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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. BRETT R. MILLER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

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

I want to begin with a passage of Scripture from I Kings, and then following that, a passage from the Book of James. This is a story of Solomon, who had just become the king over Israel, and God appeared to him and said, "Ask what I shall give you." And then later on it says this: "And now O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" And it goes on: "It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word....' "

And from the Book of James: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to you."

Please join me as I pray:

Our Father, we give You the first place here today. Each of us, in our own way, really needs Your wisdom, for this the great tasks that we have at hand, for this Your great people, for the great needs in our Commonwealth, and our great need for wisdom. I ask for wisdom for each of us: the administration, those in the Senate, those in the House, and those throughout this Commonwealth who serve, give wisdom, I pray. I pray for the wisdom that comes from above, wisdom that listens, wisdom that sees and discerns, wisdom that is after Your heart. Please, Lord, grant us this wisdom; may it be winsome, may it be peaceable. Please grant us wisdom as we undertake the tasks for today, and we know that we have Your promises, that if we ask for wisdom, You will provide it.

So we say thank You in advance, and we pray this in the name of Jesus. 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, November 9, 2021, will be postponed until printed.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2072 By Representatives M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE and FLOOD

An Act providing for payment of delinquent Children's Health Insurance Program premium balances.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, November 10, 2021.

No. 2073 By Representatives GREGORY, KINSEY, MILLARD, MOUL, RIGBY, SAMUELSON, SAYLOR, SCHMITT, SONNEY and STAATS

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 5786, carrying State Route 3013, known as Dunnings Highway, over South Poplar Run, in Greenfield Township, Blair County, as the Bryan T. "Chipper" Chamberlain Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 10, 2021.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 347, PN 350

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, November 10, 2021.

SB 448, PN 1164

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 10, 2021.

SB 565, PN 1212

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 10, 2021.

SB 851, PN 1046

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 10, 2021.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who indicates that there are no additional leaves. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

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

Evans	Krajewski	Polinchock	Williams, D.
Farry	Krueger	Puskaric	Young
Fee	Kulik	Quinn	Zabel
Fiedler	Labs	Rabb	Zimmerman
Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rader	
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Frankel	Lewis	Rigby	Speaker
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ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**HB 802, PN 786**

By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 1341, PN 2396 (Amended)

By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for maximum gross weight of vehicles and for maximum axle weight of vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HR 152, PN 2342**

By Rep. HENNESSEY

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States, the United States Department of Transportation and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take action on the nationwide school bus driver shortage.

TRANSPORTATION.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the Christian Home Educators' Fellowship homeschool group. They are here as the guests of Representative Rowe, Representative Masser, Representative Hershey, and Representative Hamm. Welcome.

Located in the well of the House, the Chair is pleased to welcome guest page Joseph Greeley. He is here with his mother, Catherine, who is also seated in the gallery, and they are the guests of Representative Brooks. Please rise and be welcomed.

Turning to committee and caucus announcements.

TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. MILLARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the break, immediately, the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee will meet in G-50 Irvis. HR 74 will be the topic.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee will meet immediately at the break in G-50 Irvis.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. KAUFFMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I could have your attention, the House Judiciary Committee would like to call a meeting at the break to consider SB 565, and any further business that comes before the committee, in room 515, Irvis Office Building; so immediately at the break, 515 Irvis Office Building.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The House Judiciary Committee will meet at the break in room 515, Irvis Office Building.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Saylor, for an Appropriations Committee announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 11:11 in the majority caucus room, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 11:11 in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12:30 in the majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 1 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 hybrid at 12:30.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Marshall for a committee announcement.

Mr. MARSHALL. The Consumer Affairs Committee will meet in 205 Ryan Office Building to do HB 2071.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Consumer Affairs Committee will meet in 205 Ryan Office Building to do HB 2071.

RECESS

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

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:15 p.m.; further extended until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 159, PN 2326

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions, for reporting procedure, for disposition of complaints received, for responsibility for investigation, for access to information in Statewide database, for information in Statewide database and for release of information in confidential reports.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1055, PN 1089

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1868 (P.L.73, No.37), entitled "An act to authorize the recorder of deeds in the several counties of this Commonwealth to record the discharges of all honorably discharged officers and soldiers," further providing for confidentiality of records.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1220, PN 2386

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for blind veteran's pension and for amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1612, PN 2245

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for association group life insurance for Pennsylvania National Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1737, PN 1968

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for investigation of reports.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1868, PN 2228

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to veterans' licensure by providing for representation on licensing boards, for expedited license, for military experience in place of education criteria, for expedited temporary license, for relevant military experience, for renewal of license for deployed servicemembers, for fees and for reports.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 248, PN 1222

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for holidays and observances.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 550, PN 686

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in special powers and duties of the county, further providing for flags to decorate graves.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED AND REREFERRED
TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION****HR 74, PN 868**

By Rep. MILLARD

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report on the current status, management and benefits of conservation corridors in this Commonwealth.

