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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (JOHN A. LAWRENCE) PRESIDING

#### PRAYER

HON. ROBERT F. MATZIE, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A short reflection before prayer from Mother Teresa:

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Let us bow our heads and pray the "Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi":

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand; and  
To be loved, as to love.

For it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying to the self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, April 20, 2021, will be postponed until printed.

The House will be at ease for a moment.

The House will come to order.

### FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members, for your attention, there has been a request for media access to the floor. Matt Maisel from Fox 43 will be taking video of the House floor proceedings, videotaping with audio for 10 minutes. For the information of the members, that will commence immediately for the next 10 minutes, Matt Maisel, Fox 43, video of House floor proceedings.

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

#### HB 121, PN 89

By Rep. GILLESPIE

An Act authorizing the transfer of Project 70 restrictions from 0.043 acres of State Game Land 249 that will be purchased by the Department of Transportation for highway right-of-way to 0.043 acres of replacement game land that will be deeded over to the Pennsylvania Game Commission by the Department of Transportation.

#### GAME AND FISHERIES.

#### HB 490, PN 453

By Rep. GILLESPIE

An Act amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for active duty military fishing reciprocity and for disabled veteran annual fishing license reciprocity; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, providing for active duty military hunting reciprocity and for disabled veteran annual hunting license reciprocity.

#### GAME AND FISHERIES.

#### HB 1108, PN 1147

By Rep. GILLESPIE

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for exemptions from license requirements.

#### GAME AND FISHERIES.

**HB 1122, PN 1170**

By Rep. GILLESPIE

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for license costs and fees.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

**HOUSE BILLS  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 919** By Representatives D. MILLER, BENHAM, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, D. WILLIAMS, WARREN, BRIGGS, MADDEN, SIMS and SCHWEYER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for prohibition against discrimination in athletics.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1049** By Representatives D. MILLER, MERSKI, D. WILLIAMS, HILL-EVANS, A. DAVIS, DELLOSO, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, ISAACSON, HOWARD, WEBSTER, O'MARA and SCHWEYER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, providing for remote instruction tools and training.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1253** By Representatives FREEMAN, JAMES, SAMUELSON, MILLARD, KINSEY, VITALI, SCHLOSSBERG, CIRESI, SOLOMON, SAPPEY, WARREN, SCHWEYER, NEILSON and SAINATO

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in historic preservation incentive tax credit, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1254** By Representatives LEWIS DELROSSO, ROTHMAN, WHITE, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, GROVE, BERNSTINE, RYAN, ROWE, ZIMMERMAN and MERCURI

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for in-person instruction or tuition grant program required.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1255** By Representatives LEWIS, JAMES, MILLARD, KAUFFMAN, ROWE, SAYLOR, ZIMMERMAN, SCHEMEL, ROTHMAN, KNOWLES, HAMM, DOWLING, MOUL, HERSHEY and MENTZER

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, providing for real estate appraisals.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1256** By Representatives DELOZIER, CIRESI, JAMES, KEEFER, McNEILL, MILLARD, PICKETT, SAINATO, SCHWEYER and WHEELAND

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, providing for social card games and tournaments.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1257** By Representatives MILLARD, PICKETT, JAMES, MOUL, MENTZER, WEBSTER, WHEELAND and ROWE

An Act establishing the COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Reimbursement Program and the COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Reimbursement Account to reimburse COVID-19 vaccine providers for the costs incurred in administering the COVID-19 vaccine; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1258** By Representatives TOMLINSON, FARRY, SCHROEDER, THOMAS, MULLINS, T. DAVIS, MILLARD, SANKEY, A. DAVIS, BENHAM, SCHWEYER and BURNS

An Act providing for the registration of interior designers; imposing powers and duties on the Bureau of Consumer Protection; establishing the Registered Interior Design Account; imposing penalties; and for abrogation of regulations.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1259** By Representatives WARNER, SOLOMON, BERNSTINE, BOBACK, BURGOS, DAVANZO, DELLOSO, FREEMAN, GILLEN, HENNESSEY, JAMES, KULIK, MIHALEK, MILLARD, MIZGORSKI, PASHINSKI, POLINCHOCK and ZIMMERMAN

An Act providing for the treatment and prevention of anaphylaxis in schools and child care centers.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1260** By Representatives THOMAS, SAMUELSON, BENHAM, BROOKS, CONKLIN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, FREEMAN, HENNESSEY, HILL-EVANS, JOZWIAK, KOSIEROWSKI, LONGIETTI, McNEILL, MIZGORSKI, O'MARA, OTTEN, PARKER, PICKETT, POLINCHOCK, SANCHEZ, SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SHUSTERMAN, STEPHENS, WEBSTER, D. WILLIAMS, A. BROWN and FARRY

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Elderly, further providing for the pharmaceutical assistance contract for the elderly needs enhancement tier, for board, for powers of the department and for coordination of benefits.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, April 21, 2021.

**SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

**SB 248, PN 216**

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 21, 2021.

**SB 317, PN 325**

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 21, 2021.

**SB 381, PN 367**

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 21, 2021.

**SENATE MESSAGE****HOUSE BILL  
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 203, PN 239**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

**SENATE MESSAGE****RECESS RESOLUTION  
FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

In the Senate,  
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, April 26, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of April 26, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 10, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of May 10, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 24, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 3, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of May 3, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 24, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,  
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?  
Resolution was concurred in.  
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**BILL SIGNED BY  
SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

**HB 203, PN 239**

An Act providing for living donor protection; and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Insurance Department.

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

**VOTE CORRECTION**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Representative Quinn, for the purpose of a vote correction.

Mr. QUINN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct the record. On HB 951 I was recorded in the negative and would like to be recorded in the affirmative. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman. His remarks will be spread upon the record.

**GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Colleagues, I would like to ask you to draw your attention to the gallery. We have several visitors here. First, located in the gallery, the Speaker is pleased to welcome Lili Khachatryan. She is a junior at High Tech Los Angeles Charter School in California, and she is a guest of Representative Lewis. Please stand. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Representative Rabb also has some guests today located in the gallery. We are pleased to welcome Zoe Fuhrman, Elizabeth McCombs, and Kyla Brown. They are interning in Representative Rabb's district office. Welcome to the hall of the House.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Turning to leaves of absence. Are there any leaves of absence requested today? The Speaker sees none.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker is about to take the master roll.

Members will proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—201

Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longiotti	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.	Isaacson	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	Kinthead	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 pro tempore. Two hundred and one members being present, a quorum is present.

Turning to committee announcements.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from York, Chairman Saylor, is recognized for an Appropriations Committee announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Immediately at the recess, the Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Chairman Dunbar, from Westmoreland is recognized for purposes of a caucus announcement.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 11:30 in the majority caucus room as well as virtually. That will be 11:30, majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 12:30. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purposes does the lady, Representative Hill-Evans, rise?

