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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 10 a.m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

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

Thank you. Please bow your heads and join with me in prayer as your specific faith background allows. Creator, in the Judeo-Christian Bible we hear of Your original division from Adam and Eve, a division that was created by evil bodies trying to divide Your followers from You. Temptation reigned high and ethics took a fall.

Today, Creator God, we implore You to fill our hearts. When we look to the past, we see the weakest days of our country and our Commonwealth have been from internal division.

Now, Father, help us to cast away the physical, mental, and spiritual serpents that divide us. For we need nothing more now than unity for Your people, the people of Pennsylvania, the people of America, the people of Isaac and Abraham, and even the people of Mohammad, the people that look to the skies and say Your name.

God, we ask for Your blessing for the Holy Spirit to surround us. We ask for Your guidance; may it come with instructions in font size 34 rather than size 12, because we as a body truly want to do Your will.

So in Your good and holy name we ask that today's work be done with unity and without division, and the body today will proclaim, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 21, 2021, will be postponed until printed.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1896 By Representatives POLINCHOCK, R. BROWN, CIRESI, HELM and ROWE

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in real estate foreclosure, further providing for definitions, for effect of certification of vacancy and abandonment, for post-sheriff's sale possessory action, effect of certification of vacancy and abandonment in action for possession and disposition of abandoned personal property for applicability, and providing for private selling officer sales and for conduct of online sheriff sales.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, September 22, 2021.

No. 1897 By Representatives KULIK, PISCIOTTANO, KINSEY, NEILSON, CIRESI, MALAGARI, McNEILL and ORTITAY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of harassment of sports official.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 22, 2021.

No. 1898 By Representatives OWLETT, RYAN, ROTHMAN, GROVE, JAMES, PENNYCUICK, SMITH and C. WILLIAMS

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the judiciary, further providing for tenure of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 22, 2021.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to requests for leaves of absence.

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who indicates the gentlewoman, Representative RAPP, from Warren County will be placed on leave for the day. Without objections, the leave of absence is granted.

The Chair also recognizes the Democratic whip, who indicates that there are no leaves. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

Armanini	Freeman	Longiotti	Roae
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sappery
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Shusterman
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Silvis
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Smith
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Davanzo	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
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Deasy	Kaufner	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Delloso	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
DelRosso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
DeLuca	Kim	Owlett	Webster
Diamond	Kinthead	Parker	Wentling
Dowling	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuik	White
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Evans	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
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Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Flood	Lee	Rigby	Speaker
Frankel	Lewis		

ADDITIONS—0**NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—1**

Rapp

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

Turning to caucus and committee announcements.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, the majority leader, for an Appropriations Committee announcement.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room directly after leaving the floor. Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room directly as we leave the floor. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the House Education Committee will hold a voting meeting today at the break. It will be in G-50 of the Irvis Office building to consider HB 1254. Again, that is Education Committee, at the break, G-50 Irvis Office Building.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The House Education Committee will meet at the break in G-50 Irvis Office building.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus an 10:30 in the majority caucus room; that is 10:30 in the majority caucus room. We would be prepared to be back on the floor at 11 o'clock.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

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

Democrats will caucus at 10:30 hybrid, 10:30 hybrid. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 11 a.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 1660, PN 1882**

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for temporary emergency provisions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1774, PN 2149

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for access to prescription information and for expiration; and making an editorial change.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1849, PN 2092

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission - general, further providing for continuing education.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1861, PN 2107

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, further providing for definitions and for temporary regulatory flexibility authority.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 1254, PN 1328**

By Rep. SONNEY

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.