Reported from Committee on TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT with request that it be rereferred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 2071, PN 2392**

By Rep. MARSHALL

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority to provide broadband Internet access to unserved residents; and providing for powers and duties of the authority and for grant awards.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

SB 565, PN 1212

By Rep. KAUFFMAN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to firearms not to be carried without a license, providing for license not required, further providing for prohibited conduct during emergency, repealing provisions relating to carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia, providing for sportsman's firearm permit, further providing for licenses and repealing provisions relating to proof of license and exception.

JUDICIARY.

**HOUSE BILL
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2074 By Representatives STRUZZI, ROTHMAN, SMITH, ARMANINI, GREGORY, RIGBY, KAIL, E. NELSON, GREINER and MAJOR

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, providing for broadcast of interscholastic athletic competitions.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, November 10, 2021.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 248, PN 1222**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for holidays and observances.

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 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—200

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Delozier	Kerwin	Otten	Warner
DelRosso	Kim	Owlett	Warren
DeLuca	Kinthead	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling
Driscoll	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheatley
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuik	Wheeland
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	White
Emrick	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Evans	Krajewski	Polinchock	Williams, D.
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Freeman	Longietti		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 550, PN 686**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in special powers and duties of the county, further providing for flags to decorate graves.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	White
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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:

SB 550, PN 686

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in special powers and duties of the county, further providing for flags to decorate graves.

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 122, PN 90**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration; and, in licensing of drivers, further providing for persons exempt from licensing.

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 1307, PN 1399**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. KNOWLES called up **HR 99, PN 1477**, entitled:

A Resolution appointing and empowering the Judiciary Committee to conduct an investigation.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to recognize my two colleagues from the Schuylkill County delegation, Representative Tim Twardzik as well as Representative Joe Kerwin, who have signed on as cosponsors of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, determining whether an elected official should be removed through the impeachment process is not something that this body should take lightly. We truly wish that we were not here today seeking your support for HR 99. Unfortunately, the circumstances demand the action. Mr. Speaker, this resolution directs the House Judiciary Committee to designate the Subcommittee on Courts to investigate the conduct of Schuylkill County Commissioner George F. Halcovage, Jr., and to present its recommendation to the full committee. The subcommittee is authorized to subpoena witnesses, documents, and other materials; administer oaths to the witnesses; take testimony; and prepare the file pleadings and other legal documents. Mr. Speaker, if the committee finds that Commissioner Halcovage has engaged in impeachable conduct, the committee may approve articles of impeachment for the full House to consider. If approved by the House, a trial would occur in the Senate, and if two-thirds of the Senate is present and vote to impeach the commissioner, he would be voted and removed from office.

Mr. Speaker, with this resolution, we ask that the House begin this deliberative process and direct the Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on Courts to start the investigation. Mr. Speaker, I, as well as my colleagues from Schuylkill County, ask for an affirmative vote on HR 99.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The question is, will the House adopt the resolution?

On that question, the gentleman, Representative Kerwin, is recognized.

Mr. KERWIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HR 99, along with my fellow members of the Schuylkill County House delegation. The gentleman from Schuylkill County explained how this investigation will be conducted. This impeachment investigation will be thorough and it will be fair to all parties, both the accused and accusers alike. The need for the investigation is pressing and it is also unfortunate. Schuylkill County Commissioner George F. Halcovage, Jr., faces serious and credible accusations of sexual harassment and other improprieties committed while in elected office as a county commissioner. Schuylkill County and its government have been plagued by this scandal for over a year. The county's government has an inability to function and has been greatly impeded due to the commissioner's actions.

