encouraging texts during caucus as we discussed some difficult issues.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. McCARTER

The SPEAKER. At this time the Chair will invite Representative Steve McCarter to the rostrum. Representative McCarter is serving in his fourth term as the Representative of Pennsylvania's 154th Legislative District. He was elected in 2013. He currently serves on the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, Appropriations Committee, Education, and Rules Committee. Prior to being a Representative, he was a high school teacher for 35 years and also served as Lower Merion's director of community service and directed a joint program between the National Park Service and the school district. In addition, he was an adjunct professor of education at the University of Pennsylvania and is a retired captain in the United States Army Reserves. He is an alumnus of Temple University, where he earned a bachelor of science in education and earned his master of science in education from the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Deborah, have lived in Cheltenham Township for more than 25 years and currently reside in Glenside.

Representative McCarter, welcome.

Mr. McCARTER. Well, good afternoon, everyone, and it is my pleasure to inform you that, unfortunately, I probably will not be as short as my two Hampton Inn comrades who just spoke simply because as a former social studies teacher, high school teacher, everything that I have ever written is always based on a 47-minute period. So it may not be quite as long as Cris' that we heard earlier this session but it will be somewhere in between.

Mr. Speaker, fellow members of the House, family and friends: It is my honor to stand before you today to bid farewell from this incredible chamber that has been a home away from home for the better part of 8 years.

And before I delve too deeply into my parting comments for the record, I want to begin by thanking my family for the chance to devote my time to this endeavor. First and foremost, my wife, Deb, my partner in all things, especially political. You have been so patient, so generous, and loving throughout all our political adventures. Thank you very, very much. Daughter, Julie; son-in-law, David; granddaughter, Willow; and grandsons, Ian and Jared, all of you have been partners too in this 8-year endeavor.

Friends, Ileen, Dave, Chris, Jim and Neree, Jerry and Dina, Linda and Preston, Scott and Sandy, and Ed and Jean, it has been really quite an adventure, to say the least, for all of us I think.

To the constituents of Cheltenham, Jenkintown, and Springfield, it has been such a rewarding experience representing you. No group of people have ever been more informed, and they surely have not been shy about informing me about their informity, and it is their wise counsel that has always kept me on track for what they wanted. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you.

To my Harrisburg and district staff, Nancy Porvaznik, Morgan Victoria Johnson, Will Taylor, Stephanie Berardi; former staff, Megan Gorman, Steve Morris, Jeanne Sorg, Gail Humphrey, Chuck Patterson – all of you – I cannot tell you the gratitude that I feel for the support and assistance that you have all done both in Harrisburg and the district office.

I especially want to note the Herculean efforts of my three current district staff, Will, Stephanie, and Morgan, who have handled such an incredible volume of calls, requests, and questions as we have maneuvered through this pandemic, economic crisis, and election upheavals while largely working from home. Like all the staff in all of your district offices and up here, they have been just superb, and I think they deserve a hearty round of applause for their commitment to us and, most importantly, the people of Pennsylvania.

I also want to give a special shout-out to a very good friend, Dan Ocko, who, as many of you know, has served in various capacities for the Democratic staff up here and since 1993. Dan, like others mentioned, could not be here today because of family COVID risks and concerns.

We are all blessed with wonderful supporting professionals in Harrisburg and in this building. They always make us all look as if we really know what we are doing. And I will always remember your friendship, dedication, and professionalism.

Of my Democratic colleagues, I will always remember the early mentoring of my good friend and humble butcher from Philadelphia, Mike O'Brien; and Chairman Curtis Thomas, who entrusted me to serve as his alternate replacement chair on the Commerce Committee in my first term. My first officemate, Representative Mark Painter, a truly quiet but profound and reverent speaker. God help you if you quoted the Bible wrong. Golf mate, Sid Kavulich, and good buddy, Danny McNeill, you both were taken from us far too soon but will never be forgotten.

Leader Dermody; Chairman Sturla; fellow teacher, Eddie Pashinski; Chairmen Frankel, Samuelson, and Freeman; Mary Jo Daley and her husband, Bob; Pam DeLissio; Brian Sims; Steve Kinsey; Ed Gainey; Dan Miller; and all of the southeast and Philadelphia delegation members, and current officemate, Ben Sanchez; Chairmen Briggs, Roebuck, Bradford, Vitali, you have all been such great friends, along with Pam DeLissio, who has often kept me in line, if I did not mention it earlier.

Jordan Harris, do not ever give up your passion for prison reform. Joanna, always keep that beautiful smile and gorgeous laugh. And to Carolyn Comitta, thank you for being a great environmental partner as we have tried to inform and educate about the Climate Caucus and the climate change that is taking place and looms ever larger every day. May good fortune follow Carolyn into the Senate.

To my Republican colleagues in this chamber, I will remember many of you for your help and efforts to make Pennsylvania a better place. The Hampton Inn crowd of Marcia Hahn, Marcy Toepel, Lynda Culver, Jerry Knowles, Aaron Kaufer, Rosemary Brown, Martina White, and others, but most importantly, Becky Corbin, who of all the 15 Republicans who stayed at the Hampton Inn and allowed this lone Democrat to share meals and conversation, not only did you listen to my arguments but sometimes you actually voted for my amendments. Well, Becky, I am sorry you were retired but here is looking at you, kid, and remember, we will always have the Hampton.

Hal English, unfortunately also retired, you were a true man of conviction, much like Gene DiGirolamo, a true humanitarian.

Chairman Murt, Chairman Hennessey, Chairman Sonney, I thank you. You have always remembered that committees are supposed to be bipartisan.

And Jeff Pyle – unfortunately not here but I wish he were – Jeff, whose impassioned, tearful plea for children needing medical marijuana will remain in my mind as one of the most touching things that I experienced up here in Harrisburg in this chamber during my 8 years. Jeff, you were also almost always my nemesis on things environmental, especially endangered species. I would only ask, Jeff, that you accept in the future that Batman is really a good guy and that little brown bats are really our friends and not our mortal enemies to be condemned to the fires of Mordor.

And special thanks, of course, go to all the members of the Pennsylvania Climate Caucus for your commitment to educate and act for our future and the future of our children and grandchildren.

As most of you know, we are a very privileged group. We are privileged to have had this marvelous opportunity to serve and be part of the roughly 6,000 Pennsylvanians who have had the chance to serve in this capacity since the beginning of the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly in 1682. We are also a small band of sisters and brothers charged with immense responsibility. Most citizens exercise their political power only once or twice a year in the voting booth, but we are tasked to do that every single day. And I must admit that the responsibility has weighed harder and harder on me, and especially after last night as we peer into the great unknown to come for our beloved Republic.

During these past 8 years, like you, I have attended a lot of funerals from which I have learned a lot. Funerals for friends and their relatives, funerals for constituents, and funerals for colleagues. One such funeral was for the wife of a friend, a former social studies teaching colleague. I had known Anna for years. We had dinner together a few times and spent enjoyable days with them at their cabin in New Hampshire. She was a generally quiet person, very kind and unassuming.

Typical of Quaker funerals, it was a regular, simple Quaker meeting, but in this case, it was attended by hundreds of people. After a period of reflection, a former teaching colleague of Anna's stood and shared some teaching stories and praise for her impactful teaching. A few more individuals quietly rose and spoke of her social contributions to the Quaker community. One of her children talked about how her support through the tough teenage years had made her life bearable.

But then there was a long pause, before a frail older man rose on his cane to talk about Anna and how she always made him feel so special, especially when she had asked him to join her at 6 a.m. at the pond below the cabin in New Hampshire. Now, understand that many friends visited and stayed with Anna and Tom at their cabin. And what was special to this man's memory that he talked about was that he and Anna skinny-dipped in that pond. Smiles and a few chuckles could be heard around the meetinghouse before silence returned. A few moments passed and another person rose to speak, an older woman, who related that she loved Anna's cooking but also remembered how remarkable it had been to go skinny-dipping with Anna at 6 a.m. in that cold water. The chuckles throughout the meetinghouse soon turned to laughs throughout the meetinghouse and for the next 30 minutes one after another speaker rose to relate their skinny-dipping

experiences with Anna. It was joyous, it was communal, and all who attended that service learned that we all shared in this beautiful person's life not only through our own memories but through those of others as well.