Mrs. EVANS. To announce caucus, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Very good. The lady may proceed.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Democrats will caucus virtually at 11:30. Again, the Democrats will caucus virtually at 11:30.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the Democratic leader, Representative McClinton, for an announcement.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Colleagues, if we could just take a moment to wish the House Democratic caucus secretary a very happy birthday today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Happy birthday.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House stands in recess until 12:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

**RECESS EXTENDED**

The time of recess was extended until 1 p.m.; further extended until 1:30 p.m.; further extended until 1:40 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**SENATE MESSAGE**

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 766, PN 1283**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader for a Rules Committee announcement.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room. I thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

The House will be at ease while the Rules Committee meets.

The House will come to order.

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 331, PN 306** By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act authorizing certain financial institutions to conduct savings promotion programs.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 430, PN 1322** By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 747, PN 1018** By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for retail store operations during declaration of disaster emergency.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 954, PN 1323**

By Rep. SAYLOR

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 Services, further providing for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE  
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

**HB 766, PN 1283**

By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

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, providing for COVID-19 emergency finance and tax provision; and in corporate net income tax, further providing for reports and payment of tax and for extension of time to file reports.

RULES.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 766, PN 1283**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for COVID-19 emergency finance and tax provision; and in corporate net income tax, further providing for reports and payment of tax and for extension of time to file reports.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Moved by the gentleman, Mr. Greiner, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair recognizes Representative Greiner for a brief description of Senate amendments.

Mr. GREINER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 766 was a bill that changed the due dates for a corporate tax return – it was more technical in nature from 30 days to the 15th after the month, and then in this chamber there was an amendment that said that the local tax returns have to be filed in line with the State and Federal returns which passed.

When the bill went over to the Senate, the Senate made the local return, made it clear that they want that to be filed in line with the State return and that will be permanent, so we do not have to go through this every year or if there are changes, you know, in when the filings are to situations like COVID.

So I agree with the Senate amendment. I actually think the Senate amendment made the bill stronger, and I ask for support for this.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



On the question recurring,  
 Will the House concur in Senate amendments?  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, is recognized for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longiotti	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
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	Kinthead	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 amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**BILL SIGNED BY  
 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

**HB 766, PN 1283**

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, providing for COVID-19 emergency finance and tax provision; and in corporate net income tax, further providing for reports and payment of tax and for extension of time to file reports.

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

**CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 681, PN 1187**, entitled:

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Speaker's understanding that amendments have all been withdrawn?

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 609, PN 1281**, entitled:

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

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 855, PN 839**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for application form for licenses, certificates, registrations and permits.

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

Mr. **OWLETT** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00774**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by inserting after "meets"  
all of

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman from Tioga, Representative Owlett, is recognized.

Mr. **OWLETT**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a technical amendment. I would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. **OBERLANDER**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. **HARRIS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Speaker 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
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
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Davis, A.	Isaacson	Mustello	Thomas
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Dawkins	Jones	Nelson, E.	Toohil
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Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
DeLissio	Kaufert	O'Neal	Vitali
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Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler, Speaker
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	
Flood	Lawrence	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

RESOLUTION

Mr. **POLINCHOCK** called up **HR 88, PN 1204**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of the regulatory waivers and suspensions issued by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armanini	Flynn	Lee	Rigby
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Fitzgerald	Labs	Rader	Speaker
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1161, PN 1284**, entitled:

An Act providing for local solar program, for renewable energy credits and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **ORTITAY** offered the following amendment  
No. **A00775**:

Amend Bill, page 5, line 2, by inserting after "company."

No costs pertaining to unsubscribed energy may be passed onto ratepayers by the electric distribution company.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Representative Ortityay, is recognized.

Mr. ORTITAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The House will come to order. Members, please take your seats. The gentleman is entitled to be heard. Please take conversations off the floor. This is an important piece of legislation. The gentleman is bringing forth an amendment and deserves to be heard.

Mr. ORTITAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe it was summed up pretty good. The amendment is one sentence long. It explicitly clarifies that no costs pertaining to unsubscribed generation may be passed on to ratepayers. It is pretty simple and I believe this is an agreed-to amendment by the prime sponsor of the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the gentleman from Delaware, Representative Vitali, is recognized.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to bring to your attention that this amendment is opposed by PennFuture. I will just quote their memo: "The...language does not protect ratepayers and, further, complicates the development of community solar."

I actually had a long discussion with a technical person from PennFuture on this issue this morning – I wish I could recall all the details – but essentially, when you have unsubscribed power, if it does not go back to the utility, it creates problems and causes less solar to be used. So this is not a good bill for the environment. I will be voting "no." Thank you.



The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the gentleman, Chairman Matzie, is recognized.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We worked with the majority chairman on crafting some language here. I take an opposite approach on the previous speaker's definition of how this amendment will affect the underlying bill in chief. I believe the amendment clarifies that EDCs (electric distribution companies) cannot pass the cost of local solar programs on to individuals not enrolled in a local solar program. We should not have ratepayers – all ratepayers – picking up the tab. I would urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the lady from Allegheny, Representative Mizgorski, is recognized.

Mrs. MIZGORSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment, and I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

Are there any other members seeking recognition?

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris. The gentleman from Philadelphia is recognized.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Benham	Gainey	Lee	Samuelson
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Speaker's understanding that Representative Kaufer will be withdrawing amendment A00780. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

It is the Speaker's understanding that Representative Sankey will be withdrawing amendment A00788. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. **A00783**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of said lines and inserting  
Amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), entitled "An act providing for the sale of electric energy generated from renewable and environmentally beneficial sources, for the acquisition of electric energy generated from renewable and environmentally beneficial sources by electric distribution and supply companies and for the powers and duties of the

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission," further providing for definitions and for interconnection standards for customer-generator facilities and providing for unsubscribed energy, for community solar facilities, electric distribution companies and subscriber administrators, for customer participation in community solar programs, for location of multiple community solar facilities and for land management and stewardship; and making editorial changes.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 17; pages 2 through 6, lines 1 through 30; page 7, lines 1 through 29; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Growth in solar generation will provide jobs for Pennsylvania.

(2) Local solar energy generation can contribute to a more resilient grid and defer the need for costly new transmission and distribution system expansion.

(3) Community solar generation can foster economic growth as well as opportunities for competition and innovative business models.

(4) Programs for community solar generation provide customers with additional energy choices and access to local, affordable and clean energy options

(5) Community solar programs provide customers, including homeowners, renters and businesses, access to the benefits of local solar energy generation, unconstrained by the physical attributes of their home or business, such as roof space, shading or ownership status.

(6) The intent of this act is to:

(i) Allow electric customers of this

Commonwealth to purchase, lease or subscribe to a portion of a community solar facility and benefit from the resulting generation as if they had installed a solar facility on their own property and connected it to their own electric meter.

(ii) Encourage the development of community solar programs that will maximize participation by and tangible benefits for low-income and moderate-income customers and the communities in which they live.