We as a delegation are fulfilling our constitutional duty to act in the best interests of the over 140,000 citizens of Schuylkill County. This investigation is needed and it is needed now. We cannot delay any longer. The constituents of Schuylkill County deserve action. I respectfully ask that my colleagues join with me for an affirmative vote on HR 99.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the lady from Clarion is recognized.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

The gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, is recognized.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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Boback	Gillespie	Malagari	Ryan
Bonner	Gleim	Maloney	Sainato
Borowicz	Gregory	Markosek	Samuelson
Boyle	Greiner	Marshall	Sanchez
Bradford	Grove	Masser	Sankey
Briggs	Guenst	Matzie	Sappey
Brooks	Guzman	McClinton	Saylor
Brown, A.	Hamm	McNeill	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Bullock	Harkins	Mentzer	Schmitt
Burgos	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Burns	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Carroll	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Causser	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Cephas	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Ciresi	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Conklin	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cook	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney

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Frankel	Lewis	Rigby	
Freeman	Longietti		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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

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Mr. CUTLER called up **HR 114, PN 1775**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to improve its rules to more effectively promote public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary, judicial employees and attorneys formerly employed by government entities.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman from Lancaster, the Speaker, is recognized.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, members.

I rise today to ask for your support for this resolution. Some time ago when we rewrote the Lobbying Disclosure Law, during my first term here, I had developed a saying that said, "People need to believe in the process in order to believe in the product." I think that still holds true today.

Mr. Speaker, some people may be unfamiliar with what that process for lobbyists is right now and that is this, that we actually have two sets of standards, two sets of rules that are applied to lobbyists. If you are a citizen lobbyist and you leave the legislature or the employ of government, you are, for a period of time, prohibited from lobbying where you came from. Many folks might call that a revolving door and would say that that makes sense. I would agree. That is why we passed the law.

However, there was a court case and then a subsequent court rule where the court said that due to the separation of powers, we govern the conduct of lawyers and lawyers do not fall under your jurisdiction, and if you are a lawyer who leaves the employ of government, you could leave on Monday and begin lobbying on Tuesday. Mr. Speaker, I think that that is fundamentally unfair. In this world, I think that we should have consistency, so we are doing a resolution requesting that the court apply the same rules, regulations – and what I would offer, norms – to lawyer lobbyists just as we do currently for nonlawyer or citizen lobbyists.

We are doing it in this way, Mr. Speaker, because I respect the three-part system of government that we have and the separation of powers that are there. I think we are all familiar and we saw as recently as today where the court issued an opinion – that is how they communicate – and many times we find ourselves, as a legislative body, in front of the court arguing over the separation of powers. But since I respect the separation of powers, Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the court has written the rule and this resolution is simply our formal request, because resolutions and bills are how we communicate. We write opinions too. We stand here and we debate them, and ultimately, we vote on them.

So today I am posing a very simple question. I would simply like all lobbyists to be treated the same, both citizen lobbyists and lawyer lobbyists. Mr. Speaker, people need to believe in the process to believe in the product, and I think this resolution would go a long way in restoring their faith. Please join me in holding everyone to the same standard. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

On that question, the gentleman from Montgomery, Chairman Briggs, is recognized.

Mr. BRIGGS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

While I am going to be voting in favor of this, as the Speaker mentioned that it is about process and we have to respect the process, I do think a resolution urging the Supreme Court to take an action should have went through the Judiciary Committee. So in the future, I hope the committee regains the respect. I understand some of these bills are challenging for the committee, but I know we are up to the job, and, Mr. Speaker, in the future, I would hope that a resolution like this would be referred to the committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members seeking recognition on the resolution?

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the lady from Clarion, the majority whip, is recognized.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

And the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, 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:

YEAS—200

Armanini	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Roae
Benham	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Galloway	Madden	Rothman
Bernstine	Gaydos	Major	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gillen	Mako	Rozzi
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Boyle	Greiner	Marshall	Sanchez
Bradford	Grove	Masser	Sankey
Briggs	Guenst	Matzie	Sappay
Brooks	Guzman	McClinton	Saylor
Brown, A.	Hamm	McNeill	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Bullock	Harkins	Mentzer	Schmitt
Burgos	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Burns	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Carroll	Helm	Metcalf	Shusterman
Causser	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Cephas	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Ciresi	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Conklin	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cook	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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

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Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 153, PN 2354**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 11, 2021, as "Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the lady, Chairwoman Boback, is recognized.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the eve of November 11, a proud day in the Commonwealth and in our nation, I ask for your support of HR 153 as Veterans Day in Pennsylvania. Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the service of men and women who have answered our country's call – those who have not returned from the battlefield, those who have returned with scars of war, and all who have worn the uniform and protected our freedoms and our way of life as Americans.