Often during session I have pondered looking at this chamber's incredible ceiling with its crystal chandeliers and Edwin Abbey mural whether I was already in heaven, or then refocusing on the debate, whether I was actually being somehow tormented in hell. I have thought about who was speaking and what their motivation was and for their reason for being here and for what they were saying. And I know, Mr. Speaker – wherever you are here, Mr. Speaker – I know that we cannot speak about motive, we have all been told that many times, but we can still think about it.

Sometimes, sadly, I have had to ask the person sitting next to me, "Who is that speaking?" because I did not think I had ever seen or heard them before. Two hundred and three of us fill this chamber and I know it is hard to meet everyone, let alone know each individual. My point, however, is that too many of you in this chamber, this ornate hall of democracy, do not know me and I do not know you. And without knowing and trusting one another, our often critical decisions are made with little more understanding and compassion than a singular generation of sociobiologically programmed ants working and fighting to protect their queens. However, within each one of us is an accumulation of knowledge and experiences from generations passed that could benefit each of us in our decisionmaking. Now, some might say, "I don't really care about your knowledge and experiences, that I only care about right now." But then I am afraid you would be just like that worker ant, programmed to do just a job.

What instead, Mr. Speaker, if when first elected we were given 10 minutes to introduce ourselves. If that had happened for me, there is a good chance that it would not have taken a year and a half for me to find out that Jimmy Fata, our former macebearer, had been in my high school class of 850 students and had run against me in track in junior high; or countless other aspects of our lives that are often hidden until revealed only at funerals.

For instance, I suspect no one here knows that one of my ancestors came to the New World on the Mayflower while others were in steerage on a ship from Northern Ireland over 150 years ago. All were running from religious persecution and hoping for economic gain. That as an only child I witnessed 9 of my 10 closest relatives pass away during 5 painful years while I was in my teens.

I doubt that very few of you know that my political evolution began as an ardent advocate of Barry Goldwater's "Conscience of a Conservative" philosophy. Would you be surprised to know that my first foray into political events was to carry Richard Nixon signs to a John Kennedy rally in Upper Darby? Only a few in here know of my early personal experience fighting institutional racism by real estate agents secretly and illegally keeping Black families out of Upper Darby, or that my transformation away from conservative Republican politics to liberal activist began with Watergate and the inspiring patriotism of Howard Baker, John Dean, and Barry Goldwater, who knew when enough was enough.

I suspect, Mr. Speaker, you would be very surprised to know that during my Fulbright teaching exchange year in England I lectured and trained members of the British Conservative Party on how to run their campaigns for the first European Union elections.

How would anyone know that a high school field trip to the State Department in Washington, DC, just a day before the 1980 Presidential election would lead to a still unresolved and historical mystery concerning the Iranian hostages? Dan Ocko, whom I mentioned earlier, was one of my foremost and remarkable students while teaching for 34 years at Lower Merion High School. Dan and I, along with the other 20 members of my American foreign policy class, waited anxiously that morning for the assigned State Department expert on Iran to arrive to brief us. Unfortunately, she was very, very late. She literally ran into the session with wet hair but gathered herself and proceeded to carry out a very informative lecture before telling us in response to a question on the Iranian hostage crisis that the American hostages would be coming home before the next day's election as soon as the financial transfers were finalized that morning. An incredulous and stunned State Department communications liaison officer prematurely ended the briefing and we were all ushered out, with a quiet private comment to me that the briefer had not been updated on the situation before she spoke. As you know, the hostages were not released until a day before President Ronald Reagan was inaugurated 2 months later in January. Years later, speaking privately with then former President Jimmy Carter at his childhood home in Plains, Georgia, I related this story and all I got in response was a wry smile and a very quiet, "No comment." A mysterious historical memory Dan Ocko and I will always share.

Or did you know that I was a teacher leader on the first student exchange with the People's Republic of China in 1988 that saw American students become the first Americans to engage in archeological excavations since before World War II? And that the excavations were only possible because of the bravery of a very small group of Chinese graduate students from Changsha University who defied the Communist Party and the government bureaucratic attempts to prevent the excavations from occurring? Little did we know that the gift hats we had brought, the caps we had brought from Patrick Henry's birthplace archaeological site in Virginia, emblazoned with the famous words "Give me liberty, or give me death" given to these Chinese students would appear in photos in the New York Times of the events that took place in Tiananmen Square the following spring and summer. Sadly, we lost contact with those brave students after the Tiananmen Square Massacre in 1989.

Each of us has unique experiences to share and help us understand the complexity and diversity of the world around us. And during my 34 years of teaching at Lower Merion High School I had the chance to teach wondrous students who have gone on to do some fabulous things, in academia, government service, the arts, television, sports, and in private business. Many have remained friends. One I must mention is Rob McCord, one of the brightest, most thoughtful, and most talented students I ever encountered. Rob thrived in college and in the private sector before quickly rising in government, serving as our State Treasurer, before making a very bad mistake in the 2014 Democratic gubernatorial primary race. He did not try to hide his mistake. He owned up to it and has now served his time. And you will not find a more decent and caring man, and I wish him the best as he moves forward with his life.

I could go on with more memories to let you know more about me, but time is always short in our now, all too potent digital age where we think we hold the history of man and the planet in our

hands but seem to have little time to learn, discuss, or seriously plan for our questionable future. We are now part of the next generation – transition, I should say, in human history, right up there with the other great developments of agriculture, use of iron tools, and the invention of the printing press. And all these transitions led to conflict, chaos, and new ways of thinking. It is more apparent every day that this transition is already having that impact as well. Change is inevitable, but rapid change brings fear, and the use of fear by some individuals seems to always end in the denigration of others and mass suffering.

At the time before the printed word, we relied heavily on our elders for our mores, history, and truth. With the printed word, that fell in large part to libraries, scholars, newspapers, and archives. And now with the digital manipulation of words, data, photos, and film, a key question has become, what is truth and who will determine and maintain those truths or to make them self-evident to everyone else?

For me, my next phase of life will be a chance to ponder and answer that question. After COVID passes, I hope to travel the world again with Deb seeking that truth. And we all, like it or not, live in a global society where one person's tweet on a phone, an embarrassing debate performance, or a simple act of sitting outside a Parliament building in Stockholm on a Friday morning can change the world for billions of others. Each of us here today over the next few weeks will play a major part in deciding the fate of our democracy, its elections, and whether we slide into chaos and conflict. In the coming months and years, you will also play a key role in determining our response to melting glaciers, rising sea levels, forest fires, increasing greenhouse gas levels, extreme weather, and mass migrations. And by deciding whether to wear a mask today or tomorrow, you will help determine who and how many live and how many will die in this pandemic in Pennsylvania. It is a heavy burden, but I encourage you to please choose wisely.

So for all of you who will remain after November and for new colleagues yet to be seated, I wish you the best in seeking the truth as well. Please make that attempt. Make your fellow House members more important than the pixels on that 5-inch screen in your hand or on your computer. Get to know them, and most importantly, let them know you. And maybe, just maybe, someday you will be remembered by someone as a Howard Baker or a Barry Goldwater. And then together you might move beyond the past, imagined grievances and make more informed bipartisan decisions and solve our State's financial woes and save the planet. Let that be our shared legacy.

I will miss this chamber and I will miss you. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative McCarter.

I want to thank you for your words of encouragement as well. It is something that I know that I, too, could improve and that is getting to know all the members and really share our shared experiences. I know that I have talked about it several times, but the life experience that we each have as individuals from our own areas is very valuable, and understanding each other's perspectives is an important part of the debate. So thank you for sharing those words of encouragement. And thank you for your service here in this chamber, thank you for your service in the military, but most importantly, thank you for your service as a teacher because I know how impactful my own teachers were and I thank them on a regular basis when I see them.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 703, PN 3221**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 4 through 10, 2020, as "Love Your Avenue Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

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Mr. BROOKS called up **HR 726, PN 3281**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 4 through 10, 2020, as "National Newspaper Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

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Mr. BROOKS called up **HR 793, PN 3403**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 5, 2020, as "Anti-bullying Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in support of those working hard to raise awareness of bullying and prevent its occurrence.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

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Ms. MIHALEK called up **HR 967, PN 4237**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2020 as "Business Month" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the history of this Commonwealth's businesses and industries and acknowledge the need to adapt to the ever-changing needs of our business community.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(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 calls on 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 having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. WHEELAND called up **HR 824, PN 3482**, entitled:

A Resolution enhancing the friendship and bilateral relationship between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan and congratulating President Dr. Tsai Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai Ching-te.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(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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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 resolution was adopted.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2862, PN 4375**, entitled:

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.