EDUCATION.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 100 By Representatives RABB, GUENST, VITALI, SANCHEZ, SHUSTERMAN, KENYATTA, SOLOMON, HOHENSTEIN, KINSEY, SAMUELSON, N. NELSON, WEBSTER, HOWARD, MALAGARI, D. WILLIAMS, HILL-EVANS, O'MARA, MADDEN, WARREN, LEE, DELLOSO, ROZZI, ZABEL, NEILSON, DALEY, McNEILL, OTTEN, BULLOCK, SAPPEY, HARRIS, T. DAVIS, A. DAVIS, BIZZARRO, CIRESI, GUZMAN, SIMS, HERRIN, BRIGGS, DEASY, STURLA, KRUEGER, THOMAS, SCHWEYER, FRANKEL, ISAACSON, GAINEY, KRAJEWSKI, BRADFORD, MULLINS, FREEMAN, FIEDLER, HANBIDGE and KIM

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for transition to renewable energy; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection and other Commonwealth agencies relating to energy consumption and renewable energy generation; establishing the Renewable Energy Transition Task Force, the Just Transition Community Advisory Committee, the Renewable Energy Center of Excellence, the Council for Renewable Energy Workforce Development and the Renewable Energy Workforce Development Fund; providing for interim limits on energy produced from nonrenewable sources and for wage requirement for energy producing systems.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 22, 2021.

No. 1899 By Representatives B. MILLER, FREEMAN, GREINER, BOBACK, BROOKS, HILL-EVANS, MOUL, JOZWIAK, ZIMMERMAN, ROWE, RYAN, D. WILLIAMS, FITZGERALD, HENNESSEY, GILLEN, THOMAS, JONES and WENTLING

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for notification requirements for older adult health insurance policies.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, September 22, 2021.

No. 1900 By Representatives WARREN, DRISCOLL, VITALI, SANCHEZ, FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SIMS, NEILSON, BRIGGS, KINSEY and SCHWEYER

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for sale or transfer of firearms and for Pennsylvania State Police.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 22, 2021.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 302, PN 905

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, September 22, 2021.

SB 318, PN 326

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, September 22, 2021.

SB 461, PN 469

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, September 22, 2021.

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 397, PN 1083**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, for practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery without license prohibited and for licenses, exemptions, nonresident practitioners, graduate students, biennial registration and continuing medical education; and abrogating regulations.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 398, PN 1084**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Medicine and for physician assistants; and abrogating regulations.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1660, PN 1882**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for temporary emergency provisions.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Isaacson. I apologize to the lady, but you had a crowd around you. I was not sure who was seeking recognition first. I would encourage members to please be orderly as they approach the microphone to speak.

You are in order and may proceed.

Mrs. ISAACSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill. Sorry that we are going to have to have this kind of day since we just had an Education Committee meeting and I know that we are dealing with a lot of

things during this pandemic, but I certainly think that we need to make sure that the daily running of the public school districts, the 501 school districts around the Commonwealth in each of our communities, should be able to address the daily running of the schools within their district and that we should not be dictating from here how much time they have to deal with the issues that they face on a daily basis. For this reason I ask for a negative vote. Thank you very much.

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

The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Longiotti, on final passage.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, would the maker of the bill stand for brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will. You are in order and may proceed.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, in the last year or so during the pandemic there were times that school districts had to offer instruction virtually or hybrid, and the Department of Education had put out guidelines on that and those days were able to count against the 180-day requirement for schools.

So what I want to ask, Mr. Speaker, is, is it your interpretation under this bill that if an emergency is declared and a school district is offering virtual instruction during that emergency in accordance with the Department of Education guidelines, that there is nothing in this bill that would prevent that from counting towards the 180-day requirement?

Mr. SONNEY. Mr. Speaker, you are correct.

The department, you know, has already made the determination that remote learning, you know, is a possibility, and so there is nothing in this bill that changes that.

HB 1660, quite frankly, only brings some public transparency when a school district enacts a state of emergency. So under current law today, a school district can enact a state of emergency and have it last for up to 4 years.

So what HB 1660 does is to try to add some transparency by simply saying that if a school district enacts a state of emergency, it is in place for 60 days, and if they wish to extend that state of emergency, they need to have a public hearing so that they can inform the public on what their plans are, you know, to mitigate and get out of that state of emergency and take another board vote. So it would require a board vote initially to start that first 60-day process, and if the emergency needs to continue on past that, it will take another board vote and a public hearing to extend it beyond that point.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just to really nail it down, so under this bill, tell me if I understand correctly. So the school board in that circumstance would vote for an emergency, it would last up to 60 days, they could do an extension after a public hearing and another vote, but during those periods of time, whether it is the first 60 days or an extension, if they were to deliver their instruction virtually and in accordance with the Department of Education requirements, your understanding is the bill does not prevent that from counting towards the 180-day requirement?