Chairman Sainato.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Has the chairwoman concluded her remarks? Very good.

The question is, will the House adopt the resolution?

On that question, Chairman Sainato is recognized.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is truly a very, very important resolution, as Chairwoman Boback and I introduce this to honor our veterans on Veterans Day. You cannot say enough about what these men and women have done to protect our freedoms since our country was formed over 200-plus years ago, and we are all here together on this floor in a free society thanks to our men and women who did their duty and took the call to action when asked.

So this is a very important resolution. We want to acknowledge tomorrow as Veterans Day. We need to bring as much attention to that as possible, as our committee this week has been very vigilant in getting our message out to the public to make sure that nobody ever forgets what was done by the men and women in uniform to protect our freedoms.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members wishing to speak on the resolution before we return to the prime sponsor?

With that, we will return to the prime sponsor. Chairwoman Boback, you are recognized.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, I do want to say happy birthday to the Marine Corps. Oorah. Where are you, Frank? Where is Representative Ryan? He missed his cue. There he is. And I would like to take this opportunity, we are privileged, privileged to have so many members of the Armed Forces, past and some present, right here as Representatives on our House floor, and I ask that every one of you men and women, if you would please stand for recognition. We are so proud of you.

As my father, a World War II veteran, first-generation American, always said: "Never miss an opportunity to thank a veteran." Thank you, veterans. God bless you all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady and certainly extends the thanks of the House to all of those who have served.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This chamber often houses fierce disagreements, but I am relieved that we can all come together and unanimously adopt this resolution to honor the brave military service members of our nation and Commonwealth. Veterans Day allows us the opportunity to reflect on the tremendous sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces. While many of us make sacrifices for our community, I hope we all would humbly admit that they pale in comparison to the sacrifices of those who have worn the uniform.

With the Speaker's indulgence, I would like to briefly mention some veterans from my community in recognition of their service and to ensure that it is forever inscribed in the official record of this House:

Mr. Earl Birdy, a World War II veteran and U.S. Marine, who recently turned 95 years old.

Mr. Carl Thomas, World War II veteran, U.S. Army.

Mr. Robert Harbula, Korea, U.S. Marines, three Presidential Unit Citations.

Mr. David Luikart, a Vietnam veteran, U.S. Marine, and recipient of the Silver Star for Valor.

Mr. Charles Krebs, a Vietnam veteran, U.S. Army, and past commander of VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 914.

Mr. Pat Hamilton, a Vietnam veteran, U.S. Army Airborne, recipient of three Purple Hearts.

Mr. Angelo Norelli, a Vietnam veteran, U.S. Navy.

Mr. Harry Neel, Navy pilot.

Judge Mike Thatcher, Iraq war, U.S. Marines.

Mr. Thomas Thomas, Afghanistan, U.S. Navy.

Mr. John Inglis II, Afghanistan, U.S. Navy.

Mr. Adam C. Thomas, Afghanistan, U.S. Marines.

All of these service members continue to volunteer and aid their community even after their retirement from active duty. We will forever be indebted to these selfless individuals and their brothers and sisters in arms.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the lady from Clarion is recognized.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

And the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Harris, 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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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 159, PN 2326**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions, for reporting procedure, for disposition of complaints received, for responsibility for investigation, for access to information in Statewide database, for information in Statewide database and for release of information in confidential reports.

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 Bucks, Representative Polinchock, is recognized.

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and happy birthday, Marines.

My legislation, HB 159, would recognize the Family Advocacy Program that has been established by the U.S. Department of Defense to address child abuse and domestic abuse in military communities, as well as complete the lines of communication with child protective services. The DOD Family Advocacy Program was designated to address domestic abuse, child abuse, and neglected children and youth. The program is coordinated through military services and command personnel to prevent abuse, encourage early identification, promote victim safety and empowerment, while providing appropriate treatment for affected service members and families. Sadly, under current law, child protective services is not required to identify military families in child abuse cases, nor report such cases to appropriate military installations. Therefore, cases are often disregarded due to lack of communication between agencies and military installations. My legislation would require child protective services to immediately notify the Family Advocacy Program through their representative for the Commonwealth or the service member's assigned duty station if the service member is the subject of a report due to an investigation.

Essentially, we are going to hold child protective services responsible to address cases of child abuse, neglect, or domestic violence on military installations by requiring the caseworker to contact the Family Advocacy Program to deal with matters accordingly. I believe this will close the gap between the agencies and keep our children and families safe within military installations.