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

Ms. **KRUEGER** offered the following amendment No. **A07383**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 24, by striking out all of said lines and inserting
Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint Underwriting Association, for entertainment business financial management firms, for private dam financial assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State

depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," in additional special funds and restricted accounts, adding provisions relating to miscellaneous trust funds by converting the Banking Fund to the Banking Trust Fund, the Institution Resolution Account to the Institution Resolution Trust Fund and the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund to the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Trust Fund; and making related repeals.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 27 and 28; pages 2 through 5, lines 1 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 11; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Article XVII-A.1 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a subarticle to read:

SUBARTICLE J

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

Section 1791-A.1. Banking Trust Fund.

(a) Conversion of Banking Fund.—The Banking Fund is converted into a trust fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Banking Trust Fund and administered for the benefit of institutions, credit unions, licensees and their customers, except for persons subject to regulation under the act of December 5, 1972 (P.L.1280, No.284), known as the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972. The fund shall be administered by the department. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of money accumulated in the fund shall be deposited into the fund for the same use. All money deposited into the fund shall:

- (1) be held in trust;
- (2) not be considered general revenue of the Commonwealth;
- (3) be used only to effectuate the purposes of this section as determined by the department; and
- (4) be subject to audit by the Auditor General.

(b) Sources.—The sources of the fund are as follows:

- (1) Money collected or received by the department arising from:
 - (i) fees, assessments, charges and penalties relating to the regulation of credit unions, institutions and licensees;
 - (ii) the sale by the Department of General Services of unserviceable property originally paid for out of the fund; and
 - (iii) similar sources.

(2) The sources of the fund shall not include fees, assessments, charges and penalties generated from:

- (i) the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972;
- (ii) the act of March 3, 1976 (P.L.42, No.19), known as the Takeover Disclosure Law; or
- (iii) portions of the money under paragraph (1) determined by the secretary to be paid into the Institution Resolution Trust Fund under section 1792-A.1.

(c) Use of fund.—The fund shall be used by the department to pay its expenses relating to the examination and regulation of institutions, credit unions and licensees, except for persons subject to regulation under the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972, including the following:

- (1) Salaries of the secretary, the deputies, the examiners, the other employees of the department and attorneys.
- (2) Rental and other expenses for offices, rooms, garage space and other accommodations, regardless of the municipality in which they are located, occupied by the department. This paragraph excludes offices, rooms, garage space and accommodations in the Capitol Complex.
- (3) Premiums for workers' compensation insurance covering the officers and employees of the department.
- (4) Premiums for surety bonds for officers and employees of the department required by law to furnish the bonds.

(5) Furniture, stationery, materials, supplies and overhead expenses of the department.

(c.1) Operating reserves.—The fund shall maintain an adequate operating reserve as determined by the secretary to be necessary to ensure the ability of the department to continue to pay its expenses described in subsection (c) in the event of adverse economic conditions, the loss of revenue as a result of institutions or licensees becoming subject to the jurisdiction of another primary regulator or emergencies. In determining the amount of the reserve to be held by the fund, the secretary shall take into consideration the accreditation requirements of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators.

(d) Department of General Services.—Purchases and leases under subsection (c) shall be made through the Department of General Services, as agent. Contracts of insurance and surety bonds under subsection (c) shall be placed through the Department of General Services, as agent.

(e) Restrictions on appropriations.—For fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2012, the General Assembly shall appropriate the funds as it determines to be necessary from the fund for use only by the department and not for any other Commonwealth agency.

(f) Warrant.—Money in the fund appropriated to the department shall be paid out upon warrant of the State Treasurer drawn after requested by the secretary.

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

"Department." The Department of Banking and Securities of the Commonwealth.

"Fund." The Banking Trust Fund described in subsection (a).

"Secretary." The Secretary of Banking and Securities of the Commonwealth.

Section 1792-A.1. Institution Resolution Trust Fund.

(a) Conversion of Institution Resolution Account.—The Institution Resolution Account in the Banking Fund is converted into a trust fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Institution Resolution Trust Fund and administered for the benefit of banks, bank and trust companies, trust companies, savings banks, credit unions and their customers. The fund shall be administered by the department. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of money accumulated in the fund shall be deposited into the fund for the same use. All money deposited into the fund shall:

(1) be held in trust;

(2) not be considered general revenue of the Commonwealth;

(3) be used only to effectuate the purposes of this subsection as determined by the department; and

(4) be subject to audit by the Auditor General.

(b) Sources.—The sources of the fund are as follows:

(1) An amount determined by the secretary each fiscal year based upon economic and regulatory conditions from assessments, fees and administrative penalties generated from statutes administered by the department other than:

(i) the act of December 5, 1972 (P.L.1280, No.284), known as the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972; or

(ii) the act of March 3, 1976 (P.L.42, No.19), known as the Takeover Disclosure Law.

(2) Amounts received from court litigation involving the department.

(c) Use.—The secretary may use the money in the fund to pay for costs associated with any of the following:

(1) Resolution of an institution or an association, under Article X of the act of May 15, 1933 (P.L.565, No.111), known as the Department of Banking and Securities Code. Money under this paragraph may be used in lieu of paying expenses from the assets of an institution or association under section 1006 of the

Department of Banking and Securities Code.

(2) Seizure and liquidation of a credit union under 17 Pa.C.S. § 503 (relating to regulation by department).

(d) Reserve.—In determining the amount to pay into the fund each year, the secretary shall do so in a manner that builds up a reserve sufficient to pay costs as described in subsection (c) in a manner that will allow the department to discharge its obligations to resolve, seize or liquidate an institution or credit union without impairing the ability of the department to continue to perform its other duties.

(e) Restrictions on appropriations.—For fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2012, the General Assembly shall appropriate the funds as it determines to be necessary from the the fund for use only by the department and not for any other Commonwealth agency.

(f) Warrant.—Money in the fund appropriated to the department shall be paid out upon warrant of the State Treasurer drawn after requested by the secretary.

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

"Department." The Department of Banking and Securities of the Commonwealth.

"Fund." The Institution Resolution Trust Fund described in subsection (a).

"Secretary." The Secretary of Banking and Securities of the Commonwealth.

Section 1793-A.1. Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Trust Fund.

(a) Conversion of Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.—The Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund established in section 4 of the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.359, No.50), known as the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act, is converted to a trust fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Trust Fund to provide money necessary to implement the provisions of that act. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of money accumulated in the fund shall be deposited into the fund for the same use. All money deposited into the fund shall:

(1) be held in trust;

(2) not be considered general revenue of the Commonwealth;

(3) be used only to effectuate the purposes of this section as determined by the agency; and

(4) be subject to audit by the Auditor General.

(b) Source of funds.—All proceeds from the sale of bonds or notes as approved under section 5 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act and the monthly transfer of a portion of the State Realty Transfer Tax shall provide the necessary money for the fund.

(c) Appropriations.—All money in the fund is hereby appropriated on a continuing nonlapsing basis to the designated agencies in the amounts specified in section 12 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act. No money shall be expended by any agency without authorization by the Governor.

(d) Interest.—All interest earned by the fund and all refunds or repayments shall be credited to the fund and are hereby appropriated to the appropriate agencies in the same percentage as specified in section 12 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act.

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

"Agency." As defined in the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act.

"Fund." The Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Trust Fund described in this section.

Section 2. The addition of section 1793-A.1 of the act is a continuation of section 4 of the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.359, No.50), known as the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act, and the following shall apply:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 1793-A.1 of the act, all activities initiated under section 4 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act, shall continue and remain in full force and effect and may be completed under section 1793-A.1 of the act. Resolutions, orders, regulations, rules and decisions which were made under section 4 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act and which are in effect on the effective date of this section shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, vacated or modified under section 1793-A.1 of the act. Contracts, obligations and agreements entered into under section 4 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act are not affected nor impaired by the repeal of section 4 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act.