Mr. SONNEY. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you.

On the bill, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed on the bill.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With that clarification, I will support HB 1660. I understand the purpose of the maker of the bill to change current law in terms of school districts and school boards declaring an emergency, how long that can last, the need for an extension and a public hearing. I understand that and I am comfortable now in hearing that in those circumstances of that emergency being declared, that school districts will be able to offer virtual instruction in accordance with the Department of Education guidelines and have those days count towards their 180 days, and this would apply both to the school district doing that, as we saw during the last year in having a cyber program of their own, and doing it in accordance with the law. So with that understanding, I will support this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—118

Armanini	Gleim	Marshall	Rozzi
Benninghoff	Gregory	Masser	Ryan
Bernstine	Greiner	Mehaffie	Sainato
Boback	Grove	Mentzer	Sankey
Bonner	Hamm	Mercuri	Saylor
Borowicz	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schemel
Brooks	Helm	Metzgar	Schmitt
Brown, R.	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schroeder
Burns	Hershey	Millard	Silvis
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Ciresi	Irvin	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cook	James	Moul	Staats
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Dunbar	Knowles	Pickett	Warner
Ecker	Labs	Polinchock	Wentling
Emrick	Lawrence	Puskaric	Wheeland
Farry	Lewis	Quinn	White
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Gillespie	Maloney	Rowe	Speaker

NAYS—82

Benham	Evans	Kirkland	Parker
Bizzarro	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Pashinski
Boyle	Fitzgerald	Krajewski	Pisciottano
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Driscoll	Kinsey		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rapp

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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On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Flood.

Ms. FLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the opportunity to ask for your support on HB 1774. As amended yesterday, this legislation makes important updates to the statute to provide for data sharing and to extend the expiration of the prescription drug monitoring program for June 30, 2022, to December 31, 2028. I ask for your affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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NOT VOTING—0

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An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission - general, further providing for continuing education.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Polinchock.

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Our real estate professionals, like so many, have been seeing the worst of the COVID-19 mitigation orders and shutdowns last year, ultimately obstructing them from performing their jobs and placing families in homes. Offering courses remotely is a simple solution in helping our professionals that want to become real estate professionals continue to serve their communities safely and without roadblocks.

HB 1849 would amend the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act to permit real estate schools that have been approved to provide in-person instruction to also livestream the course offered to remote students. This legislation is the result of a review of regulatory provisions which were waived in response to COVID-19 and updates and antiquated and counterproductive regulation. Education is a vital part of Pennsylvania's real estate business. It is important that we make it easier for those in the field and those looking to enter the field.

In Pennsylvania to obtain a real estate license, candidates must complete 75 hours of classes and pass two exams. Those seeking to renew their license must do 14 hours of continuing education every 2 years. In fact, real estate business education is the same value as in-person courses and it would allow those requirements to be fulfilled.

Several real estate schools have been approved to start classes very soon, so it is urgent that we pass this legislation and get it moving. I ask my colleagues for a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sanchez
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sankey
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sappey
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Shusterman
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Silvis
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Smith
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Snyder
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cox	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Mizgorski	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Moul	Stambaugh
Daley	Irvin	Mullery	Stephens
Davanzo	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	James	Mustello	Sturla
Davis, T.	Jones	Neilson	Thomas
Dawkins	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Day	Kail	Nelson, N.	Toohil
Deasy	Kaufer	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Delloso	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
DelRosso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
DeLuca	Kim	Owlett	Webster
Diamond	Kinthead	Parker	Wentling
Dowling	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuik	White
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Erick	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.