I introduced this bill last session as HB 1290 and it successfully passed this chamber with a unanimous vote. I again ask for your support on this legislation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members seeking recognition on the bill?

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 (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

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

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' (200 total). Includes names like Armanini, Benham, Benninghoff, etc.

Table listing names of members who did not vote or were excused. Includes names like Ecker, Emrick, Evans, Farry, Fee, Fiedler, Fitzgerald, Flood, Frankel, Freeman, Knowles, Kosierowski, Krajewski, Krueger, Kulik, Labs, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, Longietti, Pickett, Pisciotano, Polinchock, Puskaric, Quinn, Rabb, Rader, Rapp, Rigby, White, Williams, C., Williams, D., Young, Zabel, Zimmerman, Cutler, Speaker.

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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 1737, PN 1968, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for investigation of reports.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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

Ms. FLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill is about protecting our children and keeping them safe from harm. Parental substance abuse is a real and serious problem. It is a factor in an overwhelming number of child abuse cases. Those who are tasked with investigating reports of child abuse and neglect need to have the tools to respond appropriately. At the same time, this bill recognizes and protects individual liberty and privacy rights, which exist in even child abuse investigations, by requiring the county agency to get a court order. This bill is on solid constitutional footing, as any court order must be supported by three pieces of evidence: impairment due to drug or alcohol use, abuse or neglect, and causation. You need to have those three components.

This legislation is supported by DHS (Department of Human Services), the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators Association. I respectfully ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Bullock, on final passage.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I would like to thank the maker of this bill for her efforts to try to keep children safe. Unfortunately, history has told us that child welfare systems often do not work in the best interest of children and families. And so I stand before you in opposition of HB 1737 for three reasons.

Number one, often drug tests and drug screening produce false positives, and these false positives can unnecessarily disrupt families at very critical points and for long periods of time. Last year a mother in the city of Pittsburgh sued the local hospital after they tested her for drugs without her consent and while she was in labor, and then reported a false positive result to the local children and youth agency. This kick-started a months-long investigation that separated her from her infant at a very critical stage in that child's development and their family's bonding. This did not only happen to her; there were several other mothers named in this particular lawsuit. And it happens all the time across our Commonwealth and the country because the very nature of the child welfare system was built to err, and rightfully so, on the side of the child's safety. It is all about keeping the children safe. But as a result, the child welfare system often manifests as a punitive and intrusive force in the lives of families, particularly Black families.

And it did not surprise me that the mother in this particular lawsuit was a Black woman, which leads me to point number two. The child welfare system disproportionately regulates, investigates, and fails Black children and poor children and families at every step of the process. For many poor children and children of color, their involvement in the child welfare system is nothing like the fairy tale that is portrayed by Hollywood's Orphan Annie. Racial disparities exist at every single stage of the child welfare decisionmaking process, breaking up and tearing apart Black families for generations and across this Commonwealth.

Black families are more commonly targeted for child welfare supervision, child removal, foster care placement, and termination of parental rights. Let me be clear, this is not due to a higher incidence of abuse and neglect in Black families. This is because of a system and a network of racially biased systems that are adversarial to Black families. One study revealed that despite similar rates of substance abuse between Black and White pregnant women, Black women were 10 times more likely to be reported to child welfare authorities for substance abuse during pregnancy. Other studies have found that doctors are more likely to report injuries of Black children as suspected child abuse that are identical to the injuries on White children. And still other studies have continuously found that caseworkers are quicker to perceive Black children as being more at risk and in need of removal from their homes, while child welfare workers also regard Black parents as less likely to change and not accepting of the cultural differences in parenting styles. Study after study has proven that the child welfare system is hostile to Black and Brown families, and to poor White families alike.

This legislation only expands the reach of a failing child welfare system, the reach of child welfare professionals, giving them an unnecessary tool to harass Black and Brown families. A tool that would disproportionately impact families that are already overpoliced, overregulated by health-care professionals,

school professionals, day-care providers, law enforcement; and overworked, underresourced child welfare workers, and a child welfare system that is simply not prepared to do this work, a child welfare system that should be providing them with the resources and support needed to keep their families together safely.