(2) Except as specified in paragraph (3), any difference in language between section 1793-A.1 of the act and section 4 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act is intended only to conform to the style of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and is not intended to change or affect the legislative intent, judicial construction or administrative interpretation and implementation of section 4 of the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to section 1793-A.1(a) and (e) of the act.

Section 3. The following shall apply:

(1) A reference in any law to the Banking Fund shall be deemed to be a reference to the Banking Trust Fund.

(2) A reference in any law to the Institution Resolution Account in the Banking Fund shall be deemed to be a reference to the Institution Resolution Trust Fund.

(3) A reference in any law to the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund shall be deemed to be a reference to the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Trust Fund.

Section 4. Repeals are as follows:

(1) The General Assembly finds that the repeal under paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of sections 1791-A.1 and 1792-A.1 of the act.

(2) Section 1113-A of the act of May 15, 1933 (P.L.565, No.111), known as the Department of Banking and Securities Code, is repealed.

(3) The General Assembly finds that the repeal under paragraph (4) is necessary to effectuate the addition of section 1793-A.1 of the act.

(4) Section 4 of the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.359, No.50), known as the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Act, is repealed.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 12, by striking out "2" and inserting
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The purpose of this amendment is to protect a special fund. The underlying bill protects the Banking Fund and makes it a special trust. The Banking Fund is not the only special fund that has been raided to balance the budget in recent years. This amendment would protect the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. This is an incredibly important funding stream that provides for increased acquisitions, improvements, and expansions of Commonwealth and community parks, recreation facilities, historic sites, zoos, public libraries, nature preserves, and wildlife habitats.

Mr. Speaker, under interrogation during an Appropriations Committee hearing last year, I asked if this fund was a restricted fund and I was told "yes." So this amendment would simply protect what is already meant to be a restricted fund to ensure that these funds are protected for future generations and not raided to balance a budget.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment has the support of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, PennFuture, WeConservePA, DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and a number of sportsmen's groups who use these lands, including the Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and the Sportsmen's Policy Group.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to protect our lands and parks in the same way that we are protecting our banking industry and vote "yes" on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Delozier, on the amendment. The lady waives off.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just today in the Finance Committee we had a wonderful presentation from the Treasurer's Office on our \$5 billion cash flow shortfall. Obviously, this has been exacerbated by the pandemic, but ultimately, Mr. Speaker, some of this is the result of shifting General Fund revenue into special fund accounts. By moving that money out of the General Fund, you lose the ability to actually cash flow within the General Fund, creating shortfalls throughout the fiscal year of which we need to borrow against and increase costs, which is completely government waste, Mr. Speaker. Short-term loans within the General Fund do not provide the needed services to residents. It does not better the economy; it does not better anybody. It just adds cost.

If we continue to shift money out of the General Fund, we are just going to be stuck with a bunch of special funds earmarked by a percentage and then we are not going to have a say over anything. It is just going to be special fund after special fund. This is very poor fiscal policy, Mr. Speaker.

Furthermore, there is a reality that you label it a trust and magically you cannot touch it. That is actually a complete farce. Government trusts do not exist. They do not operate. They are not the same as private-sector trusts, Mr. Speaker. Why is that? Because we create statute. The only way to protect money is through the Constitution. You can provide whatever cool name you want out of any special fund or any restricted account, the point is, Mr. Speaker, when you do budget—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. For what reason does the gentlewoman rise?

Ms. KRUEGER. A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The lady is in order and may proceed.

Ms. KRUEGER. Yes, Mr. Speaker. With all due respect, I believe the gentleman is not speaking on the content of the amendment and he is far afield from the amendment before us.

The SPEAKER. After consulting with the Parliamentarian, I believe it is within the bounds of debate, just as the gentlewoman's was regarding general fiscal policy as we approach the budget. But it is a good time and a good reminder

to ask members to stay on point to the specifics of the trust fund and the underlying fiscal policy as was previously discussed.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So trust funds, which the amendment creates, can be taken away through any code bill mechanism. That is how special funds are swept within a Fiscal Code or Administrative Code on usually an annual basis. It is swept in. Even the underlying bill, Mr. Speaker, as good as the intent is to try to protect those funds – and there are some actual policy reasons why you want to do the underlying bill – this amendment does not actually relate to those policy issues, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would urge a "no" vote to ensure that our financial health is not worsened by this; that the Treasurer does not have to borrow more money in order to address our massive cash flow shortfalls we are coming across, Mr. Speaker. And let us do the right fiscal policy and vote down this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am going to be speaking against this amendment for the simple reason that the nature of these funds is very different. The Banking and Securities Code and the Banking Fund is something that receives its allotments from regulatory fees paid by the industry. We have always funded the Department of Banking and Securities. It has been a self-funded agency. And so making this fund into a trust fund makes perfect sense because those fees should not be accessed for the General Fund. They should again be intended for the purposes which they were assessed.

The difference is with the Keystone Parks and Recs Fund, while it is well-intended and we are not speaking about the actual nature of that fund or the purpose of the fund, but the actual moneys that go into Keystone Parks and Recs come from the realty transfer tax, funds that could generally be dedicated for the General Fund.

And so I think, again, the nature of these funds is very different, and again, we want to make sure that fees, which are assessed on an industry for a particular purpose – in this case making sure that the Banking and Securities Department is funded – I think, again, that makes perfect sense in this case where, again, the amendment goes far afield of what this is intending to do, it goes, again – and it was stated – to protect these funds from going into the General Fund, which actually they could be used for.

So again, I would ask for a "no" vote. Again, these are two very different funds, very distinct in the nature of funding, and I think that needs to be recognized. Thank you.

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

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Act 50 of 1993 approved the transfer of 15 percent of revenues from the State's realty transfer tax to this fund, meaning the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. When this legislature voted to approve this fund, we were protecting our parks, our State parks, our forest facilities, our libraries, our historical sites, and the facilities of our 14 State System of Higher Education universities. No, you may say there is no difference between a fee and a restricted transfer from the realty fund, but I disagree.

I support this underlying bill, but I also think that we need to give just as much support for our parks as we are doing for our bankers today. I ask my colleagues to vote to protect our lands, protect our parks, and support this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Delozier, the prime sponsor of the bill.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition of the amendment and ask for a "no" vote. The substance of the amendment may very well be something that we need to discuss. We could have it another day, and that could be introduced as a stand-alone bill.

This bill has been worked on. This bill is a compromise. This bill is also supporting the industry, the banking industry that self-funds its regulatory process. We need stability and we need to know what we can count on to sustain it into 2021. They have worked yeoman's work with all of the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) and helping people throughout this pandemic, and I think we need to stand for them, and I ask for a "no" vote so that we can pass this through and know that our banking industry will be sustained.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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:

YEAS—100

Bizzarro	Driscoll	Kulik	Rozzi
Boyle	Evans	Lee	Sainato
Bradford	Fiedler	Longietti	Samuelson
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Madden	Sanchez
Bullock	Flynn	Malagari	Sappery
Burgos	Frankel	Markosek	Schlossberg
Burns	Freeman	Matzie	Schroeder
Caltagirone	Gainey	McCarter	Schweyer
Carroll	Galloway	McClinton	Shusterman
Cephas	Goodman	McNeill	Sims
Ciresi	Green	Merski	Snyder
Comitta	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Solomon
Conklin	Harkins	Mullery	Stephens
Cruz	Harris	Mullins	Sturla
Daley	Hohenstein	Neilson	Thomas
Davidson	Howard	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Otten	Ullman
Davis, T.	Isaacson	Pashinski	Vitali
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Warren
Deasy	Kim	Polinchock	Webster
DeLissio	Kinsey	Quinn	Wheatley
Delloso	Kirkland	Rabb	White

DeLuca	Kortz	Ravenstahl	Williams
Dermody	Kosierowski	Readshaw	Youngblood
Donatucci	Krueger	Roebuck	Zabel

NAYS—102

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1199, PN 1952**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in highly automated vehicles, further providing for definitions and for highly automated vehicle advisory committee and providing for personal delivery devices; and making editorial changes.

