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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. PAM SNYDER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Please bow your heads, and let us pray for God's blessing.

Heavenly Father, as we continue during this Lenten season, let us be reminded that this is the time of renewal of faith, hope, and love.

Let our hearts be open to Your words to deepen our faith. Let us give hope to others by simply being kind. Let us love one another despite our differences. As we gather here today, let us always remember that we are all created in Your image. Only in that belief can we truly serve all of the people we represent.

Father, I pray that You give each of us here the strength to truly be the best version of ourselves, as we are all made in Your image. Please bless our nation, this Commonwealth, and our troops around the world. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 23, 2021, will be postponed until printed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 39, PN 1043 (Amended) By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for miscellaneous provisions and for recovery audits.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 48, PN 27

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for financial transparency.

FINANCE.

HB 120, PN 87

By Rep. GROVE

An Act establishing the Keystone Solvency Operating Study Commission and providing for its powers and duties and for a report.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 200, PN 548

By Rep. DELOZIER

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for title of the act; in general provisions, further providing for legislative findings for early intervention, for definitions, for State interagency agreement, for other duties of State agencies and for council; in Statewide system for provision of early intervention services, further providing for requirements, for program regulations and standards, for administration by Department of Public Welfare, for administration by Department of Education and for child identification, assessment and tracking system; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for effective date; and making editorial changes.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

HB 423, PN 400

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act repealing the act of July 12, 1935 (P.L.970, No.314), entitled "An act imposing a graduated income tax for school purposes on residents of Pennsylvania including fiduciaries and on income of nonresidents derived from property or business in Pennsylvania; defining taxable income and requiring filing of returns thereof; providing for the assessment, collection and lien of said tax and for the disposition of proceeds thereof; providing for administration and enforcement of the act by the Department of Revenue; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain persons, partnerships, associations, corporations, school districts, State officers, employes and departments; imposing penalties; and appropriating the revenues derived from said tax."

FINANCE.

HB 430, PN 407

By Rep. PEIFER

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

FINANCE.

HB 766, PN 752

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for reports and payment of tax and for extension of time to file reports.

FINANCE.

HB 854, PN 838

By Rep. GROVE

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 record retention.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 954, PN 1044 (Amended)

By Rep. DELOZIER

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, dealing with child abuse: in criminal history record information, further providing for information in central repository or automated systems; and, in organization and responsibilities of Child Protective Service, further providing for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

**BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO
COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT**

HB 117, PN 85

By Rep. PEIFER

An Act providing for auditor qualifications for the Department of the Auditor General, for new department employees, for current department employees, for employee certification, for forensic audits, for fraud audits and for committee standards.

Reported from Committee on FINANCE with request that it be rereferred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT.

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

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 605 By Representatives ECKER, KEEFER, DUNBAR, JAMES, MIHALEK, KAIL, RYAN, GROVE, GREINER, WARNER, MOUL, MILLARD, KAUFFMAN, O'NEAL, HERSHEY, ZIMMERMAN, ROWE, CAUSER, KLUNK and IRVIN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in arbitration, providing for compulsory arbitration of COVID-19 actions.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 2021.

No. 756 By Representatives FARRY, LABS, POLINCHOCK, SCHROEDER, STAATS, THOMAS, TOMLINSON, ZABEL, SHUSTERMAN, C. WILLIAMS, T. DAVIS, O'MARA, SAPPEY, CIRESI, PENNYCUICK, QUINN and GLEIM

An Act providing for distribution of COVID-19 vaccine and for delivery of COVID-19 vaccine.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, March 23, 2021.

No. 996 By Representatives DAVANZO, T. DAVIS, HENNESSEY, HILL-EVANS, JONES, KAUFFMAN, MALONEY, MASSER, MERSKI, MILLARD, PICKETT, ROWE, RYAN, SAYLOR, WARNER, WHEELAND and ZIMMERMAN

An Act providing for access to long-term care facilities for members of the clergy, for additional safety requirements for residents, for suspension of access for members of the clergy and for personal protective equipment for members of the clergy.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, March 23, 2021.

No. 997 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA, IRVIN, SANKEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to inmate confinement, providing for inmate account restriction.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 998 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA, IRVIN, SANKEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration relating to correctional institutions, providing for guard and magazine capacity requirement.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1000 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA, IRVIN, SANKEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to inmate confinement, further providing for inmate uniforms.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1001 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, DUNBAR, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA, IRVIN, STRUZZI, MOUL, SANKEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of assault by prisoner, for the offense of aggravated harassment by prisoner and for the offense of assault by life prisoner.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1002 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA, IRVIN, SANKEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of assault by prisoner.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1003 By Representatives METZGAR, JAMES and MOUL

An Act amending the act of August 11, 1967 (P.L.205, No.69), entitled "An act to validate conveyances and other instruments which have been defectively acknowledged," extending the date for validation of certain conveyances and other instruments.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1004 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DeLUCA, IRVIN, MOUL, SANKEY and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration, providing for inmate transfer to restricted unit.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1006 By Representatives METZGAR, BROOKS, HERSHEY, OWLETT, HILL-EVANS, PICKETT, KAUFFMAN, LONGIETTI, WARNER, ROWE, CIRESI, ZIMMERMAN, CONKLIN, PASHINSKI, IRVIN, STRUZZI, WHEELAND and GLEIM

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.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 24, 2021.

No. 1007 By Representatives METZGAR, HERSHEY, ROAE, STAATS, ECKER, DUNBAR, METCALFE, PICKETT, MALONEY, MILLARD, WARNER, ROWE, ZIMMERMAN, KEEFER, IRVIN, BERNSTINE, MOUL, SANKEY, WHEELAND and RAPP

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

No. 1008 By Representatives RYAN, STAATS, MENTZER, GROVE, KAUFFMAN, GAYDOS, MOUL and B. MILLER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in additional special funds and restricted accounts, providing for Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve Fund.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 24, 2021.

No. 1009 By Representatives KAUFER, HILL-EVANS, COOK, THOMAS, SAPPEY, RYAN, GROVE, SCHMITT, SHUSTERMAN, WEBSTER, SCHLEGEL CULVER and INNAMORATO

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for ethics and disclosure; in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for definitions, for

restricted activities, for statement of financial interests and for penalties; and, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for definitions, for reporting and for prohibited activities.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 24, 2021.

No. 1011 By Representatives QUINN, MILLARD, SAYLOR, THOMAS, SCHLEGEL CULVER, HILL-EVANS, STRUZZI and BERNSTINE

An Act providing for retaining health care innovations during the COVID-19 pandemic and imposing duties on the Joint State Government Commission.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, March 24, 2021.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 14, PN 1017**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair asks, are there any requests for leaves of absence?

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

The Chair recognizes the Democratic whip, who 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—201

Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longietti	Rothman
Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
Bonner	Gaydos	Mako	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillen	Malagari	Samuelson
Boyle	Gillespie	Maloney	Sanchez
Bradford	Gleim	Markosek	Sankey
Briggs	Gregory	Marshall	Sappey
Brooks	Greiner	Masser	Saylor
Brown, A.	Grove	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, R.	Guenst	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Guzman	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schroeder
Burns	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schweyer
Carroll	Harkins	Mercuri	Shusterman
Causser	Harris	Merski	Silvis
Cephas	Heffley	Metcalfe	Sims

Ciresi	Helm	Metzgar	Smith
Conklin	Hennessey	Mihalek	Snyder
Cook	Herrin	Millard	Solomon
Cox	Hershey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cruz	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Staats
Culver	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Stambaugh
Daley	Howard	Moul	Stephens
Davanzo	Innamorato	Mullery	Struzzi
Davidson	Irvin	Mullins	Sturla
Davis, A.	Isacson	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	James	Neilson	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Jones	Nelson, E.	Toohil
Day	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Topper
Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
DeLissio	Kaufner	O'Neal	Vitali
Delloso	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
DelRosso	Kenyatta	Otten	Webster
DeLuca	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Diamond	Kim	Parker	Wheatley
Dowling	Kinkead	Pashinski	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Peifer	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pennycuik	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Knowles	Pisciottano	Young
Evans	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Zabel
Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Saylor, for Rules Committee and Appropriations Committee announcements.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room, and following that, the Appropriations Committee will meet there as well, immediately following the Rules Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room. The Appropriations Committee will meet there as well, immediately following the Rules Committee meeting.