Evans	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Farry	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Fee	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fiedler	Labs	Rabb	
Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Flood	Lee	Rigby	Speaker
Frankel	Lewis		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rapp

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 1861, PN 2107**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, further providing for definitions and for temporary regulatory flexibility authority.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Armanini	Freeman	Longiotti	Roae
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi

Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
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Diamond	Kinkead	Parker	Wentling
Dowling	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rapp

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. For the information of the members, there will be no further floor votes. We will, however, be keeping the desk open for housekeeping. I would also ask those individuals who have signed up for rule 17 speeches, you can proceed to the well of the House and we will commence that once the housekeeping is finished.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that SB 397 and SB 398 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

- HB 1120;
- HB 1121;
- HB 1254;
- HB 1304;
- HB 1312;
- HB 1350;
- HB 1410; and
- HB 1658.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1430 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1430 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

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

STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Pashinski for remarks about the president of Wilkes University and September as Kinship Care Month.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And good afternoon, everyone, and thank you for the opportunity to speak on the floor today about three very

distinguished individuals who visited us yesterday. These wonderful people have contributed so much to Wilkes University and to my district: University President Dr. Greg Cant, his wonderful wife Angela, and his special assistant, Mike Wood, have all worked tirelessly through the pandemic to ensure that Wilkes University maintained its high standards of education for all its students.

Natives of Australia, Dr. Cant and Angela have accomplished so much throughout their careers and moved a long way to help build on the longstanding success of Wilkes University – I am proud to say, my alma mater.

Holding a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Western Australia and a master's degree in industrial relations from Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, Dr. Cant has brought over 30 years of experience as an educator and administrator in the United States and abroad to Wilkes University.

Dr. Cant has held positions as faculty member, administrator, faculty leader, department chair, and academic dean at three research-intensive universities, a regional State university, and a selective private liberal arts college. His accomplishments at each are many. During his tenure as dean, the Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University experienced overall enrollment growth of nearly 50 percent; this includes a population of graduates that grew by nearly 115 percent.

Prior to working at Montclair State University, Dr. Cant was the dean of the Offutt School of Business at Concordia College in Minnesota. Under his stewardship, this incredible business school established an intensive new curriculum, grew its faculty and staff, developed new initiatives and programs, and raised more than \$56 million to support those institutions.

Dr. Cant is also very fortunate to have an extremely talented and qualified partner and confidant, and that of course is his wife, Angela. Angela Cant has had an incredible career as well, graduating from the University of Western Australia with a major in labor relations and spending 10 years working in human resources in the mining industry. After relocating to the United States, she spent a number of years at home raising her family and living on a hobby farm in Washington State. Angela eventually returned to school studying accounting. Upon completion, she combined her passion for travel and higher education and commenced a career in international education at Concordia College.

Prior to moving to Pennsylvania, Angela worked at Montclair State University in New Jersey, initially providing immigration services and support to international students and research scholars and ultimately working with faculty to develop and manage faculty-led studies abroad.

Our third guest was Mr. Mike Wood, who serves as assistant to the president for external affairs and is a critical part of the president's team and to the operations of our university. Mike has been with the university since 2006 and he currently supports the president with strategic initiatives across the campus and in our community. He is also responsible for assisting to develop downtown Wilkes-Barre and other community and government relations efforts. Mr. Wood has previously served as vice president for external affairs where he led the university's development and alumni initiatives, including the \$20 million Leading to Greatness Campaign.

Prior to making a huge impact on Wilkes University, Mike already had 30 years' worth of experience in nonprofit management, marketing, strategic planning, and fundraising. His career includes 13 years with the American Cancer Society, where he served as the Pennsylvania division director of corporate relations based in Hershey, PA, and a regional vice president for Northeast PA.

As you can see, we are most fortunate to have such esteemed and brilliant individuals leading the team at my beloved alma mater, Wilkes University.

I want to thank the Speaker once again for the opportunity to recognize Dr. Greg Cant, Angela Cant, and Michael Wood for their outstanding work and service to Wilkes University, our community, and our Commonwealth as well. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative Pashinski for his remarks.

STATEMENT BY MS. LABS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Labs to speak on Hurricane Ida flood disaster.

Ms. LABS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank Chairman Causer and the House Policy Committee for hosting a hearing at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center last week for a tour and presentation of their facilities.