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

Mrs. **SCHROEDER** offered the following amendment No. **A07415**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 10, by striking out "; IN HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES, FURTHER PROVIDING" in line 8, all of line 9 and "COMMITTEE" in line 10

Amend Bill, page 9, line 23, by striking out "AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM OR"

Amend Bill, page 9, line 24, by inserting after "REMOTE" or autonomous

Amend Bill, page 10, lines 1 through 8, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 10, line 9, by striking out "4" and inserting 3

Amend Bill, page 10, lines 13 through 30; page 11, lines 1 through 7; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 11, line 8, by striking out "6" and inserting 4

Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 28 and 29 "Authorized entity." A person or an educational institution holding a PDD authorization.

Amend Bill, page 12, line 16, by striking out "AN AUTOMATED" and inserting a

Amend Bill, page 12, line 16, by inserting after "SYSTEM" that allows remote or autonomous operation

Amend Bill, page 12, line 21, by striking out "AN AUTOMATED" and inserting a

Amend Bill, page 12, line 21, by inserting after "SYSTEM" that allows remote or autonomous operation

Amend Bill, page 12, line 23, by striking out "AUTOMATED" and inserting driving

Amend Bill, page 14, line 3, by inserting after "INJURY" , death

Amend Bill, page 15, line 24, by striking out "CLEARING" and inserting removing the PDD or accident debris from

Amend Bill, page 18, line 15, by striking out "UPON" and inserting Except as permitted under subparagraph (iii), upon

Amend Bill, page 19, by inserting between lines 3 and 4 (iii) The department may exempt an authorized entity from phase 1 operations upon initial issuance of a PDD authorization if the authorized entity can certify, to the department's satisfaction, safe PDD operations in the Commonwealth or other jurisdictions.

Amend Bill, page 20, line 16, by inserting after "RIGHT-OF-WAY" , or safely navigate around.

Amend Bill, page 24, line 20, by striking out "SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION" and inserting Revocation

Amend Bill, page 24, line 22, by striking out "SUSPEND OR"

Amend Bill, page 25, lines 16 and 17, by striking out "MISDEMEANOR OF THE THIRD DEGREE" and inserting summary offense

Amend Bill, page 25, line 22, by striking out "MISDEMEANOR OF THE THIRD DEGREE" and inserting summary offense

Amend Bill, page 26, line 2, by striking out "7" and inserting 5

On the question,
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:

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
Causer	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	Kaufer	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
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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?

Mrs. SCHROEDER offered the following amendment No. A07425:

Amend Bill, page 24, line 14, by inserting after "INSURANCE" and liability

Amend Bill, page 24, line 15, by inserting before "AN"

(a) Required coverage.—

Amend Bill, page 24, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

(b) Sovereign immunity and governmental immunity.—

Commonwealth agencies and municipalities shall have no duty to make streets, highways or real estate safe for use by personal delivery devices. Commonwealth agencies and municipalities shall be immune from suit by authorized entities and owners of cargo and other items carried on or within a personal delivery device for property damages.

On the question,

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.

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2868, PN 4392**, entitled:

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.

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman, Representative Bradford, has withdrawn amendment Nos. 7332, 7333, 7337, and 7339. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 952, PN 1949**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' preference, repealing provisions relating to soldier defined, providing for purpose and for definitions, repealing provisions relating to credits in civil service examinations, further providing for additional points in grading civil service examinations, for preference in appointment or promotion, for lack of

training, age or physical impairment, for preferential rating provision in public works specifications, for computation of seniority for reduction in force, for preference of spouses and for law exclusive and providing for reporting requirement and for guidelines; and, in voluntary veterans' preference in private employment, further providing for definitions and for eligibility for preference.

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

Mr. **BARRAR** offered the following amendment
No. **A07386**:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 16 and 17
"Statement of service." A statement of service for veterans on active duty or individuals who are still members of a reserve component or National Guard who must provide a statement signed by, or at the direction of the adjutant, personnel office or commander of the unit or higher headquarters to which the applicant has completed their initial contractual service obligations or is transitioning from active duty of the United States Armed Forces on terminal or transitional leave.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by striking out "or" where it occurs the first time and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by inserting after "documents"
or statement of service

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by striking out "and" and inserting
or

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by inserting after "Guard,"
has

Amend Bill, page 5, line 20, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 5, line 20, by inserting after "DOCUMENTS"
or statement of service

Amend Bill, page 5, line 21, by inserting after "AUTHORITY."

A veteran may not begin or hold the public position until proof of discharge papers or separation documents are provided to the appointing authority.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 12, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 6, line 12, by inserting after "DOCUMENTS"
or statement of service

Amend Bill, page 6, line 13, by inserting after "AGENCY."

A veteran may not begin or hold the public position for a municipal agency until proof of discharge papers or separation documents are provided to the municipal agency.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 24, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 6, line 24, by inserting after "DOCUMENTS"
or statement of service

Amend Bill, page 7, line 8, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 7, line 9, by inserting after "DOCUMENTS"
or statement of service

Amend Bill, page 8, line 6, by striking out "and" and inserting
or

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Frank Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Chairman Barrar, this is an agreed-to amendment and it is simply a technical amendment which clarifies the applicability of the veterans'

preference upon the presentation of available military discharge documentation, typically a DD-214, and we ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair has been notified that amendment A07386 has been withdrawn.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **BARRAR** offered the following amendment No. **A07413**:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 16 and 17 "Statement of service." A statement of service for veterans on active duty or individuals who are still members of a reserve component or National Guard who must provide a statement signed by, or at the direction of the adjutant, personnel office or commander of the unit or higher headquarters to which the applicant has completed their initial contractual service obligations or is transitioning from active duty of the United States Armed Forces on terminal or transitional leave.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by striking out "or" where it occurs the first time and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by inserting after "documents" or statement of service

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Amend Bill, page 7, line 8, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 7, line 9, by inserting after "DOCUMENTS" or statement of service

Amend Bill, page 7, line 23, by striking out "OR" where it occurs the second time and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 7, line 24, by inserting after "DOCUMENTS" or statements of service

Amend Bill, page 8, line 6, by striking out "and" and inserting or

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. This is the amendment, 7413, that is the technical amendment. I do apologize and thank my colleague for the correction. This clarifies the applicability of the veterans' preference upon the presentation of the available military discharge documentation, which is typically the DD-214, and it is an agreed-to amendment. Again, that is amendment 7413.

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.

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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.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2103, PN 4381**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.719, No.112), known as the Patient Test Result Information Act, further providing for definitions, for test results and for duties of Department of Health.

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 2792, PN 4307**, entitled:

An Act providing for a long-term care medical director registry and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

Mrs. THOMAS. This year the coronavirus has been difficult for many of us and many of our residents in Pennsylvania, but the pandemic has also exposed deficiencies in our response to a health crisis. Of importance, it showed a lack of critical information and communication that can potentially make it more difficult to provide assistance in the preparation for and the response to a pandemic. We are 6 months in. We should begin examining solutions and looking for ways to do better.

With the outbreak, we saw the coronavirus dramatically impact our oldest citizens, particularly those in our long-term-care facilities. Seven of every 10 deaths in Pennsylvania that were attributed to COVID-19 have unfortunately been among our nursing and long-term-care residents. Complicating this, there was no informational resource available to help the administration or the legislature better communicate directly with physician leadership to address the needs of those living in long-term-care facilities.

AMDA, the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, has been advocating for years for there to be a registry and a communication line between our long-term-care medical directors and the State Health Department. We can do better.

HB 2792 will address these concerns and ensure access to resources that will help protect those at risk. This invaluable initiative was brought to my attention by Dr. Dan Haimowitz, a nationally renowned expert in long-term care, past president of the Pennsylvania Medical Directors Association and founder of the Bucks Long-Term Care Consortium. He and I worked over the summer to draft this legislation to move Pennsylvania forward and improve care for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

This bill will create a simple, low-cost registry of medical directors in nursing homes, personal care homes, and assisted living facilities. They can be tapped when we find ourselves facing another medical crisis. Medical directors and physicians who oversee clinical care in post-acute care settings are more engaged as evidenced by their response to the ever rapidly changing COVID crisis.