GAMING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Helm, for a committee announcement.

Ms. HELM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Gaming Oversight Committee will meet at the first break in room 60, East Wing. It is a voting meeting. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Gaming Oversight Committee will have a voting meeting at the first break in room 60, East Wing.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Kauffman, for a committee announcement.

Mr. KAUFFMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The House Judiciary Committee will meet immediately upon the recess. We will be meeting in the new hearing room, Irvis Office Building, 523, and we will be considering HB 605 and HB 951; immediately at the recess in room 523, Irvis Office Building.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The House Judiciary Committee will meet immediately at the recess in room 523, Irvis Office Building.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dunbar, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12:30 in the majority caucus room and virtually; that is 12:30 in the majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 1:30.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dan Miller, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus virtually at 12:30.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 1:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 2 p.m.; further extended until 2:15 p.m.; further extended until 2:30 p.m.; further extended until 3 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1014 By Representatives SILVIS, CIRESI, COOK, COX, DeLUCA, DIAMOND, HERSHEY, B. MILLER, MOUL, NEILSON, RIGBY, SAYLOR, SMITH and WEBSTER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school directors, further providing for eligibility and incompatible offices.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 24, 2021.

No. 1015 By Representatives ROTHMAN, STAATS, RYAN, IRVIN, ZIMMERMAN, MOUL and WHEELAND

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in recovery of possession, further providing for hearing, judgment, writ of possession and payment of rent by tenant.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, March 24, 2021.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 89, PN 179

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 24, 2021.

SB 191, PN 442

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 24, 2021.

SB 411, PN 489

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2021.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 290, PN 1049 (Amended) By Rep. HELM

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for games of chance operations during COVID-19 disaster emergency.

GAMING OVERSIGHT.

HB 605, PN 1028 By Rep. KAUFFMAN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in arbitration, providing for compulsory arbitration of COVID-19 actions.

JUDICIARY.

HB 664, PN 1047 (Amended) By Rep. METZGAR

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, providing for businesses operated by minors; and, in general provisions relating to planned communities, providing for businesses operated by minors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 926, PN 921

By Rep. METZGAR

An Act amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, further providing for the duration of grants.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 951, PN 959

By Rep. KAUFFMAN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting government unites, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and for exceptions to governmental immunity; and making a repeal.

JUDICIARY.

HB 957, PN 1048 (Amended)

By Rep. METZGAR

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and powers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 63, PN 1025

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act relating to the administration and distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations in this Commonwealth.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 325, PN 299

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for civil penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 491, PN 934

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth programs.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 649, PN 1026

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act providing for access to congregate care facilities for essential caregivers, for additional safety requirements for residents of congregate care facilities, for suspension of access for essential caregivers and for costs associated with safety measures related to essential caregivers.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 803, PN 1024

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in National Guard Youth Challenge Program, further providing for definitions and for administration, establishing the Keystone State Challenge Academy Account and further providing for report and for audit required.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 49, PN 31

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659, carrying State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue, over the Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail lines in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 55, PN 32

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8365, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Little Conemaugh River in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Private Fredrick Kinley Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 14, PN 1017

By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for courts to be open and suits against the Commonwealth.

RULES.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 14, PN 1017**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for courts to be open and suits against the Commonwealth.

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

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, the majority leader, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate. The Chair now recognizes the majority leader for a brief description of Senate amendments.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 14 was amended to expressly waive the sovereign and governmental immunity as part of the look-back window for child sex abuse cases, and I would love to see a unanimous vote by both sides of the chamber.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Rozzi, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. ROZZI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The majority leader has said it perfectly. This would be great if we could have a unanimous vote on this. I know that we also have some survivors up in the gallery today, the Fortney sisters. Thank you for coming here today.

This is the first step in hopefully a dual-process track that we will take here with moving the constitutional amendment, and hopefully we will have a statutory bill to follow.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Vitali, on HB 14 concurrence.

Mr. VITALI. I would like to interrogate someone with regard to the content of the bill. I do not know if it would be the Representative from – the majority leader. Is anyone willing to stand for interrogation here?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Rozzi, indicates he will. The gentleman is in order and you may proceed.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you.

I just in quickly scanning the amendment noticed the word "immunities," and my concern all along has been exposing public schools to lawsuits of this nature. If this were to become law, would this 2-year window allow suits for past actions where a statute may have been in effect, school districts to be sued?

Mr. ROZZI. Thank you for the question, Mr. Speaker, and I just want to say that Representative Gregory, unfortunately, could not be here with us today because his father is in the hospital, but to answer your question, if a public institution has covered up child sex abuse like any other institution, they should be held liable. We want to make sure that all victims are on the same playing field and they have the ability to go into a civil court of law and sue their perpetrator and the institution if they covered it up.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. So it was my understanding of current law that sovereign immunity with regard to school districts was not affected for past actions. The legislation that we passed dealt with sovereign immunity moving forward. But in the past, school districts were immune from suits like this. Would this bill, if passed, allow public schools to be sued for actions which happened in the past?

Mr. ROZZI. Absolutely.

Mr. VITALI. So the answer is yes?

Mr. ROZZI. If children in the future because we are waiving governmental and sovereign immunity, then children in the past should also have that same right to be able to sue their perpetrator and the institution if they covered up child sex abuse.

Mr. VITALI. Okay.

Mr. ROZZI. I mean, we want to make sure that all victims are on the same playing field here, and if you covered up child sex abuse, whether it is Penn State or a Catholic institution or a public school, we are going to hold you accountable, bottom line.

Mr. VITALI. Okay; okay; okay.

Okay. So just to be clear, let us say, if the Haverford Township – if this passes, the Haverford Township School District could be sued for something that may have happened 20 years ago?

Mr. ROZZI. And they should be, and when we look at other States that have passed this same type of legislation where they have removed governmental and sovereign immunity, it has not, you know, damaged any public schools, and again, if you are a child and you are abused in a public institution, guess what? You are going down too. We want to identify all perpetrators out there, whether they come from public or private, bottom line.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman has concluded his interrogation? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the majority leader.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 And again, to Representative Rozzi and Representative Gregory for the hard work that they have put into this and to our members for allowing us the dialogue in trying to make the best product to put forward. I will end on the fact that I think Representative Rozzi said it best: Victims, especially of sexual assault like this, deserve to be heard regardless of where the incident happened. Let us show them that we believe the same thing and vote "yes" on HB 14.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

Armanini	Flood	Labs	Quinn
Benham	Flynn	Lawrence	Rapp
Benninghoff	Frankel	Lee	Rigby
Bernstine	Freeman	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Fritz	Longietti	Rothman
Boback	Gainey	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Bonner	Galloway	Mackenzie, R.	Ryan
Borowicz	Gaydos	Madden	Sainato
Boyle	Gillen	Mako	Samuelson
Bradford	Gillespie	Malagari	Sanchez
Briggs	Gleim	Maloney	Sankey
Brooks	Gregory	Markosek	Sappey
Brown, A.	Greiner	Marshall	Saylor
Brown, R.	Grove	Masser	Schlossberg
Bullock	Guenst	Matzie	Schmitt
Burgos	Guzman	McClinton	Schroeder
Burns	Hamm	McNeill	Schweyer
Carroll	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Shusterman
Causar	Harkins	Mentzer	Silvis
Cephas	Harris	Mercuri	Sims
Ciresi	Heffley	Merski	Smith
Conklin	Helm	Metzgar	Snyder
Cook	Hennessey	Mihalek	Solomon
Cox	Herrin	Millard	Sonney
Cruz	Hershey	Miller, B.	Stambaugh
Culver	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Stephens
Daley	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Struzzi
Davidson	Howard	Moul	Sturla
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Mullery	Thomas
Davis, T.	Irvin	Mullins	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Isaacson	Mustello	Toohil
Day	James	Neilson	Topper
Deasy	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
DeLissio	Kail	O'Mara	Warner
Dellosa	Kaufer	O'Neal	Warren

Delozier	Kauffman	Oberlander	Webster
DelRosso	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Wentling
DeLuca	Kerwin	Otten	Wheatley
Dowling	Kim	Owlett	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinhead	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kirkland	Peifer	Williams, D.
Emrick	Klunk	Pennycuick	Young
Evans	Knowles	Pickett	Zabel
Farry	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	
Fee	Krajewski	Polinchock	Cutler,
Fiedler	Krueger	Puskaric	Speaker
Fitzgerald	Kulik		

NAYS—13

Davanzo	Metcalfe	Rader	Staats
Diamond	Nelson, E.	Rowe	Vitali
Jones	Rabb	Schemel	Zimmerman
Keefer			

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 amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**JOINT RESOLUTION
 SIGNED BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker announced that the following bill has passed both houses of the General Assembly and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 14, PN 1017

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for courts to be open and suits against the Commonwealth.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 63, PN 1025**, entitled:

An Act relating to the administration and distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations in this Commonwealth.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair was informed that the gentleman, Representative Heffley, had a late-filed amendment, and it is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman intends to withdraw the amendment?