(iii) Reasonably allow for the creation, financing, accessibility and operation of community solar generating facilities in a way that ensures robust customer participation.

(iv) In developing regulations, ensure that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission makes every effort to identify and eliminate barriers to participation by renters, low-income and moderate-income customers and small businesses.

Section 2. The definition of "customer-generator" in section 2 of the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

Section 2. Definitions.

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

\* \* \*

"Bill credit." The commission-approved monetary value of each kilowatt hour of electricity generated by a community solar facility and allocated to a subscriber's monthly bill to offset the subscriber's retail electric bill.

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"Community solar facility." A facility that:

(1) Generates electricity by means of a solar photovoltaic device with subscribers who receive a bill credit for the electricity generated based on the size of the subscriptions.

(2) Is located within this Commonwealth.

(3) Is connected to and delivers electricity to a

distribution system operated by an electric distribution company operating in this Commonwealth and in compliance with requirements under this act.

(4) Has a nameplate capacity that does not exceed the capacity authorized for a nonresidential customer-generator under this act.

(5) Has at least two subscribers.

(6) For a community solar facility with a capacity of more than 1,000 kilowatts, has no single subscriber who subscribes to more than 50% of the facility capacity in kilowatts or output in kilowatt hours, except for master-metered multifamily residential and commercial buildings.

(7) Credits some or all of the community solar facility generated electricity to the bills of subscribers.

"Community solar organization." An entity that owns or operates one or more community solar facilities.

"Customer-generator." A subscriber to a community solar facility or nonutility owner or operator of a net metered distributed generation system with a nameplate capacity of not greater than 50 kilowatts if installed at a residential service or not larger than 3,000 kilowatts at other customer service locations, except for customers whose systems are above three megawatts and up to five megawatts who make their systems available to operate in parallel with the electric utility during grid emergencies as defined by the regional transmission organization or where a microgrid is in place for the primary or secondary purpose of maintaining critical infrastructure, such as homeland security assignments, emergency services facilities, hospitals, traffic signals, wastewater treatment plants or telecommunications facilities, provided that technical rules for operating generators interconnected with facilities of an electric distribution company, electric cooperative or municipal electric system have been promulgated by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

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"Low-income customer." A retail residential end user of an electric distribution company whose household income does not exceed 200% of the Federal poverty level, adjusted for family size. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to require a customer who qualifies as a low-income customer to provide additional income verification after becoming a subscriber.

"Moderate-income customer." A retail end user of an electric distribution company whose income does not exceed 100% of the the applicable area median income, adjusted for family size. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to require a customer who qualifies as a moderate-income customer to provide additional income verification after becoming a subscriber.

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"Subscriber." A retail customer of an electric distribution company who owns one or more subscriptions of a community solar facility interconnected with the customer's electric distribution company. The term includes a retail customer who owns a portion of a community solar facility.

"Subscriber administrator." An entity that recruits and enrolls subscribers, administers subscriber participation in community solar facilities and manages the subscription relationship between subscribers and an electric distribution company.

"Subscription." A contract between a subscriber and subscriber administrator of a community solar facility that entitles the subscriber to a bill credit against the subscriber's retail electric bill.

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"Unsubscribed energy." The output of a community solar facility, measured in kilowatt hours, that is not allocated to subscribers.

Section 3. Section 5 of the act is amended to read:

Section 5. Interconnection standards for customer-generator facilities.

Excess generation from net-metered customer-generators shall receive full retail value for all energy produced on an annual basis. The commission shall develop technical and net metering interconnection rules for customer-generators intending to operate community solar

facilities or renewable onsite generators in parallel with the electric utility grid, consistent with rules defined in other states within the service region of the regional transmission organization that manages the transmission system in any part of this Commonwealth. The commission shall convene a stakeholder process to develop Statewide technical and net metering rules for customer-generators. The commission shall develop these rules within nine months of the effective date of this act.

Section 4. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 9. Unsubscribed energy.

An electric distribution company shall purchase unsubscribed energy from a community solar facility at the electric distribution company's avoided cost as approved by the commission. No later than nine months after the effective date of this section, the commission shall establish regulations necessary to effectuate this section regarding the purchase of unsubscribed energy.

Section 10. Community solar facilities, electric distribution companies and subscriber administrators.

(a) Authorization.—

(1) A community solar facility may be built, owned or operated by a third party entity under contract with a community solar organization or a subscriber administrator.

(2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), the price paid for a subscription in a community solar facility shall not be subject to regulation by the commission.

(3) The commission shall ensure that the value of a bill credit allows for the creation, financing, accessibility and operation of community solar facilities to maximize customer participation. Subscribed energy from a community solar facility shall receive the full retail value for all energy produced on an annual basis calculated for each customer class. Not later than nine months after the effective date of this section, the commission shall establish the value of the bill credit for each electric distribution company.

(b) Transferability and portability.—An electric distribution company shall allow for the transferability and portability of subscriptions, including allowing a subscriber to retain a subscription to a community solar facility if the subscriber relocates within the same electric distribution company territory.

(c) Subscriber updates.—On a monthly basis, a subscriber administrator shall update the subscriber administrator's list of subscribers and provide all of the following information about each subscriber to the electric distribution company in a standardized electronic format approved by the commission for the purpose of bill credit to subscribers:

(1) The name, address, account number and meter number.

(2) The kilowatt hours of electricity generation attributable to each subscriber.

(3) If a community solar organization is using the electric distribution company's billing methods to collect subscription fees, the subscription fee for the month owed by each subscriber to the community solar organization.

(d) Customer protection.—

(1) Community solar organizations and subscriber administrators shall be subject to the customer protection provisions under 66 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15 (relating to service and facilities). The commission shall establish regulations that provide for the protection of customers who utilize community solar organizations, community solar facilities and subscriber administrators.

(2) The commission shall develop a standardized customer disclosure form that identifies the minimum information that must be provided by subscriber administrators to potential subscribers to ensure the disclosure of the future costs and benefits of subscriptions and subscribers' rights and obligations pertaining to subscriptions.

(3) A community solar facility operator may remove a customer from the subscriber roll if the customer is more than 60

days in arrears in the payment of subscriber fees.

(4) A community solar facility operator may serve as a subscriber administrator or may contract with a third party to serve as a subscriber administrator on behalf of the community solar facility.

(e) Customer removal prohibition.—An electric distribution company may not remove a customer from the electric distribution company's customer class in order to participate in a community solar facility.

(f) Construction.—A community solar organization, a subscriber or third party owning or operating a community solar facility shall not be considered an electric distribution company as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions) or an electric generation provider solely as a result of involvement with a community solar facility.

(g) Duties of electric distribution companies.—

(1) On a monthly basis, an electric distribution company shall provide to a community solar organization and subscriber administrator a report in a standardized electronic format indicating the total value of the bill credit generated by the community solar facility in the prior month and the amount of the bill credit applied to each subscriber.

