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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. DARISHA K. PARKER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning.

The legislators are here today to do work for their constituents of the Commonwealth. We are charged and our steps are ordered to be hopeful for a brighter day and future. We must remain steadfast in our words and how we speak and treat each other, regardless of the outcome. Help us to live one day at a time. Help us not to worry about tomorrow, but instead focus on what we are doing in life right now. Help us to trust more and worry less. We must be friendly, respect, and perform our daily tasks in decency and in order. Our children, loved ones, community, and religious affiliations are depending on us.

I will close with a favorite verse, Matthew 20:16: "So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen." 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 Monday, April 25, 2022, will be postponed until printed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 398, PN 372

By Rep. RAPP

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for verification of eligibility.

HEALTH.

HB 2437, PN 2851

By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2441, PN 2857

By Rep. RAPP

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in records, further providing for disclosure to governmental agencies.

HEALTH.

HB 2550, PN 3033 (Amended)

By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxes for highway maintenance and construction, further providing for allocation of proceeds.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2526, PN 3003

By Rep. HENNESSEY

A Supplement to the act of December 8, 1982 (P.L.848, No.235), entitled "An act providing for the adoption of capital projects related to the repair, rehabilitation or replacement of highway bridges to be financed from current revenue or by the incurring of debt and capital projects related to highway and safety improvement projects to be financed from current revenue of the Motor License Fund," itemizing additional State and local bridge projects.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 317, PN 325

By Rep. RAPP

An Act providing for expedited partner therapy and for liability.

HEALTH.

SB 818, PN 1617 (Amended)

By Rep. RAPP

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing for ambulatory surgical facility permitted surgical procedures; and abrogating regulations.

HEALTH.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 190, PN 2892

By Rep. HENNESSEY

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to take action and end regulations relating to vehicle emissions testing.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2553 By Representatives FEE, HICKERNELL, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, CAUSER, GILLEN, PASHINSKI, SCHLEGEL CULVER, LAWRENCE, ECKER, GREINER and B. MILLER

An Act making an appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of preparing for and responding to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 26, 2022.

No. 2554 By Representatives FEE, HICKERNELL, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, CAUSER, GILLEN, PASHINSKI, SCHLEGEL CULVER, LAWRENCE, ECKER, GREINER, B. MILLER, ZIMMERMAN, OBERLANDER and MENTZER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for 2022-2023 budget implementation.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 26, 2022.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members – please make your way to the floor – we will soon be beginning the swearing-in process for our three new members who will be joining us in a little bit. While the members are making their way from their various meetings, however, we will move on to the remainder of the visitor recognition.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome West Chester University Professor John Kennedy and the students from his Pennsylvania politics and government class. It was shared with me while we were discussing, regarding a discussion that we had had with the class regarding merit selection. They are the guests of Representative Herrin, who is the legislative fellow for the university and also team-teaches the course. So welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome students and guests from the Jewish Day School of the Lehigh Valley. They are the guests of Representative Schlossberg. And his children, Ayla and Auron, are part of this group. Welcome.

Located in the well of the House, the Chair is pleased to welcome guest pages Juliana Yingling and Alexander Feitner, who attend West Shore Christian Academy. They are the guests of Representative Delozier.

Members and guests, please take your seats. I would like to introduce another special guest: to the left of the rostrum, Joseph J. Musto, who was twice elected judge of the court of common pleas and is retired. His father was a State Representative in 1948 in Luzerne County. And my understanding is that the judge, who will be doing the honors later today, has developed quite a good relationship with him as her clerk. So welcome, Your Honor.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. Members and guests, please take your seats. We are about to begin the swearing-in of our newest members. Please move any and all conversations from the rear of the House off the floor of the House. Sergeants at Arms will please clear the aisles.

The House will now take up a special order of business, the swearing-in of Representatives-elect Aerion Abney of the 19th Legislative District, Martell Covington of the 24th Legislative District, and Robert Schnee of the 116th Legislative District.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, Leigh M. Chapman, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker now recognizes Leigh M. Chapman, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Ms. CHAPMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege and honor of presenting the returns and the certifications of campaign expense compliance for the special elections held on April 5, 2022, in the 19th, 24th, and 116th Legislative Districts.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks Madam Secretary.