The Chair thanks the gentleman for withdrawing the amendment.

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.
The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.
Mr. HARRIS. Wait. What? That is not funny.

The SPEAKER. The Chair 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—135

Armanini	Gregory	Marshall	Sankey
Benninghoff	Greiner	Masser	Sappey
Bernstine	Grove	Mehaffie	Saylor
Boback	Guenst	Mentzer	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Mercuri	Schmitt
Borowicz	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Schroeder
Brooks	Heffley	Metzgar	Shusterman
Brown, R.	Helm	Mihalek	Silvis
Burns	Hennessey	Millard	Smith
Causer	Herrin	Miller, B.	Sonney
Ciresi	Hershey	Mizgorski	Staats
Cook	Hickernell	Moul	Stambaugh
Cox	Irvin	Mustello	Stephens
Culver	James	Nelson, E.	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	O'Mara	Thomas
Davidson	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Tomlinson
Day	Kail	Oberlander	Toohil
DeLissio	Kaufer	Ortitay	Topper
Delloso	Kauffman	Otten	Twardzik
Delozier	Keefer	Owlett	Vitali
DelRosso	Kerwin	Peifer	Warner
Diamond	Kirkland	Pennycuik	Warren
Dowling	Klunk	Pickett	Webster
Dunbar	Knowles	Polinchock	Wentling
Ecker	Krueger	Puskaric	Wheeland
Emrick	Labs	Quinn	White
Farry	Lawrence	Rader	Williams, C.
Fee	Lewis	Rapp	Williams, D.
Flood	Longietti	Rigby	Young
Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Roae	Zabel
Galloway	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman	Zimmerman
Gaydos	Mako	Rowe	
Gillen	Malagari	Ryan	Cutler,
Gillespie	Maloney	Sainato	Speaker
Gleim			

NAYS—66

Benham	DeLuca	Kim	Neilson
Bizzarro	Driscoll	Kinhead	Nelson, N.
Boyle	Evans	Kinsey	Parker
Bradford	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Pashinski
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Krajewski	Pisciottano
Brown, A.	Flynn	Kulik	Rabb
Bullock	Frankel	Lee	Rozzi
Burgos	Freeman	Madden	Samuelson
Carroll	Gainey	Markosek	Sanchez
Cephas	Guzman	Matzie	Schlossberg
Conklin	Harkins	McClinton	Schweyer
Cruz	Harris	McNeill	Sims
Daley	Hohenstein	Merski	Snyder
Davis, A.	Howard	Miller, D.	Solomon
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Mullery	Sturla
Dawkins	Isaacson	Mullins	Wheatley
Deasy	Kenyatta		

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 649, PN 1026**, entitled:

An Act providing for access to congregate care facilities for essential caregivers, for additional safety requirements for residents of congregate care facilities, for suspension of access for essential caregivers and for costs associated with safety measures related to essential caregivers.

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 Rapp.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a year since the COVID-19 pandemic and the emergency declaration. While we have seen small business owners struggle to survive, children doing remote learning, one of the greatest tragedies has been the act of denying family members their ability to visit their loved ones who reside in elderly care and other facilities.

I am sure many of my colleagues experienced some of the same calls that I did; family members calling in tears, anger, or frustration, or all of the above regarding their situation, not being allowed to see their loved ones. While realizing the need for the

protection of the residents of the facilities and knowing that the greatest number of deaths were and are in our elderly care facilities, our citizens in these facilities deserve to see their loved ones, especially in their last hours of life before departing to the next life.

I applaud the staff in all of these facilities who compassionately filled in for family members during these difficult times. HB 649 outlines safety measures for essential caregivers who, under the bill, would be allowed to visit their loved ones with safety protocols in place established by the Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

I ask for your support for HB 649 to allow our families to see their family members or their designated caregiver for physical and emotional support, all with allowable restrictions, and while these restrictions were lifted, this allows us to prepare for any future declarations of emergencies.

I also want to thank the staff, Mr. Speaker, on both sides, my minority chairman from Allegheny County and his staff and my staff worked to bring this bill together to make sure that it could be supported by all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I truly would support an affirmative vote on the bill.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Krajewski, on final passage.

Mr. KRAJEWSKI. Thank you, Speaker.

I will keep my remarks brief.

I thank Chairwoman Rapp for her work on this important legislation. Our vulnerable loved ones in our Commonwealth's long-term care facilities have been some of the hardest hit by this pandemic, and I enthusiastically support any opportunities to provide them safe and consistent access to their loved ones.

I am standing here today to merely ask that in the same way we are protecting and prioritizing essential caregivers that are in these residents' lives, that we protect and prioritize the essential caregivers that are the workers in these facilities. These frontline heroes have been working tirelessly day in and day out to provide clean, safe, and caring environments in our long-term care facilities, and I hope we can use the passing of this legislation to springboard into a conversation about providing them sufficient PPE (personal protective equipment), wages, and staffing levels so they can give the most compassionate and dignified care possible.

Again, I thank Chairwoman Rapp for her important legislation, and I look forward to continued work in keeping our most vulnerable safe. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks 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.

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—201

Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longietti	Rothman
Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
Bonner	Gaydos	Mako	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillen	Malagari	Samuelson
Boyle	Gillespie	Maloney	Sanchez
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Brooks	Greiner	Masser	Saylor
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Brown, R.	Guenst	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Guzman	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schroeder
Burns	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schweyer
Carroll	Harkins	Mercuri	Shusterman
Causar	Harris	Merski	Silvus
Cephas	Heffley	Metcalfe	Sims
Ciresi	Helm	Metzgar	Smith
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Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

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 325, PN 299**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for civil penalties.

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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Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
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DeLissio	Kaufers	O'Neal	Vitali
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Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

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 **SB 49, PN 31**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659, carrying State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue, over the Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail lines in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

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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Bizzarro	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
Bonner	Gaydos	Mako	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillen	Malagari	Samuelson
Boyle	Gillespie	Maloney	Sanchez
Bradford	Gleim	Markosek	Sankey
Briggs	Gregory	Marshall	Sappey
Brooks	Greiner	Masser	Saylor
Brown, A.	Grove	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, R.	Guenst	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Guzman	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schroeder
Burns	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schweyer
Carroll	Harkins	Mercuri	Shusterman
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Culver	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Stambaugh
Daley	Howard	Moul	Stephens
Davanzo	Innamorato	Mullery	Struzzi
Davidson	Irvin	Mullins	Sturla
Davis, A.	Isaacson	Mustello	Thomas
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Dawkins	Jones	Nelson, E.	Toohil
Day	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Topper
Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
DeLissio	Kaufner	O'Neal	Vitali
Delloso	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
DelRosso	Kenyatta	Otten	Webster
DeLuca	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Diamond	Kim	Parker	Wheatley
Dowling	Kinkead	Pashinski	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Peifer	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pennycuik	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Knowles	Pisciottano	Young
Evans	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Zabel
Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 55, PN 32**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8365, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Little Conemaugh River in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Private Fredrick Kinley Memorial Bridge.