I was pleased to welcome my colleagues from all over the State to the center to show them not only what makes the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center a world-class center here in Bucks County, but why it is important to continue investing in the center and their mission. The 110,000-square-foot facility is a nonprofit life sciences center that promotes economic development, job creation, educational and training opportunities. It is managed by the Blumberg Institute, responsible for researching Hepatitis B and liver cancer.

We toured a portion of the center's facilities, meeting with the scientists who give the center a well-known and prestigious name around the world, working as a life science incubator community. Among the facilities, there is a state-of-the-art laboratory office space for more than 75 member companies, including more than 40 small- to mid-size science, research, and pharmaceutical companies. Taking care of basic equipment needs and services, the center allows new companies and scientists to solely focus on the science. Not to mention, there are over 300 highly skilled scientists, students, and staff that work at the facilities. Upon the completion of the 37,000-square-foot addition, there will be an additional 100 jobs added.

To help expand their mission in housing companies and scientists, they have received more than \$4.4 million in funding from Pennsylvania and \$4.7 million in grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to help cover the \$20 million expansion costs.

As the center continues to grow, so do the partnerships. They have made connections between universities and local enterprises which provide opportunities for research and innovation. Some academic partners include Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Saint Joseph's University, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, and the University of Pennsylvania.

I truly believe the Biotech Center is an invaluable resource and tremendous asset not only in the 143d Legislative District, but in Pennsylvania as a whole. They are a wonderful organization and a wealth of knowledge, and we thank them for their continued contributions to our communities. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative Labs for her comments.

STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Pashinski for the second time.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And to my colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to speak today in recognizing September as "Kinship Care Month."

This month is for recognizing and celebrating families when children live with kin. Kinship care, as it is commonly called, refers to caregiver grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, adult siblings, and family friends. Nationally, more than 2.7 million children live with relatives. That is an incredible number. In Pennsylvania, according to the most recent statistics, over 90,000 grandparents are responsible for the basic needs and caring for approximately 195,000 children – that is over 7 percent of the State's children.

Kinship caregivers, particularly grandparents, face a variety of emotional, financial, legal, and daily living challenges as they unexpectedly find themselves in the position of raising a second family. Many factors contribute to the dramatic increase in the number of kinship care families, including drug and alcohol dependency, teenage pregnancy, HIV and AIDS, incarceration, and divorce.

The opioid epidemic has only exacerbated this problem, taking too many parents from their children as they struggle with abuse disorders and even fatal overdoses. Thankfully, our legislature, our government, and Commonwealth are full of people willing to do what they can to help those heroes of our children.

In 2018 former Chairwoman Watson and myself were able to get three important pieces of legislation across the finish line to help these families:

Chair Watson's Act 89 established the Kinship Caregiver Navigator Program – an informational resource for grandparents, both as a Web site and a toll-free hotline. The Web site provides information on support and services available, and a specially trained navigator would be able to provide support and guidance to a kinship caregiver and serve as a mediator to establish relationships between kinship caregivers and relevant Federal, State, and local agency staff. These resources are available at Kinconnector.org – and that is spelled K-i-n-c-o-n-n-e-c-t-o-r – or by calling 1-866-546-2111.

Act 88 grants temporary guardianship to grandparents when these parents and their grandchildren are unable to care for them primarily due to substance abuse issues. The temporary guardianships provide grandparents the right to make vital basic decisions for their grandchildren, such as being able to take them to a doctor or to enroll them in school. My HR 390 directed the Joint State Government Commission to study the trend of grand families in Pennsylvania and report its findings and recommendations to our General Assembly. This report was issued in 2019.

Locally in Luzerne County, we have created a foundation. It is called the Advocacy Fund for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, AF4GRG, which provides financial support and services to local grandparents and kin caregivers who are trying to navigate what can be an expensive legal process. That is why it is important that we do not just celebrate Kinship Care Month by recognizing what we have already done, but also by looking for new ways to make it easier for those willing to step up for Pennsylvania's children and their parents are unable.