(2) An electric distribution company shall provide a bill credit to a subscriber's next monthly electric bill for the proportional output of a community solar facility attributable to the subscriber in the same manner as if the electric distribution company owned or leased the community solar facility on the electric distribution company's property.

(3) If requested by a community solar organization, an electric distribution company shall include a subscriber's subscription fee on the monthly bill and forward the collected subscription fees to the community solar organization on a monthly basis. The commission's rules about the nonpayment of nonenergy expenses shall apply to the nonpayment of subscription fees.

(4) Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, an electric distribution company shall make available and update, in a commercially reasonable manner, a system map showing the loading of the distribution system and indicating where in the service territory the distribution system could accommodate new solar generation.

(h) Compensation.—

(1) A community solar organization shall compensate an electric distribution company for the electric distribution company's reasonable costs of interconnection of a community solar facility.

(2) An electric distribution company shall be entitled to recover reasonable costs, subject to approval by the commission, to administer a community solar program within the community solar organization's service territory.

Section 11. Customer participation in community solar programs.

(a) Regulations.—Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, the commission shall establish regulations to ensure participation in community solar programs by each customer class and economic group. Community solar organizations, community solar facilities, electric distribution companies and subscription administrators shall not be required to comply with the regulations until 180 days after the regulations are established. The regulations shall:

(1) Be based on consideration of formal and informal input from all stakeholders, including Commonwealth agencies.

(2) Establish requirements that ensure access to programs and equitable opportunities for participation for residential and small commercial customer classes.

(3) Establish targets for participation by low-income customers and moderate-income customers.

(4) Authorize electric distribution companies to use money allocated for customer assistance programs to support low-income customer participation in community solar facilities if the price per kilowatt hour of electricity from the community

solar facility is at or below the default price.

(5) Allow for the use of other funding to support participation by low-income and moderate-income customers.

(b) Report.—Not later than three years after the effective date of this section, the commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the participation in community solar programs by each customer class and economic group, including the participation by low-income customers and moderate-income customers.

Section 12. Location of multiple community solar facilities.

The commission shall, by regulation, establish limitations on the location of multiple community solar facilities in close proximity. The regulations shall:

(1) Prohibit an entity, affiliated entity or entities under common control from developing, owning or operating more than one community solar facility on the same parcel or contiguous parcels of land.

(2) Prohibit an entity, affiliated entity or entities under common control from developing, owning or operating more than one community solar facility on contiguous parcels of land that have been divided from a single parcel within the previous five years.

(3) Authorize community solar facilities that are not owned, developed or operated by the same entity, affiliated entity or entities under common control to be located on contiguous parcels.

Section 13. Land management and stewardship.

(a) Disclosure.—The owner or operator of a ground-mounted community solar facility shall publicly disclose information on how the land under and around the community solar facility will be managed on the community solar facility's publicly accessible Internet website. The information may include, but not be limited to, a description of any stewardship or land use practices that can be beneficial to the health and quality of local soils and waters, native pollinators and wildlife and managed honey bees and agriculture.

(b) Compliance.—The disclosure requirement under subsection (a) shall be satisfied if the owner or operator of a community solar facility provides a copy of a pollinator-friendly solar scorecard published by The Pennsylvania State University's Department of Entomology on the community solar facility's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 5. Section 9 of the act is renumbered to read:

Section [9] 14. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 90 days.

Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman from Delaware, Representative Vitali, is recognized.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is a word-for-word copy of Representative Kaufer's bill of last session. I salute the community solar bill, which I think Representative Kaufer is taking an important leadership position on this issue. I think community solar is something our communities want.

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Mr. VITALI. I am following Representative Kaufer's lead on this issue, because I think he is taking us in the right direction, and after consultation with him, I have decided to withdraw this amendment, with the hope that we can continue our efforts to pursue community solar. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 954, PN 1323**, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Stephens, is recognized.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank the members for their consideration of this important bill. This issue was raised to me by the Child Advocacy Center in Montgomery County, and they brought to my attention, despite the long-standing best practice of collaboration in protecting our children from child abuse, there was a prohibition in our statutes that prevented law enforcement from sharing information about child abuse investigations with the county office of children and youth, which is tasked with investigating child abuse. It is just an absurdity that that would be within our statutes when, as we have come to learn, tragically, over the years, the best practice when it comes to protecting children is for collaboration.

We have a number of different agencies set up across the Commonwealth whose role it is to protect our children. We need to make sure that they can exchange information and assist one another and collaborate to best protect our children in Pennsylvania from abuse, and I would appreciate the members' support for this important bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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



(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

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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
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	Kinhead	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 present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 331, PN 306**, entitled:

An Act authorizing certain financial institutions to conduct savings promotion programs.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker 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
Causar	Harris	Merski	Silvis
Cephas	Heffley	Metcalfe	Sims
Ciresi	Helm	Metzgar	Smith
Conklin	Hennessey	Mihalek	Snyder
Cook	Herrin	Millard	Solomon
Cox	Hershey	Miller, B.	Sonney
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Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
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Delloso	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
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Driscoll	Kinsey	Peifer	White
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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 747, PN 1018**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for retail store operations during declaration of disaster emergency.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roae, is recognized.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I encourage all members to vote "yes" on HB 747.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The House will come to order. The gentleman is entitled to be heard on his piece of legislation.

The gentleman may continue.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I encourage everyone to vote "yes" on HB 747. This legislation would let our small retail stores stay open during a state of emergency. Everyone probably recalls about a year ago when the Governor declared a state of emergency, he ordered almost all retail stores to close. The Governor said all stores that were not life-sustaining had to close. What was really bad about that, in addition to a lot of our small retail stores financially suffering a lot, a lot of them went out of business, a lot of jobs were destroyed, but what also happened was it forced all the shoppers to go to stores that were allowed to stay open. Small retail stores normally have very few people in them, very few employees, but with the Governor's orders, we were all forced to go and be amongst hundreds of other shoppers at big-box stores, rather than being basically by ourselves in a small retail store.

Mr. Speaker, you may recall that there was a waiver program where businesses could apply for a waiver to stay open and not have to close. But by most regards, that was a failure, Mr. Speaker. In my district we had a small retail store that sells protective equipment people wear to work: work boots, hard hats, work gloves, safety glasses, things like that. They had to close. But another retail store in my district that sells flowers got a waiver to stay open. So it is really dangerous when a Governor can declare what is life essential and what is not.

This legislation would let stores stay open. You may recall stores that sell books had to close, stores that sell bicycles had to close, stores that sell shoes had to close, stores that sell supplies for your swimming pool had to close. But large box stores could sell all of those things and they stayed open. So there were literally situations in my district where stores were closed and right across the street another store was allowed to be open selling the same thing.