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:

YEAS—201

Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longietti	Rothman
Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
Bonner	Gaydos	Mako	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillen	Malagari	Samuelson
Boyle	Gillespie	Maloney	Sanchez
Bradford	Gleim	Markosek	Sankey
Briggs	Gregory	Marshall	Sappey
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Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bills numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the titles were publicly read as follows:

SB 49, PN 31

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659, carrying State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue, over the Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail lines in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

SB 55, PN 32

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8365, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Little Conemaugh River in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Private Fredrick Kinley Memorial Bridge.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 491, PN 934**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth programs.

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 Boback.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 491 simply excludes veterans' pension funds from being considered as income for State benefit programs that have qualification thresholds. I have had this bill for five sessions, and it has passed this House the past three sessions and received Senate action the past two sessions and was only one vote away from the Governor's desk last year. I am confident this time we can get this to the Governor for his signature for the benefit of our disabled veterans and their families.

I do want to thank Chairman Sainato and our committee members for their support of the bill, and I would encourage my colleagues to vote affirmatively for this important piece of legislation, which is supported by various veterans organizations and their State groups. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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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Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
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Day	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Topper
Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
DeLissio	Kaufer	O'Neal	Vitali
Delloso	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
DelRosso	Kenyatta	Otten	Webster
DeLuca	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Diamond	Kim	Parker	Wheatley
Dowling	Kinkead	Pashinski	Wheeland
Driscoll	Kinsey	Peifer	White
Dunbar	Kirkland	Pennycuick	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Knowles	Pisciottano	Young
Evans	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Zabel
Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

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 803, PN 1024**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in National Guard Youth Challenge Program, further providing for definitions and for administration, establishing the Keystone State Challenge Academy Account and further providing for report and for audit required.

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:

YEAS—201

Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longietti	Rothman
Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Boback	Galloway	Madden	Ryan
Bonner	Gaydos	Mako	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillen	Malagari	Samuelson
Boyle	Gillespie	Maloney	Sanchez
Bradford	Gleim	Markosek	Sankey
Briggs	Gregory	Marshall	Sappey
Brooks	Greiner	Masser	Saylor
Brown, A.	Grove	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, R.	Guenst	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Guzman	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schroeder
Burns	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schweyer
Carroll	Harkins	Mercuri	Shusterman
Causer	Harris	Merski	Silvis
Cephas	Heffley	Metcalfe	Sims
Ciresi	Helm	Metzgar	Smith
Conklin	Hennessey	Mihalek	Snyder
Cook	Herrin	Millard	Solomon
Cox	Hershey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cruz	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Staats
Culver	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Stambaugh
Daley	Howard	Moul	Stephens
Davanzo	Innamorato	Mullery	Struzzi
Davidson	Irvin	Mullins	Sturla
Davis, A.	Isaacson	Mustello	Thomas
Davis, T.	James	Neilson	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Jones	Nelson, E.	Toohil
Day	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Topper
Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
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Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

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.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 425, PN 938**, entitled:

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

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 427, PN 939**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in Pennsylvania liquor stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania liquor stores.

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

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, the Speaker has ruled amendment 565 out of order.

The gentleman, Representative Rothman, has amendment 561.

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

Mr. **ROTHMAN** offered the following amendment No. **A00561**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 24; pages 2 and 3, lines 1 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

(b) (1) Every Pennsylvania Liquor Store shall sell liquors at wholesale to hotels, restaurants, clubs, and railroad, pullman and steamship companies licensed under this act; and, under the regulations of the board, to pharmacists duly licensed and registered under the laws of the Commonwealth, and to manufacturing pharmacists, and to reputable hospitals approved by the board, or chemists. Sales to licensees shall be made at a price that includes a discount of [ten] fifteen per centum from the retail price; except that special order sales to licensees authorized in subsection (a) shall not be subject to the [ten] fifteen per centum discount. The board may sell to registered

pharmacists only such liquors as conform to the Pharmacopoeia of the United States, the National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia. The board may sell at special prices under the regulations of the board, to United States Armed Forces facilities which are located on United States Armed Forces installations and are conducted pursuant to the authority and regulations of the United States Armed Forces. All other sales by such stores shall be at retail, except that incentives, such as coupons or discounts on certain products, may be offered to unlicensed customers of the board as provided under sections 207(m) and 493(24)(ii)(B). A person entitled to purchase liquor at wholesale prices may purchase the liquor at any Pennsylvania Liquor Store upon tendering cash, check or credit card for the full amount of the purchase. For this purpose, the board shall issue a discount card to each licensee identifying such licensee as a person authorized to purchase liquor at wholesale prices. Such discount card shall be retained by the licensee. The board may contract through the Commonwealth bidding process for delivery to wholesale licensees at the expense of the licensee receiving the delivery.

(2) The fifteen per centum discount provided under paragraph (1) shall revert to a ten per centum discount three years after the expiration or termination of the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the proclamation of the state of disaster emergency.

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman will be withdrawing the amendment, but he wishes to make a comment regarding the withdrawal.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.
Mr. **ROTHMAN**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This legislation is very important. It helps the restaurants by providing an additional discount from further purchases of alcohol. The legislation originally included all our licenses or restaurant licenses, which would also include convenience stores and grocery stores. However, it was amended to take those out in committee. My amendment would put them back into the bill.

However, at this time I am withdrawing my amendment, but I just want to make it clear that the grocery stores and the convenience stores during this pandemic have literally fed us, and we should be doing all we can to help not just the restaurants, but also the convenience stores and grocery stores.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. 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 **HB 335, PN 310**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21, No.18), entitled "An act for the establishment of a uniform standard of time throughout the Commonwealth," observing daylight saving time year-around if authorized by the Congress of the United States.

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

Mr. **DIAMOND** offered the following amendment No. **A00487**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 3 through 5, by striking out "observing daylight saving time" in line 3 and all of lines 4 and 5 and inserting prohibiting the use of daylight saving time.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 11, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. The General Assembly declares that the sole and uniform legal standard of time throughout this Commonwealth, including municipalities of this Commonwealth, shall be eastern standard time and that daylight saving time shall not be used as a standard of time.

Section 2. Section 1 of the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21, No.18), entitled "An act for the establishment of a uniform standard of time throughout the Commonwealth," is amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting a bracket before "(a)"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting a bracket after "(a)"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 6, by inserting a bracket before "(b)"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by inserting a bracket after "time."

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 11 through 14, by striking out "If the Congress of the United States authorizes" in line 11 and all of lines 12 through 14

Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by striking out "2" and inserting 3

Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by striking out "3" and inserting 4

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I want to commend my friend, the good gentleman from Lehigh County, for offering this bill because he and I agree on the main purpose of the bill, which is to stop changing clocks, the results of which twice every year result in many health and safety consequences for the people of Pennsylvania.

We are in full agreement that we must stop changing clocks. However, I offer this amendment because instead of being on permanent daylight saving time, the better option is to be on permanent standard time. And to illustrate this, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to point out that for some of the folks in this room who may have not even been born yet, I remember in 1974 during the energy crisis when President Nixon signed into law a bill to put the United States on permanent daylight saving time. I was 11 years old. I had to walk in the dark to a bus stop to catch the bus to school, and although I know, Mr. Speaker, although I think it is very popular to want to be on permanent daylight saving time, in 1974, 79 percent of Americans believed it was a good idea, but by the time that fall came in October of 1974, that approval rating had fallen to 42 percent because folks realized that in the fall those children would be in danger, and in fact, six children were killed in accidents, which were attributed to being on permanent daylight saving time.

So Congress quickly, quickly, in response to that, rescinded permanent daylight saving time and they changed the clocks back to standard time. Standard time is healthier for people. Standard time is longitudinally correct, and here is the important point, it is federally approved already. If this bill passes without this

amendment, Pennsylvania would have to wait for Congress to act to allow Pennsylvania to be on permanent standard time.

So I think the better option is for Pennsylvania to take the lead and be on permanent standard time, which is what this amendment would do rather than permanent saving time, which is what the underlying bill would do. It would allow Pennsylvania to lead the nation.