Moving forward we should follow the recommendations of HR 390, and that report recommended: continue and intensify efforts to curb the opioid epidemic; work with parents who have a substance abuse disorder to help them combine recovery with better parenting practices so that their children could safely stay in their care.

If you are interested in helping our kinship care families, I encourage everyone to join Cochair Representative Boback and myself in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Caucus. Together we can continue addressing the needs of our kin-connectors, our kin-caregivers, and work on reducing the need for them in the first place.

Thank you very much, my colleagues. I appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative Pashinski for the second time today.

STATEMENT BY MR. LAWRENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Lawrence to speak on COVID-19 testing.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, 18 months after we first heard the words COVID-19, we continue to face real challenges. Now, there are different views on how to move forward, but one thing I think we can all agree on is the need for robust COVID-19 testing availability. But try to schedule a COVID test. They are in short supply. Pharmacies offering testing are booked up far into the future. Getting in to see your doctor can take time. A number of constituents have called me to ask, what is the State doing?

Now, Mr. Speaker, we have a State laboratory. It is in Exton, in Chester County, and it is charged with the State's COVID testing efforts. But data released by the Department of Health shows that the Wolf administration continues to neglect the State laboratory, and the State's COVID-19 testing efforts have suffered as a result. What could have been a success story, the State leading the testing effort on the forefront of fighting the pandemic, instead has become a story of inattention and neglect.

Last September, a year ago, the Department of Health, which is under the direct authority of the administration, sent a report to the House and to the Senate on the State laboratory's COVID-19 testing efforts. It stated, quote, "The State Laboratory is currently a limiting factor. We are in the process of purchasing more high throughput instruments to increase our testing capacity, but we have limited space in our laboratory." So a year ago the Wolf administration noted that they needed more lab space to house additional testing equipment.

Fast-forward to today. A September 2, 2021 – just 2 weeks ago – report from the State Department of Health notes, quote, "The State Laboratory is currently a limiting factor. We are in the process of purchasing more high throughput instruments to

increase our testing capacity, but we have limited space in our laboratory. We are looking at another temporary location...to increase our COVID testing capacity."

Now, Mr. Speaker, are we to believe that the State Department of Health cannot locate lab space after a year of searching? We cannot find space at Fort Indiantown Gap to stand up a lab? One of the major research universities of our State, maybe they could spare some room? One of our world-class hospital systems, they do not have lab space for the State? Maybe one of Pennsylvania's many pharmaceutical firms, the administration could not be bothered to check to see if they have a facility that we could utilize?

The administration simply fails to take COVID testing seriously. This is part of a broader, unfortunate pattern. Governor Wolf did not mention COVID vaccines in his State budget address earlier this year. He failed to include a line item for COVID vaccination efforts in his budget proposal.

But the administration found time to marshal resources to close businesses deemed "non-life-sustaining," an effort rebuked by two Auditor Generals from both sides of the aisle. The administration regularly found time to threaten to revoke State licenses from doctors, restaurant owners, hairdressers, liquor licensees, who failed to comply with the latest flurry of Executive orders and directives. But 18 months into the pandemic, we cannot find space to ramp up COVID testing? Where are our priorities?

Now, Mr. Speaker, many may not know that the State Department of Agriculture is responsible for testing racehorses in the Commonwealth. These lab tests for horses are processed and paid for with money from the Pennsylvania State Racing Fund. I pulled the numbers, and it turns out Pennsylvania spends a lot more to process lab tests for horses than to process COVID tests at the State lab. We spend \$10 million on racehorse testing – 25 percent more than the \$7.4 million spent to process COVID tests. Shockingly, it turns out we processed more actual tests for racehorses than for COVID patients. The State of Pennsylvania has better resources to process labs for racehorses than for people. That is appalling.

It is unacceptable that after 18 months, the administration has not taken steps to address these issues. Next week I will introduce comprehensive legislation to address the State's continued shortcomings on COVID-19 testing. We need to get this right. Our ability to move past COVID depends upon it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative Lawrence for his comments.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Thomas who moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday, September 27, 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 11:43 a.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.