Another thing the legislation does, it allows all retail stores to offer curbside service. You may recall, back when the Governor shut down most things, the Governor allowed the State-owned liquor stores to offer curbside service. You could order ahead of time, give them your credit card number, drive up to the store, never get out of your car, and they would put it in the trunk of your car, and you would drive away. Right next door, if there was a store that sold vacuum cleaners and your vacuum cleaner broke, they were not allowed to do that, Mr. Speaker. You could get a bottle of booze, but you could not get a vacuum cleaner, and I ask why. This legislation would let all retail stores stay open. A year ago if you needed a vacuum cleaner, you had to go to a large box store with 400 or 500 people to buy one, rather than going to a store where you would probably be the only person in the store.

It just makes sense to pass this legislation, Mr. Speaker. So I urge everyone to vote "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The question is, will the bill pass finally?

On that question, the gentleman from Delaware, Representative Vitali, is recognized. The gentleman waives off. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The question is, will the House pass the bill finally?

On that question, the gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Bradford, is recognized.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise, obviously, to oppose this bill, but I do so with renewed vigor, because we stand here today, 25,000 Pennsylvanians are dead, a half a million Americans are dead, and respectfully, the good gentleman asked, "What if you needed a vacuum cleaner?" That is the logical basis for this argument today. What if you needed a shop vac in the middle of a global pandemic? That is the crux of the argument. After 13 months, that is the intellectual depths that we have reached. Demagoguery about masks. Those who have sowed division have been told repeatedly, the day would come to Pennsylvania—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The Speaker will remind the gentleman there is no place for profanity on the House floor and would encourage him to stick to the matter at hand.

The gentleman may continue.

Mr. BRADFORD. We would demagogue the use of masks and vaccines, we would sow division and fear, we would tell people that we could all play amateur epidemiologists, and yet this body – 203 members – not schooled in pandemics or virology, they would make the decisions and they would make it on the need for an urgent basis for shop vacs, shop vacs from Hazleton to West Chester to Allegheny and everything in between. See, that is the depths of demagoguery, because these debates over 13 months have become completely unglued from public health or the reality of a half a million dead Americans.

Now, I understand it is hard to tell people hard truths. In fact, it is even harder to tell people hard truths when, frankly, the science is not exact and people have not had experience in 100 years of how to deal with a pandemic like this. Mitigation efforts were hard, they were painful, they cost our businesses so very much. But if leaders cannot tell people hard truths, that sometimes we have to do tough things and we do not have all the answers and we are not sure we are 100 percent right, you cannot lead; you certainly cannot lead in response to a pandemic.

Now, after months and months of this, we find ourselves here today: a half a million dead Americans, economic carnage. We also find ourselves with billions of dollars in Federal aid. So what are we doing for small business today? Are we passing a rescue plan like they did in Washington, DC, to urgently push out dollars to those small businesses and, yes, to the vacuum cleaner shops? Are we doing that today? No. Did we do it last year when we decided to balance our budget, on dollars that should have been used—

### POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. BRADFORD. —for Main Street business? No.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. BRADFORD. No; what we are doing here today is continuing to demagogue.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The majority leader is recognized and will state his point of order.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The last I read, HB 747 was just simply talking about allowing private businesses to be open during a pandemic, small businesses at that, the mom-and-pop shops in our area. I believe the gentleman has darn near traveled around the world in his dialogue, and I would just ask that he stay on topic to the best of his ability, please.

Mr. BRADFORD. Those businesses are open, Mr. Leader.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. There will be no direct debate on the floor. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman has been here for a long time. You address the Speaker. The gentleman will suspend.

The Speaker appreciates the point of order raised by the majority leader. The Speaker is listening to the debate closely and would just encourage the gentleman from Montgomery to stay on the topic of the bill.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

No, I know it is awkward, because 13 months of demagoguery has exposed the depths that folks will go to, to try to sow division. There is not a business in Pennsylvania that is ordered closed right now. Come on. We are sitting on \$7.8 billion of rescue dollars that are intended for those small businesses, those Main Street businesses. Why are we not passing a rescue plan for them, a rescue plan for Pennsylvania? Billions of dollars sitting on the sidelines, where instead, this body playing amateur epidemiologists, after months of demagoguing the use of masks, refusing to wear them, demagoguing vaccines, saying they will never do it. "I will not be traced," I believe some of them also said. These are the responsible individuals who now tell you, I need a vaccine – no, I do not need a vaccine; I need a vacuum. I need a vacuum. Half a million dead Americans and that is the depths that this debate has dropped to.

Let us vote against this bill. Let us get real relief to Main Street businesses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members seeking recognition on the bill?

It is the courtesy of the House and custom to allow the prime sponsor the opportunity to close debate. Are there any other members who seek opportunity to speak on the legislation?

The gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roae, is recognized for the second time.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I realize there is disagreement. Some of us feel like having a vacuum cleaner is necessary to keep our homes clean. Mr. Speaker, this bill is about more than vacuum cleaners. I did not feel it was necessary to list every single item that people need, but I could do so.

Mr. Speaker, if somebody has a job working for the water authority and they have to have steel-toed boots to go to work, if the store that sells steel-toed boots is forced closed by the Governor, they cannot just tell work, "Well, I'm just going to wear sneakers to work today, because the store is closed where I normally buy my steel-toed boots." If you are trying to encourage your kids to read because most of the schools were

closed and education was suffering greatly, and you wanted to go to a bookstore and buy a book so you can keep your kids reading so their education continues at least a little bit, the bookstores were closed. You could go to a large box store and buy a book, but you could not go to a bookstore. There are all kinds of examples, and I am not really going to list all of them, but there are hundreds of them, Mr. Speaker.

Now, I am going to mention, here is the plan Governor Wolf had for us to get something, like a vacuum cleaner or work boots or anything like that. You would go to the small business, where you would probably be the only customer in there; you go in, you get what you need, and you go home. He would not let you do that. Here is the Governor Wolf plan: You drive to a large box store, and as you are walking into the store through the parking lot, you are exposed to a lot of other people that are walking in. There are other people walking the opposite direction back to their cars you are exposed to. There are 500 people inside the store, when you are in there shopping at the large box store. There are 100 employees working. You are around all kinds of other people. You go to the checkout area and it is even more crowded, as you are waiting to check out. Then as you walk out of the store, there are other people walking into the store. As you walk through the parking lot back to your car, there are people walking with you, people walking the opposite direction. Governor Wolf said that is how we want people to buy work boots, that is how we want people to buy vacuum cleaner bags, that is how we want people to buy boots.

What Brad Roae says, if there is a situation like we had a year ago, I want people to be able to call up the store and say, "Hey, I'll be there in 20 minutes. Can you throw a vacuum cleaner in the trunk of my car?" and the store says, "What do you think we are, a liquor store?" It is like, "No, the Governor changed that. It's not just liquor stores anymore with that Brad Roae legislation. You can actually do curbside service, just like you are a State-owned liquor store." Or if somebody needs supplies for their pool, rather than going through that whole scenario I described, being exposed to hundreds of people, you would be able to walk into a small, local, family-owned business, buy the supplies for your pool and leave.