HB 2792 will prove important to provide current information, access to best practices to other physicians, government officials, and health-care providers. A registry will be an effective communication channel during a health crisis. This registration will require communication during declaration of emergency for health reasons to be utilized by the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services. It is of enormous value for public health agencies not only during the current COVID pandemic but also during other health crises such as influenza, norovirus, and other seasonal outbreaks.

Finally, the bill establishes improved communication avenues for our long-term-care leaders to collaborate on educational opportunities between medical organizations, compliance with State-mandated regulations, as well as research opportunities. With this bill, Pennsylvania could lead the way to improving our response to a health crisis that has resulted in such tragic loss of life to our greatest generation and most valuable citizens.

I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2792.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. 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 **HB 2673, PN 4098**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Allegheny Township, Blair County.

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 2674, PN 4099**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Allegheny Township, Blair County.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Cox	Helm	Miller, D.	Solomon
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Dermody	Keefer	Pashinski	Warren
Diamond	Keller	Peifer	Webster
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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 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 980, PN 1110**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for State Veterans' Commission.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Williams
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Everett	Krueger	Rapp	
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Cutler,
Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw	Speaker

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 2331, PN 3436**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in mental health: departmental powers and duties, commissioner of mental health, interstate compact, reciprocal agreements, research foundation, providing for mental health care services clearinghouse; and making an editorial change.

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 gentlewoman, Representative Kim.

Ms. KIM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a statement from Representative John Galloway on HB 2331, who could not be here today. It states: "I apologize for not making these remarks in person. As I sit here today, in a rainy parking lot of a hospital where my 93-year-old mother sits in ICU but I am not allowed to see her, and I write about a bill I care deeply about but am unable to travel to Harrisburg to talk about, we are all under tremendous stress.

"The problems surrounding mental health and addiction have not subsided during COVID. They have exploded. There is more than one invisible enemy. While we are concerned about the weight this virus has on our medical systems, our mental health and addictions infrastructure is crumbling. We are spending \$500 billion a year in this country annually on mental health and addiction, 98 percent of which is spent on problems after they occur. Only 2 percent is spent on prevention. When you spend time in these places, it is easy to see why. They are not just overwhelmed, they are overrun. They come in buses, 20 at a time, the majority under 30 years old. They walk past you like zombies, holding nothing but their Kensington suitcase, a plastic trash bag with everything they own.

"While treating the mental health of our country, doctors who used to prescribe OxyContin by the bagful, like candy at Halloween, now prescribe antidepressants and Xanax at record rates. And heroin has been replaced by fentanyl, a cheaper synthetic, 100 times more potent and deadly. The perfect drug at the worst possible time. If heroin is the dragon or pure evil, then fentanyl is the devil itself. And governments in Communist countries are all too happy to manufacture it and smuggle it into our country. They do not have to worry about defeating us; we are killing ourselves. The United States is literally imploding from within.

"Mental health and addiction problems were here before COVID and will be here long after. I have spent countless hours talking to doctors, nurses, counselors, and volunteers – incredible people fighting a war against this other invisible enemy. I have lived in these places, ate there, slept there; held those who were crying or sick; went to their funerals. Heroin is in my family as well. Everyone I talk to says the same thing. We must pivot to prevention to have a chance. And that is what HB 2331 is about.

"We have created tremendous resources in the country to fight this war, but there is no coordination. Like thousands of pieces to a puzzle thrown on the floor, with no picture on the box to show you what it is supposed to look like. This bill fills a void in Pennsylvania's mental health and addiction services delivery system. It creates a one-stop-shop for mental health resources, saving schools time and resources, and improving both the quantity and quality of mental health programming available for those in need.

"My legislation establishes a mental health care and addiction services clearinghouse, which will bolster coordination efforts among schools, communities, and mental health providers. The clearinghouse will serve as a publicly accessible registry of mental health care resources already available across

Pennsylvania and the entire country. It will assist school personnel in connecting families to community mental health resources. Further, it will allow school personnel to learn about and take advantage of existing programs and resources for their schools. It is the picture on the puzzle box, of what prevention should look like.

"Mental health disorders are becoming increasingly common among our children. Statistics show that one in five children under the age of 14 has a mental health condition. Calls by our children to the suicide prevention hotline have skyrocketed. Sadly, most of the children will never receive mental health care. This bill organizes all the various resources we currently have in one place, so our professionals and frontline workers have the tools they need, so they can get to a child before they reach their 18th birthday and before they decide to stick a needle in their arm or pick up a gun and shoot up a school."

Representative Galloway wants "to thank the Governor, Speaker Cutler, Leader Benninghoff, Democratic leadership, but mostly my good friend and coauthor of this bill, Chairman Tom Murt. It is time to pivot to prevention."

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady for submitting remarks on behalf of the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. 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 on that question.

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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Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wheatley
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Dush	Klunk	Pyle	Williams
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Everett	Krueger	Rapp	
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Cutler,
Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw	Speaker

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.

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

HB 2093, PN 4456 (Amended) By Rep. MOUL

An Act restricting local government from certain regulation of agritourism.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 494, PN 528 By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1979 (P.L.241, No.78), entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 1164, PN 2006

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in coroner, further providing for coroner's investigation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OBJECTION TO COMMITTEE REPORT

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a committee report from the gentleman, Representative Everett. However, the Chair is also in receipt of a communication from Leader Dermody objecting to the report from committee.

The following communication was read:

9/30/2020

Dear Speaker Cutler:

Please know that pursuant to Mason's Manual Section 676, I object to the report of the Committee on State Government containing House Bill 2352. As such, I request to be recognized prior to the acceptance of the report pursuant to Rule 10, Mason's Manual Section 132, and the customs and precedents of this House, to debate the validity of the report.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Frank Dermody

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Leader Dermody, has raised an objection to the report of the committee on HB 2352 from the State Government Committee. Pursuant to the provisions of section 676 of Mason's Manual, the House shall decide whether a committee report is properly reported.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dermody. For the information of the members, members are only permitted to speak once on this question.

On the question,

Shall the House accept the report of the State Government Committee?

The SPEAKER. Leader Dermody, you are in order and may proceed.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in today's State Government Committee meeting, the committee considered HB 2352, a bill establishing the Commonwealth Fraud Prevention Act. The committee considered amendment 7424, which provides broad immunity for health-care providers, facilities, and child-care providers during COVID. Clearly, the subject of preventing fraud and the subject of providing civil and criminal immunity for health-care providers, facilities, and child-care providers during COVID are two entirely different subjects.

It is no secret that if amendment 7424 were offered on the floor, it would have been ruled out of order for violating the single-subject rule. The majority chairman of the House State Government Committee acknowledged as much at today's committee meeting. To quote the chairman, he said, "My understanding is that it was out of order for second consideration

on the floor, but the same rules do not apply to amendments in committee."

Mr. Speaker, I believe that that is an entirely erroneous interpretation. Our Constitution and our House rules require that bills contain a single subject. There is no exception to the single-subject rule for committees.

As such, I object to the committee report containing HB 2352 because it contains an amendment to the bill which if accepted would render the bill unconstitutional for violating the single-subject rule. We should return this bill to the State Government Committee so they can strip the bill of the unconstitutional amendment language and send us back legislation that complies with the Constitution and rules of the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Leader Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask our members to vote to accept the report as passed out of the committee by the majority of the State Government Committee members. I believe that those who would like to raise other questions about that will have that opportunity at a later time. Today's question is merely, do you accept the report, i.e., the bill, as it was reported out of committee? I would ask our members to vote "yes."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

For those who believe the committee report is properly reported, you will vote "aye"; those who do not believe it is properly reported will vote "no."

On the question recurring,

Shall the House accept the report of the State Government Committee?