With that said, Mr. Speaker, I believe this is an issue which needs further discussion and consideration by not just this body, but by the people of Pennsylvania, and I have been assured that this conversation will continue throughout the summer and into this fall, and for that reason, Mr. Speaker, I will remove, or withdraw, my amendment at this time so that we can continue this conversation over the course of the next several months in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. 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 **HB 746**, **PN 731**, entitled:

An Act limiting assignment of State-owned vehicles.

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

Mrs. **DAVIDSON** offered the following amendment No. **A00482**:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 22 and 23 Section 5. Mileage reimbursement.

Except as provided under section 8 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, a State official may not receive reimbursement of mileage for the use of a non-State-owned vehicle where the use occurs after the effective date of this section.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 23, by striking out "5" and inserting 6

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

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

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for this opportunity to point out a number of salient and important facts, first of all being, as related to this amendment, that travel is an essential part of our work here as legislators. The Constitution allows for mileage to be used and to be compensated for back in the 1968 convention. In addition to those constitutional miles, legislators travel back and forth to Harrisburg for policy and standing committee meetings, caucuses, legislative preparatory work, stakeholder meetings, and the like.

Also, Mr. Speaker, legislators travel in their district for community activist meetings, for meetings with municipal and county officials, constituent service events, schools, veterans

halls and lodges, faith-based community activities, faith-based leaders, policy meetings, and many, many speaking events. Other businesses that travel extensively including sales businesses and trucking businesses, quality assurance inspectors, and other types of inspectors, all those businesses allow for either vehicle use within their fleet or mileage to be used.

We travel as legislators more than the average citizen. In fact, DGS, the Department of General Services, has done an extensive study on the differences between having a State-owned vehicle and mileage being reimbursed. In fact, the Department of General Services, Mr. Speaker, has 15,363 vehicles that it manages. That is correct, over 15,000. These are not just law enforcement vehicles or emergency service vehicles, but they are vehicles for administrative use to the tune of over 3,000; close to 3,500 – 3,469. Of those vehicles, only 45 are used by the State legislature, both House and Senate. It is a minuscule amount.

DGS did an analysis of the cost, the cost related to being reimbursed for mileage and using a State vehicle. Including maintenance cost and the cost of the lease, DGS has calculated that it costs about 49 cents a mile. Meanwhile, legislators are being reimbursed for mileage at the tune of 59 cents a mile. Legislators that on average are being reimbursed are costing the taxpayers more.

If the gentleman's legislation is an effort to save the taxpayers money, it is a gross failure in that regard. It does not in fact save the taxpayers any money. In fact, it will cost the taxpayers more.

POINT OF ORDER

Ms. OBERLANDER. Mr. Speaker? Point of order, please.

The SPEAKER. The lady will please suspend.

The gentlewoman will please state your point of order.

Ms. OBERLANDER. I believe that the gentlewoman is supposed to be on the amendment, and it does sound that she is on the underlying bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. It was the Speaker's belief that she was tying those two together, and I expect her to wrap up very quickly regarding that. But I do believe that she was staying within the realms of the amendment as it applied to the bill.

The gentlewoman is in order and you may proceed.

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The DGS study regarding mileage for State legislator vehicles concludes that on average legislators drive their vehicles 1274 miles a month. With that comparison, Mr. Speaker, if you compare apples to apples – that includes maintenance as well as mileage – the average lease rate including maintenance is \$626 a month. Using that same basis of 1274 miles a month, mileage reimbursements to legislators is \$713 a month, \$115 more every month.

If all legislators, the DGS has concluded, would use a State vehicle, it would save the Commonwealth \$42,736 a year. That is if all legislators would use a State vehicle, it would save the Commonwealth, according to the Department of General Services, \$42,736 a year. You might say, that is a minuscule amount. Well, we are only talking about minuscule amounts with 45 legislators using State vehicles, so it is already minuscule, but it is a savings to use State vehicles.

What about accidents? What about accidents where— I am glad you asked that question. As it relates to mileage, in this amendment the cost is calculated. The State has sovereign

immunity and is self-insured; therefore, it costs the taxpayers no additional money for the minuscule amount of legislators that use a State vehicle. It costs the State no more money because the State has sovereign immunity and it pays out according to its own self-insurance.

The Department of General Services, however, is very concerned that legislators that use their own car may not report, they found, that they are using those vehicles for business use and therefore causes the Commonwealth to be liable should there be an accident during the time that you are traveling for business use and are charging the State for those business miles. Let that be a cautionary tale to legislators.

On that, Mr. Speaker, I think we are just talking about cancel culture, legislator shaming: those legislators are good and those legislators are bad, so we want to cancel these legislators' vehicles. I think that is an outrage, Mr. Speaker, and therefore I believe that this amendment would allow no State money to go towards legislator travel and all of us would just get constitutional miles and we could get the Federal government to reimburse us for our miles on our taxes and then we are all on the same level playing field and those State legislators that have vehicles that are charging the State less money than the mileage will be all on the same playing field.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I think my colleague, Mike Schlossberg, has a better proposal, which will demonstrate and prove once again that State vehicles are a better bargain for the Commonwealth and should be retained and any proposal to the contrary is just another example of cancel culture in this legislature.

I withdraw my amendment, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair calls on the gentleman, Representative Burns, who offers amendment 614, which the clerk will read.

It is the Chair's understanding that that was a redraft of amendment 547, but the gentleman indicates he is withdrawing that? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG offered the following amendment No. **A00581**:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 13 and 14 Section 3. Applicability.

This act shall not apply to a State official who can demonstrate, as certified by the Comptroller of the legislative chamber that the State official is a member of, that an assignment or lease of a vehicle would result in cost savings to the Commonwealth when compared to eligible reimbursement for expenses available to the State official if the State official was not assigned or leased a vehicle for travel associated with legislative business.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "3" and inserting

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "4" and inserting

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 23, by striking out "5" 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 gentleman, Representative Schlossberg.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I think.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of amendment 581. Mr. Speaker, the legislation itself and the underlying legislation certainly gets at something that we can all agree with, which is saving the taxpayer dollars whenever that is humanly possible. However, there are instances in which it is actually cheaper for the taxpayers for a member to have a car. I will use as an example, the mileage from some of my colleagues from Erie. We have colleagues who travel 640 miles round trip when they are coming to and from Harrisburg. With traveling to and from Harrisburg in just 2 months, it immediately becomes less expensive for them to have a State-leased car. Now, this of course is not the case for everybody.

However, there are instances where I think it is more appropriate and less expensive for the taxpayers for these members to have a car that would enable all of us to reap the taxpayer savings and avoid cancel culture. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the members will join me in supporting this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Roae, the prime sponsor of the bill, on the amendment.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I urge the members to vote "no" on the amendment. Mr. Speaker, some costs are very easy to calculate. Costs like the lease payment, I believe, members can lease a car as long as it is under \$650 a month. By the time you add in gasoline, insurance, oil changes, tires, repairs, parking, tolls, car washes, all those costs, say it added up to \$1,000 a month, just for easy math, if a member is driving 15 percent personal usage, 85 percent business usage, that member would pay 150 bucks for the vehicle. So you could have a brand-new 2021 four-wheel-drive Ford Explorer for a 150 bucks a month. That is a pretty good deal. A lot of people think legislators do not really need a benefit like that. So most legislators use their own vehicle. There are about 20 House members that have a State vehicle, and the other, what, 180 – we have a couple vacancies now – use their own vehicles.

Now, when you look to the actual cost, in theory you can make an argument that at an exact point it is more efficient to give somebody an employer-provided vehicle rather than them using their own and getting mileage reimbursement. Now, the thing is— Those are the costs that are easy to calculate. What is not easy to calculate is potential liability, and it is not accurate that governmental immunity takes care of everything. All over the country there have been situations where governmental immunity does not hold up in court. You never know what a jury is going to do.

If there is a vehicle such as a State police cruiser responding to the scene of an armed robbery, they get into some kind of a crash, somebody gets hurt, people would generally say – juries could generally say – that was a necessary government function responding to a life-and-death situation. It is unfortunate somebody got injured, but there does need to be governmental immunity.