And that leads me to my third point. It is my understanding that the positive drug test alone will not be used to substantiate child abuse and neglect. Then my question is, what is the purpose of the drug test then at all? If child abuse exists, do the work to establish the case of child abuse.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "A drug test alone cannot determine the existence or absence of a substance use disorder. In addition, drug tests do not provide sufficient information for substantiating allegations of child abuse or neglect or for making decisions about the disposition of a case (including decisions regarding child removal, family reunification, or termination of parental rights)." This is from our own Federal Department of Health and Human Services. A drug or alcohol test is unlikely to reveal any information about whether a child is being abused or neglected.

If our local children and youth services need additional tools to substantiate child abuse, if they need additional tools to support our families, we should give them those resources. We should increase their budgets and their staff. This is simply not the tool that they need in their toolbox.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this moment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady for her comments and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Vitali, on final passage.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to let the members know that this bill is opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union. They cite that it would permit the unconstitutional intrusion of parental privacy rights. According to them, "HB 1737 would permit unconstitutional intrusions on parents' privacy rights because it does not contain a requirement that a CYS agency have probable cause to believe that an act of child abuse or neglect has occurred..." They also make the point, the American Civil Liberties Union does, that drug and alcohol tests will not reveal evidence of abuse. Quoting: "A drug or alcohol test is unlikely to reveal any information about whether a child is being abused or neglected."

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 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. The gentleman is recognized for verification of the vote board. You may proceed.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Benninghoff	Gleim	Marshall	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Masser	Rozzi
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Boback	Grove	McClinton	Sainato
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Fritz	Major	Rapp	Zimmerman
Galloway	Mako	Rigby	
Gaydos	Malagari	Roae	Cutler,
Gillen	Maloney	Rossi	Speaker

NAYS—34

Benham	Evans	Isaacson	Parker
Brown, A.	Fiedler	Kinthead	Rabb
Bullock	Fitzgerald	Kinsey	Sims
Burgos	Frankel	Kirkland	Solomon
Cephas	Gainey	Krajewski	Sturla
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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 1868, PN 2228**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to veterans' licensure by providing for representation on licensing boards, for expedited license, for military experience in place of education criteria, for expedited temporary license, for relevant military experience, for renewal of license for deployed servicemembers, for fees and for reports.

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 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:

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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Dowling

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 1220, PN 2386**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for blind veteran's pension and for amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Pisciottano.

Mr. PISCIOTTANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We can never fully repay the debt owed to our veterans and their families for their service to our nation, especially those injured during the course of duty. Today I am asking you to join me in showing our support by voting "yes" on the final passage of HB 1220.

HB 1220 would increase the monthly stipend amounts for beneficiaries of the blind veteran's and the amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension programs from \$150 per month to \$250 per

month, and it indexes that amount to automatically increase with inflation, ensuring that the promise Pennsylvania has made to these veterans since the 1960s remains fulfilled into perpetuity. It has been more than 20 years since these programs have seen an increase, and as I mentioned yesterday, the original purchasing power of this stipend has decreased by a full third since the last increase in 1990. After the House's support for yesterday's amendment, this bill would ensure that disabled Pennsylvania veterans are provided a stable, consistent measure of gratitude for their service.

I commend and thank the gentleman from Blair County and the gentelady from Montgomery County for their assistance on writing the bill, the chairs and staff of the Veterans Affairs Committee for their tireless efforts over the past few months, the leadership of both caucuses for their support of the excellent veterans' assistance bills we are passing today, and to the Speaker for his support in getting this specific bill over the finish line.

This is smart, fiscally sound policy to help our veteran community. It is a shining example of bipartisan efforts to work through the legislative process and get things done together for a better Pennsylvania. I ask the House for an affirmative vote on HB 1220.

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.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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 1612, PN 2245**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for association group life insurance for Pennsylvania National Guard.

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?

And on that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Hamm.

Mr. HAMM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for your support of HB 1612. HB 1612 supports the men and women who serve this great Commonwealth and the greatest nation in the world in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Under current State statute in Title 51, our men and women in uniform are able to purchase voluntary life insurance under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program. This life insurance currently covers these service members in two instances: one, Federal activation for a period of 30 days or more for combat operations in combat zones, also known as Title 10 orders; and two, State activation for emergencies within the Commonwealth, known as EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) orders.

HB 1612 addresses a third activation that our State statute is silent on. Our current statute is silent on this Federal activation but my bill will add it. It would add Federal activation to assist in an emergency in another State or Federal jurisdiction, also known as Title 32 orders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for your support of HB 1612 and your support for the men and women of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

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 gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Dowling

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 1055, PN 1089**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1868 (P.L.73, No.37), entitled "An act to authorize the recorder of deeds in the several counties of this Commonwealth to record the discharges of all honorably discharged officers and soldiers," further providing for confidentiality of records.