Mr. Speaker, I am not an epidemiologist and neither is the minority chair of the Appropriations Committee, but I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, based on my limited knowledge, if I am exposed to one other person, that is probably safer than being exposed to 500 people. If I am exposed to zero people and some retail store puts something in the trunk of my car, I think that is safer than being exposed to 500 other people.

So I urge the members to vote "yes" on the legislation. Thank you.

### POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Hohenstein, rise?

Mr. HOHENSTEIN. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. HOHENSTEIN. It is our custom and practice not to refer to members by their name. I believe that should also be the case for the members themselves.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman for reminding members of the rules of the House.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

### YEAS—117

Armanini	Gleim	Masser	Ryan
Benninghoff	Gregory	Mehaffie	Sainato
Bernstine	Greiner	Mentzer	Sankey
Boback	Grove	Mercuri	Saylor
Bonner	Hamm	Metcalfe	Schemel
Borowicz	Heffley	Metzgar	Schmitt
Brooks	Helm	Mihalek	Schroeder
Brown, R.	Hennessey	Millard	Silvis
Burns	Hershey	Miller, B.	Smith
Causer	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Snyder
Conklin	Irvin	Moul	Sonney
Cook	James	Mullery	Staats
Cox	Jones	Mustello	Stambaugh
Culver	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Stephens
Davanzo	Kail	O'Neal	Struzzi
Day	Kaufner	Oberlander	Thomas
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Emrick	Labs	Puskaric	Wheeland
Farry	Lawrence	Quinn	White
Fee	Lewis	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rigby	
Gaydos	Mako	Roae	Cutler,
Gillen	Maloney	Rothman	Speaker
Gillespie	Marshall	Rowe	

### NAYS—84

Benham	Driscoll	Kinhead	Parker
Bizzarro	Evans	Kinsey	Pashinski
Boyle	Fiedler	Kirkland	Pisciottano
Bradford	Fitzgerald	Kosierowski	Rabb
Briggs	Flynn	Krajewski	Rozzi
Brown, A.	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Bullock	Freeman	Lee	Sanchez
Burgos	Gainey	Longietti	Sappery
Carroll	Galloway	Madden	Schlossberg
Cephas	Guenst	Malagari	Schweyer
Ciresi	Guzman	Markosek	Shusterman
Cruz	Hanbidge	Matzie	Sims
Daley	Harkins	McClinton	Solomon
Davidson	Harris	McNeill	Sturla

Davis, A.	Herrin	Merski	Vitali
Davis, T.	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Warren
Dawkins	Howard	Mullins	Webster
Deasy	Innamorato	Neilson	Wheatley
DeLissio	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Williams, D.
Deloso	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Young
DeLuca	Kim	Otten	Zabel

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 430, PN 1322**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, is recognized for verification of the electronic board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and recognizes the lady from Clarion, Representative Oberlander, for verification of the electronic board.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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	Sappay
Brooks	Greiner	Masser	Saylor
Brown, A.	Grove	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, R.	Guenst	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Guzman	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schroeder
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Cox	Hershey	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cruz	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Staats
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Daley	Howard	Moul	Stephens
Davanzo	Innamorato	Mullery	Struzzi
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Davis, A.	Isaacson	Mustello	Thomas
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Deasy	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
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Deloso	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
Delozier	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
DelRosso	Kenyatta	Otten	Webster
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Diamond	Kim	Parker	Wheatley
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Farry	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Quinn	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Labs	Rapp	Speaker
Flood	Lawrence		

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members, there will be no further votes. There will be housekeeping, and we also have a number of speakers under rule 17. We will go through housekeeping first and then get to those speakers.



### HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 36** By Representatives O'MARA, SANCHEZ, SAMUELSON, SHUSTERMAN, HANBIDGE, McNEILL, VITALI, SIMS, FREEMAN, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, CIRESI, WEBSTER, SCHWEYER and D. WILLIAMS

A Resolution amending House Rules 21 and 24, further providing for consideration of bills and for third consideration and final passage bills.

Referred to Committee on RULES, April 21, 2021.

**No. 91** By Representatives ORTITAY, ROZZI, ROTHMAN, BERNSTINE, ROWE, JAMES, GREGORY, STAMBAUGH, RYAN, MILLARD, KEEFER, KAUFFMAN and STAATS

A Resolution establishing the Select Committee on Publication of Constitutional Amendments to examine, investigate and make a complete study of the publication of constitutional amendments under Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 21, 2021.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1070** By Representatives WHEATLEY, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, DELLOSO, KINSEY, HARKINS and MADDEN

An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, further providing for definitions, for regulations, for participation goal, for duties of Department of General Services and for bonding and progress payments, providing for request for full or partial waiver and good faith efforts, further providing for reports and providing for disparity study; in small and disadvantaged businesses, further providing for policy, for definitions, providing for small diverse business program, further providing for regulations and for duties of department, providing for request for full or partial waiver and good faith efforts, for aspirational target and for disparity study, further providing for bonding and progress payments, for report to General Assembly, providing for program review and sunset, for applicability, for definitions, for program, policy and regulations, for duties of department, for request for full or partial waiver and good faith efforts, for bonding and progress payments, for aspirational target, for disparity study, for compliance with Federal requirements and for program review and sunset.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1261** By Representatives OBERLANDER, MOUL, PICKETT, FEE, IRVIN, JAMES, JONES, SCHLEGEL CULVER, RYAN, MIZGORSKI, OWLETT, STAMBAUGH, JOZWIAK, CAUSER, ZIMMERMAN, MILLARD, HERSHEY, GLEIM, STRUZZI, HAMM, WHEELAND and ROWE

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages and providing for permit for movement of commercial implements of husbandry and farm equipment.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1262** By Representatives MARKOSEK, T. DAVIS, KINSEY, DIAMOND, SCHLOSSBERG, LONGIETTI, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, MALAGARI, KULIK, HILL-EVANS, CIRESI, DEASY, PISCIOTTANO, O'MARA and SCHWEYER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for seizure management and treatment plan, for seizure disorder management and fist aid liability, for acts not considered delegation for seizure disorder care and for liability.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1263** By Representatives NEILSON, HOWARD, DELLOSO, GUENST, HARKINS, DRISCOLL, CONKLIN, WARREN, HOHENSTEIN and McNEILL

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 operational provisions and providing for contributions for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 21, 2021.

**No. 1264** By Representative OWLETT

An Act regarding the past, present and future response of this Commonwealth to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 21, 2021.

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

**SB 114, PN 114**

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 21, 2021.

**SB 282, PN 266**

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 21, 2021.

### BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 609;  
HB 681;  
HB 855; and  
HB 1161.



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

### **BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

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

HB 72;  
HB 129;  
HB 139;  
HB 288;  
HB 939;  
HB 950; and  
HB 952.