If a legislator is using a State car not on a session day and they wreck the State car and somebody gets hurt, it is hard to tie in why there should be governmental immunity if the legislator is going shopping, or going to a restaurant, or going to visit friends, or anything like that. So there is a real issue with negligent entrustment, in my opinion.

If an employer or the provider of a vehicle knows that a driver has a bad driving record or they should have known that the driver had a bad driving record and they give that person a vehicle they can use 24 hours a day, there is a negligent entrustment issue. There is not really a good system to monitor driving records. I was looking at a list from, you know, a few years ago – there was an article in the newspaper about legislators that have State cars, and I was just looking through the list and I was thinking, okay, one legislator on that list had a DUI (driving under the influence) in a State car. There was another legislator that had a State car and they just stopped coming to work. Normally if you have an employer-provided vehicle and you just quit coming to work for 5 months, they usually take the car away.

POINT OF ORDER

Ms. McCLINTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

The leader will state her point of order.

Ms. McCLINTON. Mr. Speaker, this speaker is not on the amendment.

The SPEAKER. Similar to the gentlewoman, Representative Davidson, who was trying to tie the amendment back to the bill, I believe that is the gentleman's goal, so we were giving him similar latitude as the prime sponsor. But I would caution the gentleman to please save some of these arguments for final passage as opposed to debate on the underlying amendment which equates mileage to leases.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes. So if a driver has a DUI, potentially that raises the cost of future lawsuits if that driver, you know, continues to have a State vehicle, so the cost savings that is being talked about in this amendment would be harder to realize. And if a person has a vehicle and nobody has seen it for 5 months and you have no idea where the vehicle is or what it is being used for, that increases costs potentially.

We had another situation where there was a member that made a YouTube video singing to his phone driving down the road and his eyes were on the phone and every once in a while looking at the road, that increases the chance of having an accident when you are looking at a phone making a YouTube video rather than looking at the road. That would diminish some of the savings that the amendment attempts to achieve. We have had other situations where members have been convicted of a crime—

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

For what purpose does the gentlewoman rise?

Mrs. DAVIDSON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The lady is in order and you may state your point of order.

Mrs. DAVIDSON. I am sure the gentleman does not mean to do this, but he is coming dangerously close to disparaging

members of the legislature in his floor remarks, which I am sure that is not his intent, but that is in contrary to House rules. So I just want to make that point of order.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker hears the gentlewoman's point of order. However, it was the Chair's estimation that the gentleman is attempting to mathematically discuss liability and potentially dangerous acts that are thereby correlated to the prime sponsor of the amendment, who was arguing that financially it was potentially more safe, but the lady is correct that we are not to question the motives of members, but I do not believe the gentleman was doing that. He is in order and may proceed.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

POINT OF ORDER

Ms. McCLINTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

For what purpose— Please state your point of order. Excuse me.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have heard the gentleman making specific personal attacks against members of this chamber, and also, this amendment is about financial costs. I have not heard anything referencing the financial costs that the gentleman from Lehigh County, the maker of the amendment, is referencing.

The SPEAKER. I believe it was the offeror of the amendment's intention to equate the mathematics of mileage versus the lease, which I believe the gentleman as a former individual who worked in the insurance industry is simply pointing out potential liability to the State and working with that math. I would hasten the gentleman, though, to wrap up his debate so that we can get to the underlying vote.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed. I apologize.

Mr. ROAE. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And just one other last example. We have had situations where, you know, a legislator with a State vehicle was convicted of a crime, but they would not resign and they continued to have a State vehicle. So when you look at costs, when you look at the potential cost and liability claims with some of the situations I just discussed, potentially you could have very high claims, very expensive claims and it is just— When you have the Department of General Services, when they figure out, okay, we have 30,000 State vehicles or whatever the number is, here is the average cost, you have to understand, Mr. Speaker, that most of the time employees are driving the vehicles. Employers have a lot of control over employees. They can fire employees that do bad things, they can take vehicles away, they can monitor employees, they can set strict rules on how they can do things. It is hard to do that with an elected official, Mr. Speaker.

So like I said earlier in my comments, the actual easy math to figure out how much is the lease payment, how much is the gas, how much are the car washes, that is the easy math. Trying to calculate the cost of future lawsuits by drivers that people know had a bad driving record and they could drive anyway, it is hard to calculate that cost, Mr. Speaker. So I would urge members to vote "no" on the amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman, Representative Bradford, on the amendment.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in favor of this amendment.

So it would seem to me that this amendment has illuminated something that is pretty obvious. Typically, my conservative friends talk about this is about saving taxpayer money and they act as though they alone have that as a constituency, but the amendment before us says, if our Comptroller, our brand-new, appointed Comptroller, can certify there is a cost savings, and that would include the kind of liability costs that the gentleman has somewhat articulately tried to describe, that if it is about saving costs to the taxpayer, there is no reason to do this. But that is not what this is really about. And again, lately, and I think we all want to make a joke about shaming and all that, and I do not want to go to the gentleman's intent for his bill because we are not on the bill, we are on the amendment, but whom does this target? Whom are we really talking about who has these cars? And what is it that we attempt to accomplish here today because this is not about saving money. The gentleman just admitted as much.

This is a very, very cynical game. This is the legislative race to the bottom that the members, Democrats and Republicans, cannot seem to put a floor under anymore, because we play this constant game about, oh, let us act like, to the taxpayers, we are saving money. Here is my point. Go and do the assessment the good Representative from Allentown proposes, and I would encourage those outside the room, look at these mileage reimbursements, because let us be clear, the race to the bottom is bipartisan and both sides can play it. And when we target certain regions or areas or parts of the Commonwealth, do not be surprised when some of us will come back and open that same Pandora's box because you are not looking to save taxpayer money, you have admitted as much.

See, there are no Puritans in this. In fact, a lot of the Puritans are profiting. And again I would say, do the analysis, look at those mileage reimbursements. I can say this. I do not take a State car. I do submit mileage. I do not think I am getting any great gain in it. I hope none of you are because you have a trust to the taxpayer of Pennsylvania, the same trust that we have to each other, not to play a cynical, shameful game, a race to the bottom among legislators that you have shown no ability to put a floor under. We have a Comptroller, a capable woman, who can make the decision whether what is in the best interest of the taxpayer, not what is in the best interest of a cynical, partisan political agenda targeting one portion of one caucus.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. BRADFORD. This needs to stop.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. BRADFORD. With that, I will have no further—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the majority leader rise?

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Point of order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state your point of order.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. While I do not want to impugn somebody's deliberate speech, to cast our members as being partisan and cynical I do believe is impugning our members who are bringing up an issue and having a debate, and if he truly

believes it is a race to the bottom, then he ought to be the first to stand up and stop it.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

POINT OF ORDER

Ms. McCLINTON. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady is in order and you may proceed.

Ms. McCLINTON. Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker opened the door. There were two specific references of members of this body, one singing on YouTube to a phone in the car and the second member who had a DUI or some criminal conviction and remained in this chamber, refusing to step back. So the door was opened for personal attacks on members of this body, notwithstanding my points of order.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker, respectfully?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order. For what purpose do you rise?

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. A very short clarification on that point.

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

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Unless I heard incorrectly, the gentleman speaking on this amendment said the word "legislator" multiple times, did not reference either chamber, period.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is correct, and it was also the Chair's estimation that the gentleman was speaking about items that are out in the public sphere that have been reported and perhaps I am unfamiliar with the video that was referenced, but presumably the legislator themselves posted that into the public realm.

I would caution the members, however, to be very careful about impugning the nature and the motives of one another. The gentleman from Montgomery County is correct, we cannot have a race to the bottom, and the Speaker has noticed a disturbing trend where individuals will save their inflammatory remarks until the conclusion of their statements in an effort to get a zinger in. I would caution the members to please cease from that race to the bottom that the good gentleman raised. Please stay contained within the realms of the amendments, and then our next legislative day, the underlying bills, because as members, the majority leader is correct, we are here to offer ideas and debate them. The only way we can debate them in a civil manner is to abide by the rules that we all agreed to at the beginning of session.