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?

And on that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Webster.

Mr. WEBSTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I also want to make sure to say a special thank you to the Representative and chairwoman from Luzerne County, who this day before Veterans Day has decided to do a whole bunch of these things, these bills to favor veterans at exactly the right time.

HB 1055 does a small thing. It changes a number, 75 to 85, but here is why. When a member of our Armed Forces leaves the military, we ask them to register their personnel papers, their DD214, at the county register of deeds, and then we protect the privacy of those documents for 75 years. Well, it turns out now, with life expectancies the way they are, that we have members – veterans from World War II, we have veterans of the Korean conflict – who have outlived that 75 years, and we have actually had, in our experience in Montgomery County, people fishing for those records and creating identify theft of veterans. So this bill simply changes the number to 85 years so that we ask veterans to trust us with these documents, and then we need to live up to that trust and protect the privacy of the DD214 for all our veterans.

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.

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Dowling

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. Congratulations, Representative.

For the information of the members, there will be no further floor votes this afternoon; however, those of you who have asked to be placed on the rule 17 speaking list may proceed to the well of the House to be recognized upon the conclusion of all the housekeeping.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 248, PN 1222**.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILLS CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1107, PN 1146**, and **HB 1120, PN 1168**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 1107, PN 1146

An Act designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

HB 1120, PN 1168

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 3937, carrying Pennsylvania Route 26 over Bloody Run in Everett Borough, Bedford County, as the PFC James E. Williams Memorial Bridge.

SB 248, PN 1222

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for holidays and observances.

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (JOHN A. LAWRENCE) PRESIDING

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The majority leader moves that HB 122 and HB 1307 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 pro tempore. The majority leader moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

HB 773;
HB 1366;
HB 1546;
HB 1587;
HB 1590;

HB 1800;
 HB 2039;
 HB 2046;
 HB 2071;
 SB 382; and
 SB 565.

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

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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 128;
 HB 262;
 HB 424;
 HB 604;
 HB 637;
 HB 822;
 HB 829;
 HB 947;
 HB 1170;
 HB 1177;
 HB 1181;
 HB 1280;
 HB 1294;
 HB 1325;
 HB 1351;
 HB 1367;
 HB 1438;
 HB 1445;
 HB 1446;
 HB 1486;
 HB 1533;
 HB 1577;
 HB 1585;
 HB 1586;
 HB 1639;
 HB 1651; and
 HB 1653.

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

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

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 HB 1438;
 HB 1445;
 HB 1446;
 HB 1486;
 HB 1533;
 HB 1577;
 HB 1585;
 HB 1586;
 HB 1639;
 HB 1651; and
 HB 1653.

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

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Kenyatta, is recognized for a vote correction.

Mr. KENYATTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was voted in the affirmative on HB 148 and I should have been recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

Mr. KENYATTA. HR – my apologies, Mr. Speaker – HR 148. Thank you.

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

STATEMENT BY MR. CIRESI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Turning to rule 17 speakers. The gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Ciresi, is recognized to speak with regard to a retirement.

Mr. CIRESI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I rise to speak about Anne Ewers, the president of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Anyone that knows Anne knows the phrase "transforming lives daily." Anne has spent 44 years in the performing arts industry, and as of Friday, she will retire from the Kimmel Center after all those years.

Now, I have had the pleasure of knowing Anne not only as my boss, but now as a colleague on the board of the Kimmel Center and a great advocate for the arts in Pennsylvania and around the nation. Anne has been the assistant director of the San Francisco Opera, the general director at the Boston Lyric Opera, the general director of the Utah Opera, and founder of the Deer Valley Music Festival. She has generated millions of dollars while being at the Kimmel Center, where she has presided for the last 14 years.

When Anne arrived, the Kimmel Center had a debt of over \$30 thousand – \$30 million, excuse me – which she retired. She has raised the endowment from \$40 million to \$72 million, and secured millions of dollars for a festival that has brought people from all over the world into the Greater Philadelphia area. She has spearheaded a campaign of \$176 million for the Comprehensive Campaign, which helped fund educational programs, new construction programs, and brought hundreds of thousands of students to the Kimmel Center. And through the pandemic, she raised over \$5 million to make sure that the Kimmel Center would still exist and be a force to reckon with in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Under Anne's leadership, the Kimmel Center has grown exponentially. We have seen millions of billions of dollars come in for tourism, for hotels, for our restaurants. The Kimmel Center has become the second largest venue, with all of the campus, with the Kimmel Center, the Merriam, and the Academy of Music, for ticket sales – just second to Lincoln Center and Kennedy Center, which are pretty much tied for the top.