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

### **STATEMENT BY MR. MALAGARI**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Turning to rule 17 speakers.

The Speaker recognizes Representative Malagari, who will be speaking on investing in biotech research.

The Speaker would encourage members, if they are not staying to hear Representative Malagari, to exit quietly and would encourage members who are still here to take their seats.

The gentleman will suspend for just a moment. The Speaker asks the members either to take their seats or to take their conversations off the House floor.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania is all about innovation and invention. American democracy was invented in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania coal powered the Industrial Revolution. Pennsylvania steel connected a nation with rails and bridges. The first supercomputer made its first calculations in Pennsylvania and the first electron microscope opened up a new world to scientists right here in the Keystone State. The vaccine that cut polio infections by 99 percent was created and tested in Pittsburgh.

When we invest in Pennsylvanian minds and work ethic, the entire world benefits. That is why we need to invest in Pennsylvania when it comes to helping our State, our nation, and our planet recover from COVID-19. We need to do better than just recover, better than just get back to where we were. We need to build a future that helps our communities while helping the world.

The American Rescue Plan will be delivering billions of dollars to our State – dollars we cannot hide for a rainy day, because we have been living through the worst storm in a century, thanks to COVID-19. We need to have a Pennsylvania Rescue Plan to get those dollars where they will do the most good, and as someone from southeastern Pennsylvania, one of the world's great hubs of biotechnology, investing in research is where we will do the most good.

More than 80 percent of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies already have facilities here in Pennsylvania. They recognize our world-class colleges and universities, our unmatched location for dependable logistics, and our workforce with people ready to get the job done to help their communities and help create a better world.

Just like scientific research itself, we cannot afford to pat ourselves on the back and relax. We need to keep innovating, keep creating, and keep investing. We need to be investing in making sure that we are prepared to develop the next generation of medicine, science, and research – now more than ever, when we are seeing the incredible, world-saving success of the COVID-19 vaccines.

So when – not if – the next global pandemic arises, we want to be sure Pennsylvania technology stands between the virus and the people. We want to be sure to save lives and livelihoods. We want to make sure that they are safe.

So by investing \$75 million in partnerships with biotechnology companies looking to expand here or break new ground and move here, we are investing in high-tech, high-wage jobs that have an incredible multiplier effect on our region. The rising tide lifts all boats as those workers shop at local stores, buy homes, and reinvest those dollars back into the community.

So our plan does not stop investing in the future of health care at the laboratory door, but for now, we will just talk about making sure the world can depend on the Keystone State, because the Pennsylvania Rescue Plan is not just about rescuing us, it is about rescuing everyone.

We are not planning for a return to normal. We are planning to make normal better, and we hope that you will join us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

### **STATEMENT BY MRS. SCHROEDER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognize the lady from Bucks, Representative Schroeder, who will be speaking on Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I rise to designate the week of May 2, 2021, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week." Many people with serious, chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia and other schizoaffective disorders, bipolar disorder, or severe depression, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, DRBAs, including antipsychotics. While ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful and even lifesaving, for many people it can also lead to tardive dyskinesia, also known as TD. Many people who have gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting also require treatment with DRBAs. Treatment of gastrointestinal disorders with DRBAs can be very helpful, but in many patients, it can lead to tardive dyskinesia.

TD is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and extremities. In some cases, people may experience movement of the arms, legs, fingers, and toes. In some cases, it may affect actually the tongue, lips, and jaw. In other

cases, symptoms may include swaying movements of the trunk or hips and may impact the muscles associated with walking, speech, eating, and breathing.

Tardive dyskinesia can develop months, years, or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after they have discontinued the use of those medications. Not everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD, but if it develops, it is often permanent.

Common risk factors of tardive dyskinesia include advanced age and alcoholism or other substance abuse disorders. Postmenopausal women and people with a mood disorder are also at high risk for developing tardive dyskinesia. A person is at high risk for TD after taking DRBAs for 3 months or longer, but the longer the person is on these medications, the higher the risk to develop TD.

Studies suggest that overall risk of developing tardive dyskinesia is between 10 and 30 percent. It is estimated that over 500,000 Americans suffer from TD. According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience tardive dyskinesia.

Years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two more treatments for TD approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Tardive dyskinesia is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed. Regular screenings for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association, APA.

Patients suffering from TD often suffer embarrassment due to the abnormal and involuntary movements, which leads them to withdraw from society and increasingly isolate themselves as the disease progresses. Caregivers of patients with tardive dyskinesia face many challenges and are often responsible for the overall care of the TD patient.

By speaking on this today, I hope it encourages each individual in Pennsylvania and the United States to become better informed about and aware of tardive dyskinesia.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

It is the Speaker's understanding that our next speakers will be – it will be a joint effort – Representative O'Mara and Representative Mihalek will be speaking on military sexual trauma awareness.

### STATEMENT BY MS. O'MARA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative O'Mara will be going first. Representative, you are recognized and may proceed.

Ms. O'MARA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to my colleagues, Representative Guent and Representative Mihalek, for joining me in sponsoring this resolution.

I rise today to recognize the week of April 18 through 24, 2021, as a "Time to Acknowledge Military Sexual Assault Survivors Week" in Pennsylvania. As many of you may recall, I am not a service member or veteran, but my husband is a veteran who served two tours of combat in Afghanistan. He was injured multiple times and spent 10 months living outside on a police roof in northern Afghanistan. Despite my husband's combat experience, one of the worst memories he has in the military is

when he caught a male member of the U.S. Armed Forces actively assaulting a female member. The images and the physical and mental pain felt by his female colleague still haunts him today.

Sexual assault in the military is a pervasive issue, impacting both women and men. The United States Department of Defense's annual report in fiscal year 2018 found that 13,000 women and 7,500 men were sexually assaulted or raped. The sad reality of sexual violence in the military is that assaults are commonly completed by people in higher ranks than the victim – 59 percent of the time, specifically – and a vast majority of victims do not report the crime. The other sad reality is that retaliation is the norm if anyone reports: 66 percent of service members who reported retaliation of some kind after a sexual assault complaint were women; 73 percent of retaliation reports alleged that retaliators were in the reporter's chain of command; and a third of victims are discharged after reporting, typically within 7 months. This is indefensible.

It is hard to understand the ramifications of this problem when we only talk about statistics. But I want everyone to know that we have victims of sexual assault and harassment from the military serving alongside of us right now. In my discussions with veterans who serve in the House, I was heartbroken to hear more than one story about assault or harassment that our colleagues suffered during their time in the service.

This problem is far too common and our elected leaders can no longer ignore it. While this week is a time to acknowledge survivors in Pennsylvania, I implore our leaders in Washington, DC, and in the U.S. Armed Forces to make every week a time to acknowledge military sexual assault survivors and to take major strides to end the violence on the women and men serving our great nation.

I now would like to introduce one of my co-prime sponsors, Rep. Natalie Mihalek, from Allegheny County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

### STATEMENT BY MS. MIHALEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady, Representative Mihalek, is recognized.