(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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Dermody			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the report of the State Government Committee was accepted by the House.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 114, PN 4351 By Rep. EVERETT

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.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2546, PN 3830 By Rep. EVERETT

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

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2812, PN 4275 By Rep. EVERETT

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to grant and convey to the Highlands Historical Society, certain lands situate in Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 395, PN 1824 By Rep. EVERETT

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," further providing for display of flag.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 1190, PN 1935 By Rep. EVERETT

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Human Services and the Governor, to grant and convey to Bollinger Enterprises, Inc., certain lands situate in Conewango Township, Warren County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 1241, PN 1936 By Rep. EVERETT

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, providing for report of State facilities owned or leased.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 1280, PN 1907 By Rep. EVERETT

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Transportation and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Washington Health System, or its assignee, certain lands and improvements situate partially in the 6th Ward of the City of Washington and partially in South Strabane Township, Washington County; and making a repeal.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 1309, PN 1930 By Rep. EVERETT

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to High Properties, LP, a certain tract of unimproved land situate in Manheim Township, Lancaster County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 1032, PN 4432 By Rep. EVERETT

A Resolution establishing the Select Committee on Election Integrity to investigate, review and make recommendations concerning the regulation and conduct of the 2020 general election.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 2352, PN 4461** (Amended) By Rep. EVERETT

An Act providing for liability for false claims, for adoption of congressional intent of the Federal False Claims Act, for damages, costs and civil penalties, for powers of Attorney General, for civil investigative demands and for COVID-19-related liability.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. DUSH

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dush, under unanimous consent for a brief announcement.

Mr. DUSH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we were blessed to be able to take part in the Bicentennial celebration of Grace United Methodist Church. There are four copies of the programs working their way around the House for the members to sign. They will be turned in to the House Archives. So if you have not had the opportunity to sign yet, please come see me and for the two that I still have not received yet, please help get them back to me. But I think this is a good way to help to commemorate it. We will get it to the Archives. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. It is a wonderful idea for posterity and history.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. The Chair also recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris, for submission of remarks on the record.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to submit floor remarks for Representative Youngblood on HR 985.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman, and the gentlewoman's remarks will be spread upon the record.

Mr. HARRIS (on behalf of Ms. YOUNGBLOOD) submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues for their affirmative votes on and the successful passage of HR 985. This resolution recognizes the week of September 21 through September 27, 2020, as "Diaper Need Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Now more than ever we need to come together to bring awareness of and assist with the needs of our communities, especially those of our most vulnerable citizens. A reliable supply of clean diapers is a necessity for the health and well-being of Pennsylvania's children and incontinent adults. Infants and toddlers with little access to diapers could spend a day or longer in the same diaper – a day or longer. A lack of clean, disposable undergarments for seniors and incontinent adults poses a serious health risk, potentially leading to extended hospital stays and even death. Furthermore, a supply of diapers is often required for infants and toddlers to attend and participate in child-care programs.

Your recognition of Diaper Need Awareness Week is imperative to protecting senior citizens and our children by ensuring that they have access to diapers and incontinence products and are able to thrive because of it.

I appreciate your affirmative votes and your support of this important issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mrs. EVANS submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleagues for joining with me in highlighting Diaper Need Awareness Week in Pennsylvania and the start of our seventh annual diaper drive.

Diaper need is not just about the lack of an important supply for an infant, but a hidden result of extreme poverty for a family. It is a basic need that is valued the same as food and shelter to support the overall health and well-being of a child. Diapers are essential to having a healthy and happy baby.

With millions of children in the U.S. living in poor or low-income families, it is more crucial than ever to highlight this need and encourage donations and drives, such as the one that we are kicking off today.

Infants can require up to 12 diapers per day, and there are no State or Federal child safety-net programs that allocate dollars or costs for the purchase of diapers. The unfortunate truth is that children in poverty can sometimes spend an entire day in the same diaper, putting their health and wellness at risk. Could you imagine walking around in a used diaper for a whole day?

According to the National Diaper Bank Network, the average monthly supply of diapers can range from \$70 to \$80 per baby. This is only the cost of 1 month's supply of diapers. This does not include the cost of wipes, formula, and other child-care expenses that families rely on to keep their children healthy and clean. These costs average over \$10,000 a year per child in Pennsylvania. Most child-care centers, even those that provide free or subsidized care, often require parents to still provide a day's supply of disposable diapers.

I want to mention that this endeavor is also about adult incontinence products and wipes as well. Not only can we help our most vulnerable children, but some of our most vulnerable older adults and others facing health issues. I want to encourage you to think about all of the families that could benefit from these donations.

It is up to us as legislators to help out those who need help the most. That is why I am proud to stand as a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and local organizations such as Stauffer Biscuit Company, whose employees were extremely generous in their donations, as well as the AAUW – American Association of University Women – as we work to bring awareness to this issue and kicked off the seventh annual diaper drive. This drive has been as affected by COVID-19 as any other drive. For these 7 years Representative Rosita Youngblood has led the effort to host the drive in the East Wing rotunda. This year, however, in the interest of public safety and in adherence with the Governor's recommendations for safety, in lieu of placing a box in the rotunda, Rep. Youngblood and I are asking each member to purchase one, two, or three packages of diapers either for children or adults and donate them to a day care or nursing home in your district.

Each child and every adult has a right to good health and well-being. I look forward to your help and considerable donations during this diaper drive.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, there will be no further votes this evening. We will be adjourning upon the conclusion of everyone speaking on the uncontested calendar. There are several – about a half a dozen speakers. We will be adjourning at the end of those speeches to Thursday, October 1, at 11 a.m., unless sooner recalled. I will be making that announcement at the conclusion of the uncontested calendar speeches.

STATEMENT BY MS. DELOZIER

The SPEAKER. First, we will recognize the gentlewoman, Representative DeLozier, who is recognized to speak on HR 1031.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 1031 recognizes the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) approximately 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

Last year in Pennsylvania, 112 victims died from domestic violence incidents. These are people who lost their lives at the hands of a person that was supposed to love them and keep them safe.

Moreover, more than 43 million women and 38 million men experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime. One in seven children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year, and in 2018, more than 1700 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States. The pandemic is a perfect storm. We have experienced that in our homes, and for domestic violence victims, with economic hardship, the increased stress, and new barriers to reporting violence all point to a surge in future reports.

Reports of domestic violence have spiked in many countries around the world, and while the United States has not seen an uptick in reports of domestic violence and rates have actually fallen in some, but by more than 50 percent those rates having gone down, the advocates say that that is just that victims are not reporting incidents or are not getting the help they need. The other issue is the fact that our schools are closed and those teachers and guidance counselors are not there to help those students in need.

Each year we do many resolutions to bring attention to issues that are very important in all of our areas. I bring this resolution to the floor each year to bring attention to the men, women, and children who may not be believed, may not have access to help, or may be living with their abuser and no way out. I do this to continue the education that there are resources in every county in Pennsylvania, there are people willing to stand up for those and support those in our community who they believe are alone.

Thank you to all of the advocates who do the education and the advocacy every single day, and I thank my colleagues for voting for Resolution 1031 for 2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MR. MATZIE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Matzie, to speak on HR 1019.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank my colleagues for unanimously adopting my resolution naming October 2020 as "Agent Orange Awareness Month."

You know, as our troops in Vietnam fought the Communist government of the North and Viet Cong guerilla forces, they faced some of the worst conditions imaginable: waist-deep swamps filled with leeches, mosquitoes, and malaria; dense jungles filled with spike pits and other Viet Cong booby traps;

rebel fighters in civilian clothing launching vicious guerilla tactics; and suspicion and distrust from local villagers that made it difficult to figure out who was an enemy and who was a friend. But in addition to a fierce opponent and brutal conditions, there was an invisible enemy on the battlefield that would not manifest until months or years after the war ended: Agent Orange exposure.

From 1962 to 1971, U.S. planes dumped nearly 20 million gallons of the chemical Agent Orange over Vietnam and parts of Laos and Cambodia. Dubbed Operation Ranch Hand, the aerial spraying was carried out to remove dense foliage that could be used as enemy cover and to destroy food crops used by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. Agent Orange, which was named for the orange band around the chemical's storage barrel, was incredibly effective. In fact, troops took to making the grim joke, "Only you can prevent a forest."

"Unfortunately, Agent Orange was unintentionally contaminated with dioxin – a byproduct produced during the manufacturing of herbicides. The dioxin found in Agent Orange – known as TCDD (tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin) – was one of the deadliest of all kinds.

After the war ended, returning troops and their families began experiencing a wide range of health problems, from strange rashes and skin problems to diabetes, to various forms of cancers, to miscarriages and birth defects.

But veterans faced an additional struggle: getting the U.S. government to recognize a link between their Agent Orange exposure and the growing number of medical problems they were experiencing. With the passage of the Agent Orange Act in 1991, the government finally accepted a presumed link to illnesses such as soft tissue sarcoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and the severe skin condition known as chloracne.