I believe the gentleman from Montgomery County had ceased his discussion. With that, I believe the gentleman, Representative Roae, was seeking recognition for the second time. But again, as a reminder to the members, it is generally a courtesy that the prime sponsor of the amendment and the prime sponsor of the bill be the last two individuals that speak prior to the leaders, and seeing no one else seeking recognition, the Speaker will now move to the gentleman, the prime sponsor of the bill, Representative Roae.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would ask the members to vote "no." The pending liability issue out there is an unknown cost that is hard to calculate, so it is hard to get an exact number potentially, when there is so little control over the vehicles, you know, who has them, how they are being used and so on. So, Mr. Speaker, there is also one other issue, there are only about 20 members in this chamber that utilize the State vehicle program, so there is an

administrative cost too, to offer something that only 20 people are using. So there is a cost-efficiency issue there. You know, over 180 members use their own vehicles. So, Mr. Speaker, I would urge a "no" vote. Thank you.

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.

The Chair 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—90

Benham	Driscoll	Kirkland	Pashinski
Bizzarro	Evans	Kosierowski	Pisciottano
Boyle	Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb
Bradford	Fitzgerald	Krueger	Rozzi
Briggs	Flynn	Kulik	Sainato
Brown, A.	Frankel	Lee	Samuelson
Bullock	Freeman	Longietti	Sanchez
Burgos	Gainey	Madden	Sapppey
Burns	Galloway	Malagari	Schlossberg
Carroll	Guenst	Markosek	Schweyer
Cephas	Guzman	Matzie	Shusterman
Ciresi	Hanbidge	McClinton	Sims
Conklin	Harkins	McNeill	Snyder
Cruz	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Daley	Herrin	Miller, D.	Sturla
Davidson	Hohenstein	Mullery	Vitali
Davis, A.	Howard	Mullins	Warren
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Neilson	Webster
Dawkins	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Wheatley
Deasy	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Williams, D.
DeLissio	Kim	Otten	Young
Delloso	Kinhead	Parker	Zabel
DeLuca	Kinsey		

NAYS—111

Armanini	Gregory	Masser	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Mehaffie	Ryan
Bernstine	Grove	Mentzer	Sankey
Boback	Hamm	Mercuri	Saylor
Bonner	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schemel
Borowicz	Helm	Metzgar	Schmitt
Brooks	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schroeder
Brown, R.	Hershey	Millard	Silvis
Causar	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Smith
Cook	Irvin	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cox	James	Moul	Staats
Culver	Jones	Mustello	Stambaugh
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Stephens
Day	Kail	O'Neal	Struzzi
DeLozier	Kaufner	Oberlander	Thomas
DelRosso	Kauffman	Ortitay	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Toohil
Dowling	Kerwin	Peifer	Topper
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuick	Twardzik

Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Labs	Polinchock	Wentling
Farry	Lawrence	Puskaric	Wheeland
Fee	Lewis	Quinn	White
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rader	Williams, C.
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rapp	Zimmerman
Gaydos	Mako	Rigby	
Gillen	Maloney	Roae	Cutler,
Gillespie	Marshall	Rothman	Speaker
Gleim			

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?

The SPEAKER. The Speaker has ruled the following amendments out of order: amendments 545, 546, 548, 549, and 587.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 264**, **PN 1003**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, adding provisions relating to bidder registration before sale; and, in sale of property, further providing for date of sale, for repurchase by owner, for restrictions on purchases and for sale of property in repository.

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 827**, **PN 809**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing microenterprise loan programs and abating real property assessment.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Gaydos, for submission of remarks on the record. Waives off.

For the information of the members, there will be no further floor votes this afternoon. We will be doing housekeeping as well as the rule 17 list submitted by both leaders.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 264;
HB 335;
HB 425;
HB 427;
HB 746; and
HB 827.

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 37;
HB 464;
HB 521;
HB 523;
HB 605;
HB 607;
HB 832;
HB 877;
HB 925;
HB 929;
HB 951; and
SB 96.

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 38;
HB 51; and
HB 52.

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

BILLS Tabled

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

HB 38;
HB 51; and
HB 52.

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

STATEMENT BY MS. GAYDOS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Gaydos, for submission of remarks on the record. Ms. GAYDOS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to applaud the prime sponsor of HB 649, Representative Kathy Rapp. HB 649 will require congregate care facilities to allow in-person physical and emotional support from essential caregivers. As a cosponsor of this bill, I strongly encourage my colleagues on an affirmative vote. As someone who has spent more than 15 years as an essential caregiver for my mother with Parkinson's disease, I know firsthand the importance the role of an essential caregiver plays in supplementing care and ensuring the health and well-being of our loved one in these facilities.

There is no doubt that medical staff, nurses, and essential medical workers had a very challenging task last year with the lockdown to prevent further spread of COVID-19. However, during the pandemic it was absolutely disgraceful that even cautious and isolated essential family members and essential caregivers were prohibited from entry into these facilities and prohibited from providing essential supplemental care to their loved ones, all the while many workers, even nonmedical workers in some facilities – and not all – but in some facilities were permitted to go in and out, presumably going home to their loved ones, and in many cases crossing county lines which had different rules imparted by our Governor. Many of them had temperatures taken of staff prior to entering the building and required the workers to answer questions about possible exposure, and that certainly helped keep many of our numbers down. But the family members should have had the right to pass through the same criteria as nonmedical workers did. In many cases at the same time they were prohibiting a spouse or a resident with Alzheimer's or dementia from passing through that same criteria, and frankly, some of those spouses who had residents with Alzheimer's or dementia were likely sitting at home also isolated way more than staff, yet they were separated from their loved ones.

This is about fairness and equality. If family members can follow safety guidelines that staff are required to follow, then at least one essential caregiver should be permitted to pass the same requirements. Likewise, if family and residents are required to quarantine, then so should the workers. Never again should family members be separated from their loved ones under arbitrary rules or the guise of a pandemic. Never again. So please vote "yes" on HB 649.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(ZACHARY MAKO) PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MR. BENNINGHOFF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Benninghoff to speak on the subject of THON, in accordance with rule 17.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker, may I proceed?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, sir.

Good afternoon, everybody. I thought it was only appropriate we took a few moments to congratulate THON 2021, their theme this year being Rise With Unity – what a great theme – and to recognize these great students and their organizers for another tremendous performance this year.

As one of many families who has been a recipient of Four Diamonds funds and their services, honoring the participants of this year's yearlong fundraiser and awareness campaign to fight pediatric cancer is the least that I believe the legislature can do.

As most of you know, THON is a student-run volunteer organization that raises a lot of money to sustain more than 16,500 volunteers. Money is collected all over the place and also 46 hours consecutively at the Bryce Jordan Center to conquer cancer and to raise the awareness that strikes over 600 families in Pennsylvania alone every year. This year brought challenges to THON's weekend and the dance weekend was canceled in person. However, our students, ever bright, ever energetic, and creative, took it virtual.

Four Diamond Fund of Pennsylvania at Hershey Children's Hospital, the sole beneficiary of THON's fundraising, offsets the costs and treatment that insurances often do not cover patients and a lot of expenses associated with the welfare and the travel of the child and family, supports the medical team that cares for the children, and funds pediatric research through startup grants here in Pennsylvania.

I would like to conclude with applauding these young people that THON 2021 "Rise and Unify" took place February 19 through 21 this year, and their yearly total was \$10,638,078.62. To date, THON has raised more than \$178 million. Not even a pandemic can stop the will of these beautiful young people. On behalf of the General Assembly, our colleagues, and most of all the families and the children, the recipients of this, we are truly grateful. Any students listening, we are grateful for your great kindness.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. "We are."

STATEMENT BY MR. LAWRENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Lawrence, to speak on COVID vaccinations, in accordance with rule 17.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for months the Chester County Health Department and other health departments in southeastern suburbs have been leading the COVID-19 response effort, from testing to

vaccines. These counties have been planning for a mass vaccination effort like the COVID pandemic for decades. They have locations lined up, providers lined up, appointments lined up, volunteers lined up; everything is ready to go.