The clerk will please read the returns.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Nineteenth Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Allegheny County Board of Elections. Aerion Andrew Abney, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-fifth day of April in the year of our Lord two

thousand twenty-two and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-six.

Leigh M. Chapman
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICIAL RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19th Legislative District
April 5, 2022

<u>DEMOCRATIC</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Aerion Andrew Abney 1334 Columbus Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15233	2,707
Write-Ins	477

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Twenty-fourth Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Allegheny County Board of Elections. Martell Covington, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-fifth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-six.

Leigh M. Chapman
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICIAL RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
24th Legislative District
April 5, 2022

<u>DEMOCRATIC</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Martell Covington 1351 Schwerner Ct. Pittsburgh, PA 15206	5,101
 <u>REPUBLICAN</u>	
Todd Elliott Koger 515 Kelly Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15221	313
Write-Ins	74

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the One hundred sixteenth Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Luzerne County Board of Elections. Robert Schnee, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-fifth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-six.

Leigh M. Chapman
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICIAL RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
 REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 116th Legislative District
 April 5, 2022

<u>DEMOCRATIC</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Amilcar S. Arroyo 93 Browns Grove Rd. Drums, PA 18222	1,291
<u>REPUBLICAN</u>	
Robert Schnee 4 Westfield Cir. Sugarloaf, PA 18249	2,818
<u>LIBERTARIAN</u>	
Paul Cwalina 184 Debbie Drive Drums, PA 18222	213
Write-Ins	666

CERTIFICATES ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. §3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 19th District in the Special Election held April 5, 2022, Aerion Andrew Abney, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this twenty-fifth day of April, 2022

Leigh M. Chapman
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. §3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 24th District in the Special Election held April 5, 2022, Martell

Covington, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this twenty-fifth day of April, 2022.

Leigh M. Chapman
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. §3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 116th District in the Special Election held April 5, 2022, Robert Schnee, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this twenty-fifth day of April, 2022.

Leigh M. Chapman
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker requests that the members-elect come forward to the well of the House for the purpose of taking the oath of office. Please bring your Bibles, and if desired, a family member or members can also come forward to hold the Bible during the administration of your oath.

The oath of office required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania will now be administered by the Honorable Tarah Toohil, judge, Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

Your Honor, very good to have you back.
 JUDGE TOOHL. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And it is so, well, different, and really an honor to be before you in this capacity today and to be able to administer the oath to the three separate Representatives-elect. So I am just honored and very thankful to have been asked back.

And I just had a couple quick remarks – I will not make you stand there too long with the Bible – but it is an honor, and to be able to be on the bench, I am able to see the impact of the last decade of laws that have been passed by my former colleagues. And I think the staff – you have such a hardworking staff here in the building that every idea that you have, they process and they try to turn into legislation. Sometimes they will tell you it is really not a good idea and they will try to steer you away from certain things. But the members here, just in a short time on the bench, only since January, I have been able to see the impact with Megan's Law and guardian ad litem and a lot of the child welfare

issues. And so on your really tough days, take heart in that, because you are making a difference.

And just two quick items. Your family is standing here with you today, and this job can be so overwhelming – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and just beware of the button. You know, when you give somebody the button when you are getting a phone call. When you see that it is your family members, try to put them first. And it is tough because you have such demands, so just beware of – I was very guilty of giving my family members the button many times while I was putting this job first, and so beware of the button.

And then just congratulations to the three of you, from west to east. Obviously, I am partial to the east. I have many family friends here today, and obviously, my district here today is getting filled by Robert Schnee, which congratulations. But you are going to come into so many decisions that have to be made, and just remember: Before you would sit at a table – at the dining room table, maybe – and people would complain and they would say, somebody better do something about this and this has to change and who is going to fix this, and now you are in that role and you have such an ability to help others. So good luck to all of you.

And with that, I will read the oath. If you could all raise your right hand and place your left hand on the Bible. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that you will discharge the duties of your office with fidelity? If so, say "I do."

(Members asserted oath.)

JUDGE TOOHL. Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

And, Judge Toohil, it is wonderful to have you back in the chamber, especially in this role and for this reason.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Representatives Abney, Covington, and Schnee, on behalf of all of the members of the House, I am honored to welcome you to the House of Representatives.