It was an important victory because it meant that veterans with those illnesses were now declared eligible for medical treatment and financial compensation without having to prove they had been exposed to herbicides. Gradually, more illnesses, including Hodgkin's disease and prostate cancer, were added to the list of diseases presumed caused by Agent Orange.

Today that list also includes leukemia, multiple myeloma, respiratory cancers, ischemic heart disease, Parkinson's disease, peripheral neuropathy, type 2 diabetes, immune system disorders, and various skin diseases. Even now, there are Vietnam veterans who suffer from fatal conditions not covered by the act but suspected to have been caused by Agent Orange. One of those diseases is the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma – the disease that claimed the life of former Senator John McCain. Veterans with this condition are still fighting to have this disease covered by the act so they do not have to go through difficult, lengthy proof battles that often end in denial.

Vietnam veterans make up the largest group of veterans in Pennsylvania today. In fact, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 862, which covers Beaver County, is the second largest in the country. Like the veterans before them, they put their lives on the line and faced unimaginable horrors. Because of Agent Orange, however, that pain continues. Thousands of veterans have died from Agent Orange exposure and thousands more suffer from cancers and other health problems.

I have had the pleasure of introducing this resolution the last couple of years and never had the opportunity to tell the story of Tom Aquino, my dad's cousin. Tom died a couple of years ago, a few years back. He received no assistance until President Obama added three illnesses: ischemic heart disease, neuropathy, and

diabetes. He had all three. The heart alone qualified as 100 percent disabled. He died in less than 6 months after he qualified; not able to see his daughter get married or watch his grandchildren grow up. Sadly, these veterans that suffered also must live with the knowledge that exposure may have caused genetic damage that may be handed down through generations.

We owe it to these thousands of Pennsylvania veterans and their families to let them know that we recognize their struggle and that for as long as they continue to live with the effects of this deadly chemical, we will continue raising awareness about its devastating impact.

I thank the members again because it is the least we can do.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MS. MIHALEK

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Mihalek, to speak on HR 967.

Ms. MIHALEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HR 967 is a resolution designating the month of September 2020 as "Business Month" in Pennsylvania. From the earliest days of this nation, the first American industrialists called the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania home. We were a force to be reckoned with; an economic giant with a world-class workforce who poured the metal, laid the rail, and put up the skyscrapers that established the United States as the world's leading economic powerhouse. We did so on the backs of entrepreneurs who thought big and expanded industries like mining, petroleum, manufacturing, and iron and steel production.

And no greater example of this was my hometown of Pittsburgh. In fact, I grew up in a suburb across the river from one of the steel plants. Forty years ago, my hometown looked a lot different. There were plentiful job opportunities with industry abound; jobs that provided a family-sustaining wage, benefits, and were right in our communities. Over the years, markets fluctuated, the regulatory environment changed and became all but uncertain, and production moved from hometowns like mine for overseas production.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the weakness and fragility of the overseas supply chain and the consequences of relying too heavily on other nations to supply us with critical goods and equipment.

This is a critical juncture for businesses in Pennsylvania. We must take what we have learned during this pandemic and turn these lessons into policies that welcome businesses to Pennsylvania. Making sound policy decisions now can position this Commonwealth to lead the nation into economic prosperity for our future. We must embrace the idea of a diverse economy — one that couples traditional industry alongside emerging technology. That is something we can all rally around for the common cause of recovery and revitalization.

By looking to our past, we can see our future. And that future should be Pennsylvania leading the new American Renaissance. As the original leader of business and industry, this Commonwealth can rely on its unique advantages of a highly skilled labor force, abundant and inexpensive energy, a storied history of manufacturing expertise and cutting-edge technology to become the epicenter of the new pathway to prosperity as a matter of national security, economic vibrancy, sustainable employment, and environmental stewardship.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues, 46 of them from both sides of the aisle, for signing onto this important resolution, as we declare Pennsylvania open for business, and I would encourage all of my colleagues to support this resolution and everyone from the Commonwealth to celebrate us and our contribution to what has made America, America. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENTS BY MR. BROOKS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Brooks, to speak on HR 726 and HR 793.

Mr. BROOKS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to thank you for your support for HR 726, which designates the week of October 4 through 10 as "National Newspaper Week" in Pennsylvania.

HR 726 is designated to recognize the role of newspapers and how they play in providing us with credible, factual news, and spotlights, why newspapers continue to be a trusted source of information that is critical to our democracy. The fact that Pennsylvanians are concerned about fake news and disinformation reinforces the need for media literacy.

Newspapers have been the foundation of news and information for more than 300 years. Newspapers record current events and are the first rough draft of history. Even small-town weekly publications are essential. The information they print archives local events, and everything in those pages is necessary to someone.

National Newspaper Week is celebrating its 80th anniversary. In the First Amendment to the Constitution, freedom of the press was one of the five freedoms specifically given to all Americans. The other four are freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the right of the people to assemble peaceably, and the right to petition the government for grievances. Newspapers have a rich tradition of chronicling those freedoms which we all enjoy.

Many small-town newspapers are really a vital part of a community. However, newspapers cannot survive without our support, as readers, as business owners, and as citizens. We should always stand up for the importance of accurate information that will help us in our daily lives. Journalism matters, now more than ever.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman, and he is in order to proceed to the next resolution.

Mr. BROOKS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to thank everyone for their support of HR 793, which designates October 5 as "Anti-bullying Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

Bullies seem to be everywhere. They hide behind the Internet to taunt kids, by text message, with Facebook and Twitter posts, Snapchat, videos, and Instagram photos. Kids cannot escape from the torment because they are bombarded by it around the clock. In many cases, they are faced not only with hurtful lies but sometimes even with threats. Sadly, bullying is now a part of a child's reality.

Bullying can have long-lasting psychological effects to the victim, including poor school attendance, sleep difficulties, anxiety, and depression. Students who engage in bullying behavior are at increased risks for academic problems, substance abuse, and violent behavior later in life.

In Pennsylvania, October 5, 2020, is Anti-Bullying Awareness Day, thanks to HR 793, which seeks to make everyone aware of the problems surrounding bullying, and encourages everyone to take an active role in bullying prevention in their local communities.

Children should be able to learn in an environment where they feel safe and comfortable. Victims of bullying in our schools are often deprived of the opportunity to enjoy education and learning. Adults involved in the learning process owe it to our students to be more organized, more observant and vigilant to the efforts that are needed to make sure there is a positive and safe learning environment.

We must encourage schools, communities, and organizations to work together to stop bullying and to put an end to this hatred by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of all forms of bullying on all children of all ages.

Thank you for supporting HR 793, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 2478;
 HB 2724;
 HB 2825;
 HB 2862;
 HB 2868;
 SB 940;
 SB 952;
 SB 995; and
 SB 1199.

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 100;
 HB 2476;
 HB 2857;
 HB 2861;
 SB 94;
 SB 273; and
 SB 976.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 333, PN 2917**, entitled:

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

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 333 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 333 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 502, PN 1424**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for rights, for responsibilities of victims of crime under basic bill of rights, for responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies and for responsibilities of prosecutor's office; in administration, further providing for office, for powers and duties of victim advocate and for powers and duties of Office of Victims' Services; in parole advocacy, further providing for preparole notification to victim and for petitions to deny parole upon expiration of minimum sentence; in compensation, further providing for persons eligible for compensation, for filing of claims for compensation, for minimum allowable claim, for determination of claims, for emergency awards, for awards and for confidentiality of records; in services, further providing for eligibility of victims; in financial matters, further providing for costs and for costs for offender supervision programs; and, in enforcement, further providing for subrogation.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that SB 502 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 SB 502 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 122, PN 1012**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in home inspections, further providing for home inspection reports.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 122 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 122 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 1316, PN 1535**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1316 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 1316 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. BENNINGHOFF called up **HR 74, PN 392**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution declaring that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is committed to equal rights for individuals with cognitive disabilities to technology and information access and calling for implementation of these rights with deliberate speed.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HR 74 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 74 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a motion to adjourn made by the gentlewoman, Representative Mihalek, who so moves that this House do adjourn until Thursday, October 1, 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 5:01 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.