But, Mr. Speaker, for some reason the State Department of Health wants to ignore all of this and reinvent the wheel from their offices in Harrisburg. Instead of using the county resources in place, the State has proposed two sites for the collar counties around Philadelphia, in the four-county southeastern suburban area – an area with a population of 2.5 million people, a fifth of the State's population. And this newly invented State plan is short on details. We do not know when these sites will be operational, how appointments will be made, who will be eligible, and if any of the people who have been patiently waiting for months on the county health department's waiting list will be served. This seat-of-the-pants approach reminds me of trying to build an airplane while flying it.

Mr. Speaker, the State's mass vaccination plan for the southeast has come together in the last 6 days. The counties have been planning for this exact mass vaccination scenario for the last six decades. Mr. Speaker, we do not have time to waste. As vaccine supplies increase in the weeks ahead, we need to use the resources we have to get shots in people's arms, not reinventing the wheel. Our county health departments and county commissioners know the area, they know how to do this, they are ready to act.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read excerpts from a press release issued last Thursday. It was issued jointly by the county commissioners in Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, and Bucks Counties along with the Delaware County Council. It is not often that these four counties put out a joint press release. I think it is very germane to the topic here. It is entitled "Southeast Pennsylvania Counties Issue Joint Statement on Regional Vaccine Site." It says, "We are extremely disappointed to hear that Pennsylvania Department of Health is not considering our request to allocate Johnson and Johnson vaccine directly to Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties..." health departments. "We have reiterated our concerns about establishing..." a State-run mass vaccination site for many reasons, and we remain deeply concerned that equitable distribution will be compromised at such a site.

It goes on to say – and again, this is the county commissioners from Chester, Delaware, Bucks, and Montgomery Counties – "Instead of working with local elected officials and county Health Departments closest to the people we serve, the State has chosen to take the advice of a Boston logistics company to establish regional sites as our local mass vaccination sites sit underutilized. We have highly qualified public health and safety teams in place, high-volume locations secured, and more than 500,000 people waiting on our collective lists to get their shots. We just need more supply.

"Opening a separate state-run vaccination location raises many important questions that our residents deserve to know the answers to, such as will they have to pre-register on yet another list to receive the vaccine at these new regional vaccine sites or if their current places in line will be kept." The commissioners go on to say, "We also have questions on how will the state ensure equitable access for these regional sites including options for telephone registration.... These questions remain to be answered. The last thing we want is to see our constituents have to sign up for yet another list when they have already been waiting for weeks.

"For all these reasons, we implore the Pennsylvania Department of Health to allocate..." vaccines "...to counties directly."

Mr. Speaker, the legislation in front of us, HB 63 today, will solve this issue. It stops the finger pointing, stops the bickering, stops the pontificating press conferences, and gets shots into arms. This bill gets the shots from the State directly into the hands of the Chester County Health Department and the other counties in the southeast. They have tens of thousands of people waiting to get these shots. The Health Department, again, has locations lined up, volunteers lined up, everything is ready to go. This bill also puts accountability and transparency measures into place so the people of this State know how shots are being distributed and administered. I would strongly encourage support for HB 63.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MRS. THOMAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Mrs. Thomas, to speak on COVID vaccinations in accordance with rule 17.

Mrs. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today in support of HB 63. When you read this bill or some of the summaries, you might think this bill is about vaccines or maybe you think it is about reporting on vaccines or maybe you think it is about the administration or even the distribution. Mr. Speaker, this is not about vaccines. It is about people. It is about our most vulnerable population who have been identified as high risk, possibly your parents or your grandparents, people like the following who have contacted me and maybe they have contacted your office too.

"My husband is a 90-year-old and I'm 81. We are having difficulty getting the COVID vaccine" or another constituent: "I will be 80 in 8 weeks. I registered for the COVID vaccine in 10 different registers. To date, I have received no shot." Or "My husband and I are both over 65, have type 2 diabetes. We are preregistered on the Bucks County site but cannot find anything anywhere. Our 36-year-old son is getting his vaccine in Florida this week. What happened to our State?" Or finally, "I am an 80-year-old. It's been so disheartening not getting the vaccine when all my friends in Maine have received both shots. My 55-year-old daughter in New Jersey was offered the shot she wasn't even looking for, as did my niece in Brooklyn, who is only 44."

To add to this, these people, these seniors, watch our nightly news with reports out of Philadelphia about vaccinating those in 1B, while Bucks County expects to continue to vaccinate those in 1A until this summer. Imagine being a senior, particularly those with comorbidities, watching a nearby county vaccinate people who could be your children, perhaps your grandchildren, but because they live in another county, they got the vaccine. These constituents, these people, after dutifully signing up with the Bucks County Department of Health, patiently waiting for 2 months to get a call back to get an appointment for a COVID vaccine, are now being told instead to drive an hour to a State-run mass vaccination site. Now, we do not know when the mass vaccination site will open. We do not know how you will get an appointment. We do not know how many vaccines it will provide. And many people cannot drive an hour to a place they

have never been, because the State insists on mass vaccination sites that will likely be miles and miles from their home.

Think of an 80-year-old widower who walks with a walker, who routinely does not go any further than his local grocery store. On top of this, we, these seniors and I, learned this week that the rules for vaccine distribution have changed yet again. Two of our hospitals have been told that although they serve Bucks County seniors, they will no longer receive vaccines. One of these hospitals serves an underserved community in Lower Bucks County.

To quote one of my county commissioners and he said, "In my mind, that makes no sense. It appears that the county overall will receive less vaccine this week. How can providers be cut in half? How can the fourth biggest – largest population – be getting less doses this week than they got last week?" These are real concerns. These are real questions. How would you answer your constituents?

Just last week, the Governor visited Bucks County for a press conference. Reporters repeatedly asked the Governor why the State would not simply distribute the additional vaccines they are getting through an existing county system. Governor Wolf did not seem to even know it was an issue. He simply repeated over and over, and I quote directly, "On the whole, we are doing a good job." Well, I am here to say, Mr. Governor, from my constituents, we are not doing good enough.

Now, someone might ask, what would Bucks County do better if they got the vaccines? Let me quote our commissioner chair about what we would do. We would take those vaccines to those who "so desperately need the shots, to reach out to our homebound population, our challenged population, and hard-to-reach areas of Bucks County." Bucks County can do this. The other collar counties around Philadelphia County can do it. They have been planning for an emergency vaccination site. They have them set up, they have them staffed, and yet the administration is standing in the way, and the State feels the need to take over and exert control.

We want to work together. But I cannot sit back and wait while this administration drags their feet and refuses to work with our local department of health. So, Mr. Speaker, I am asking for your support today for this bill. Improve and implement a better system.

I will just end with this. Yesterday my office was speaking with someone and they said, I quote, "We had a coworker of my husband's die on Friday of a massive heart attack at age 61 possibly brought on by COVID. He was petrified of the virus. He was waiting his turn. I feel like we let him down."

Please support HB 63.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes for the record that Representative Toohil is submitting remarks in support of HB 14.

Ms. TOOHL submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

I rise in support of HB 14, which finally provides a path for reparations to the lasting survivors – survivors who are out there waiting decades for their day in court, waiting for justice. This legislation has been stymied, blocked, challenged by powerful interests and most

recently stripped from the ballot by an error, either intentional or unintentional. The facts of that government error case remain to be seen. But the error had epic ramifications. Looking back on history, we will see how fitful this process has been. We will remember that the Secretary of the Commonwealth resigned after a failure to allow this ballot question to go before the people of Pennsylvania. We will look back on the efforts of the two legislative champions this session, the gentleman from Berks County and the gentleman from Blair County, and know that out of their incredible pain they forged a perseverance that was a gift to the survivors and a punishment to predators.

Thank you to the majority leader for bringing this bill up on the calendar finally after decades in the darkness. Thank you.

I am submitting further comments for the legislative record.

I gladly rise with you today voting in the affirmative and ask my colleagues to do the same.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Ms. TOOHL submitted the following documents for the Legislative Journal.

(For documents, see Appendix.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Labs, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday, April 5, 2021, at 12 m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 4:59 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.