Ms. MIHALEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And thank you to Representative O'Mara for taking this initiative.

As a proud veteran of the United States Navy, I stand before you today to speak on a topic that the military is not so proud of and that is the overwhelming number of sexual assaults that occur, particularly to our female service members.

Women make up 20 percent of the military but are the targets of over 60 percent of the assaults. When I served in the Navy's nuclear power program, women made up only 1 percent of that field, so you could imagine the dynamic present in such a male-dominated environment.

According to the Department of Defense in 2018, over 20,000 military sexual assaults were reported that year and the reality is that one-third or less of all sex assaults will ever go on to be reported. In the civilian world, the reasons for not reporting are numerous. In the military, they are further complicated by the culture that exists to minimize the serious nature of this systemic issue.

For our brave men and women serving the United States, I stand here with my colleagues to designate the week of April 18th as a "Time to Acknowledge Military Sex Assault Survivors" and to implore Congress to do more to protect those who are protecting us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. IRVIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Irvin, who is going to be speaking with regard to a situation at Hershey Medical Center.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. IRVIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to rise to give a shout-out to Peter Swistock, who is a sixth grade student at Park Forest Middle School in State College. He and his parents, Pete and Jen, live in Port Matilda, which is located in my legislative district.

On March 21 Peter was life-flighted to Danville because an MRI showed he had a brain bleed. He was later diagnosed with cavernoma, which is a condition where people have clustered groups of brain cells, usually in the brain or brain stem, which are widened and dilated and can get larger over time. Cavernomas can grow, may bleed from time to time, and may begin to impact brain functions. I am pleased to share, though, today Peter is undergoing various therapies at Penn State's Rehabilitation Center in Hershey and doing well.

Peter, I, and everyone here at the House of Representatives want you to know that we are pulling for you and cannot wait to hear you are back at home rooting for all the great Pittsburgh sports teams. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Get well soon, buddy.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and wishes his constituent good health.

#### STATEMENT BY MRS. KOSIEROWSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady, Representative Kosierowski, is recognized with regard to telehealth.

The lady is in order and may proceed.

Mrs. KOSIEROWSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a registered nurse, I know there is nothing that can truly replace the time spent in person with a health-care provider. But at the same time, we need to recognize a health-care provider's time is best spent providing the appropriate level of care for the patient's need and convenience.

Telehealth appointments were already on the rise and very popular before COVID-19 turned the world upside down. Telehealth works for patients, allowing greater flexibility for people who work nontraditional shifts to see a provider without having to take time off work or find child care. Telehealth works for people in rural areas who can get an assessment without having to travel far to see a specialist, assuming that rural broadband is up to the task. We do have to work on that as well.

Telehealth turned "Maybe I should get this looked at" into "I'm going to go and see a professional" and we are better off for it, because people are getting vital preventative care instead of waiting until sometime simply becomes something happens requiring an ambulance ride and a hospital stay.

Telehealth works for providers, allowing doctors and nurses to determine what requires an escalation of care from a patient's home quickly and securely, instead of having to block up a full appointment for every concern.

It is no surprise the use of telehealth services was on the rise, and it is no surprise COVID-19 made telehealth even more popular. Telehealth works, and for people who were doing the right thing and staying home to stop the spread, telehealth meant protecting themselves without neglecting preventative care and finding out that the bump on your son's nose is nothing to worry about.

Telehealth is here to stay, and as lawmakers, we need to do what we can to promote and expand access to telehealth. The American Rescue Plan is going to deliver billions of dollars to the Commonwealth – dollars we need to recover, restore, and reimagine how we do things here. We have got a Pennsylvania Rescue Plan to make sure we invest this money to put people first. This is not money we are supposed to hide under the mattress in case things get bad, because let us be honest, how much worse could it get? We will be working to invest some of this money into expanding telehealth and improving broadband access so our patients and providers have more options to choose the care that is best for everyone. I hope everyone will join in and get this done.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Pashinski, who will be speaking on Workers' Memorial Day.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Once again, it is indeed an honor for me to have the opportunity to recognize "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania as well as Wilkes-Barre Labor Council's 12th annual service honoring the memories of workers who died on the job.

Every year on April 28, we observe Workers' Memorial Day, a day of mourning that is conducted annually. Many conduct services locally, of course, on a statewide basis, as a country, and yes, around the world; an international day of remembrance – a day to honor workers killed, disabled, injured, or made unwell in the workplace. Coinciding with the Occupational Safety and Health Care Act of 1971, this day should serve both as a reminder of the dangers our workers face each and every single day in our Commonwealth and around the country.

After a year filled with challenges brought on by the global pandemic, it is important that we remember those who have lost their lives on the job and worked tirelessly to improve workplace safety, just as our workers labor every day to provide essential infrastructure, goods, and services to Pennsylvanians in good times and bad.

I want to extend a special thank you to all of our frontline workers, our health-care providers, the doctors and nurses who are fighting this war to save lives and protect all, while putting their own lives on the line; they, along with our grocery store workers, truck drivers, bus drivers, farmers, producers, and so many others who are providing the goods and services we need every single day.

We must never forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while working in the past and never forget those who continue to serve and protect us each and every day. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 5,330 workers made that sacrifice in the United States in 2019, a 2-percent increase from 5,250 workers we lost in 2018. In our very own State, 154 Pennsylvanians lost their lives in work-related incidents in 2019, down from 177 recorded in 2018. That is 154 husbands, wives, sons or daughters, parents or grandparents, who went to work one day and never returned home to their families again.

Today I also want to honor the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council for their annual Workers' Day Memorial. This program brings together over 40 different individual unions and their members as they pay tribute to their fellow workers that suffered death or injury in northeastern Pennsylvania. In addition to honoring those injured or killed, the Wilkes-Barre Labor Council continues to endorse procedures that prevent workplace tragedies and improve the health and safety of every worker.

Like them, it is important to remember those who have lost their lives and to work tirelessly to improve that workplace safety. As our workers labor every day to provide essential infrastructure, goods, and services to Pennsylvanians and provide a quality standard of living for their families, honoring Workers' Memorial Day sends a sincere message to our workers, their families, and their employers that we care and we expect the highest standards of safety to be followed in PA.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I thank you very much and to everyone that is supporting Pennsylvania's Workers' Memorial Day, the Wilkes-Barre Labor Council, and the workers' safety program in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

### **REMARKS BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker will take just a moment of personal reflection and say that it has been a great honor and very humbling to serve as the interim Speaker this week and certainly appreciates the opportunity to do so and the patience of the members in dealing with a rookie.

I certainly also offer our prayers for Representative Cutler, who I anticipate will be back in the rostrum in the very near future. So we are thinking of you, my friend.

### **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. With that, Representative Pashinski, from Luzerne County, does now move that the House do now adjourn until Monday, May 3, 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 3:10 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.