Anne has definitely transformed the arts in the Greater Philadelphia area and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I wanted to take this time to acknowledge her hard work, her dedication to the music industry, to our community, and to our great State, and to wish her luck as she goes on into retirement – I know Anne will never retire – with a happy face, as she says hello to every single person every day. We know we will see more of her, and I hope someday we get to honor her here on the floor.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. C. WILLIAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Representative Craig Williams, who will be speaking with regard to appropriations.

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On August 23, the Philadelphia Inquirer said this: "If you're looking for ways to quantify the depths of the gun violence crisis in Philadelphia, there may not be many bleaker statistics than this: There's only been one day so far this year – Jan. 2 – when not a single person was shot in the city." That was as of August 23. Right now we have had 1,532 shootings in the city; 1,532 shootings, resulting in 472 homicides. We will easily eclipse 500 homicides in the city, which is a record.

As many of you know, we have appropriated money to help with the gun violence in Philadelphia. Many of you may not know that it is already a Federal crime for a previously convicted felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition under Title 18, United States Code, section 922. You may also know that that Federal crime comes with significant sentences. There is no parole in the Federal system. What that means is that no felon in the city of Philadelphia, or anywhere in the country, may simply possess a firearm or ammunition, meaning if they are arrested in possession with those things and have previously been convicted, they have committed a Federal crime.

Further, the Department of Justice for the United States has a project called Project Safe Neighborhoods. That DOJ program leverages Title 18, section 922, to go after prior convicted felons

for possession of a firearm with significant sentences because it is based on their criminal history. Project Safe Neighborhoods is in progress in every jurisdiction in the United States. And this year the President of the United States has allocated more than \$20 million to Project Safe Neighborhoods, with a quarter of a million dollars going to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

This chamber did even better than that. We allocated \$1.5 million for the district attorney of Philadelphia and the district attorney of Delaware County to hire more prosecutors specifically to go into the U.S. Attorney's Office as deputized Federal prosecutors to prosecute gun crimes under Title 18, section 922, felon in possessions. Gun crimes are overwhelmingly committed by felons – overwhelmingly.

The question you may be asking yourself is, how do I know so much about this? It is because in the District of Colorado, United States Department of Justice, I was a PSN prosecutor; I was a gun prosecutor. I was also a gun prosecutor in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. I know how this law works. I know what it takes to be a special assistant United States attorney coming from the district attorney's offices in the two counties that have received this appropriation.

Now, I have had a conversation, a very collegial conversation with the district attorney of Delaware County about this. He was enthusiastic and communicated back to me that I cannot hire any new prosecutors without the approval of our county council, but I am happy to take your money. I responded to him on the 21st of September that that is not what the appropriation is designed to do and told him exactly what it does do.

On September 29, I sent a similar letter to the district attorney of Philadelphia and to the Attorney General – 41 days ago. In that letter I asked for an in-person meeting so that we can tell them about the appropriation that came from this chamber, from both sides of the aisle in bipartisan legislation in an attempt to curb the violence in our region. I still have not heard back – 41 days, more than 4 months after we appropriated this money.

We want to be a part of the solution. We have tried to be a part of the solution. We know that Project Safe Neighborhoods has been studied and is effective at getting criminals off the street, those in particular who are committing gun violence. I have reached out to the two district attorneys to express my willingness to help them, and I look forward to your phone call.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2075 By Representatives KNOWLES, STAMBAUGH, R. MACKENZIE, JAMES, SILVIS, PICKETT, MILLARD, HAMM, COX, T. DAVIS, BERNSTINE, LEWIS DELROSSO, JOZWIAK, METCALFE, KEEFER, MARSHALL, ROWE, SMITH and GLEIM

An Act providing for the abrogation of regulations relating to the Pennsylvania Heavy-Duty Diesel Emissions Control Program and for the applicability of Federal standards.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 10, 2021.

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 Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Cutler, from East Drumore Township – Drumore? – from Drumore Township, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday, November 15, 2021, at 12 m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 2:43 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.