As I read through your biographies, I noted that each of you have an impressive history of community service. You have been active in various nonprofit organizations, served as board members, coached youth sports, been elected at the local level, and one of you even served as a legislative aide. And I often say, in this line of work – and as you are setting up your district offices, please keep this in mind – our staff is an extension of each of us in the elected office.

So, Leader Costa, it is great to see you. For those of you who do not know, Leader Costa and I coached the winning softball team last year, so we believe in bipartisanship and winning, so it is good to have you here in the chamber.

But your work as a legislative aide – I have often said that the incentives sometimes are wrong for us and our staff in that when we make bad votes, the constituents will call and yell at our staff; and then when our staff helps people solve a problem, whatever it might be – a pothole, a license, a permit problem – the truth is, the constituents stop us and thank us in the grocery store. We would not be able to do this job without the great staff that we have, and I want to encourage all of you to make sure that you

pick – and I am sure that you have or will very shortly – pick the best staff possible to serve your constituents who have sent you here.

Today your commitment to public service continues and is magnified as you assume the responsibility to represent more than 65,000 people in each of your legislative districts. I wish you great success as you enter the new and next exciting phase of your career.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. It is now my pleasure to introduce some of the other special guests that you have with you today and that Judge Toohil already mentioned. Just as our staff is very important, our family is even more important, and our friends are important. We all know how important the support of our family and friends throughout the course of the campaign was, no matter the age, because I know we have some young campaign volunteers here in the well of the House as well.

So today we welcome Representative Abney's wife, Tamara; their 2-year-old son, Aerius; and their 7-month-old son, Amari. We also welcome his parents, Ken and Dawn; and his sister, Tiffany. Thank you very much for being here today.

Representative Covington has his mother, Amargie, and stepfather, Rashad, with him; as well as his partner, Jamillia; his sisters, DeChele and LaChele; and his godparents, Cheryl and Tony. Welcome.

And last, but certainly not least, we welcome Representative Schnee's wife, Jamie; his in-laws, Gloria and James; and his sisters, Mary Ann and Amelia. So welcome today.

Judge Toohil mentioned it and it is very important, the role that you all will play as friends and family members, because the days when you will go out to eat, you will go to the grocery store, you know, there is no such thing as a quick trip to the grocery store anymore. Milk and bread are going to be probably an hour or more when you run into the store, because inevitably, you will run into somebody who wants to talk to you about an issue you helped them with or one that they need your help with, and that is part of the job. And as Rep – excuse me, Judge Toohil; such a tough habit to break, Your Honor. I apologize – as Judge Toohil pointed out, it is going to be important to make sure that you stay focused on your family and your friends, because they will be the ones who keep us grounded.

To the additional friends and supporters who have joined these new members today, I want to say thank you for providing not only the physical commitment, but also the moral support that each of the new members enjoyed over the past several months. Now, one of the downsides, as we were talking down here in the well of the House prior to session, is they do not really get a break. They literally came out of a special election and they are right back into a regular election, and that is not always the best in terms of time with your family. It is a challenge. But I encourage you to make time with your family. We appreciate your presence here today and recognize the important role that you played in the campaigns and the legislative efforts to follow.

And I hope, most importantly, that you take a moment to enjoy this day. It is very special. All the people back home in each one of your districts have trusted you and they have sent you here to be their voice. And one of the things that I have found is oftentimes up in this chamber, we agree on what the problems are; the debate and the discussion comes on how best to solve

them. You will quickly, I hope, find friends on both sides of the aisle, both Republican and Democrat, from east and west and north and south, here in this Commonwealth. I would urge you to rely on the diverse experiences and lives that we have all led. We are all here for very different reasons with one common thread, and that is for public service, and today is just the next step in that journey for each of you.

So I would like to now recognize the floor leaders for some additional remarks.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. Majority Leader Representative Benninghoff is recognized for some remarks.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Judge Toohil, it is very nice to have you here, and I think you gave eloquent comments as well. If you wanted to emulate a person that you might want to model your legislative career after, I think she is a good example of that in the fact that she has ascended into the judgeship is an affirmation by the people that live in her area.

I just wanted to welcome you, on behalf of the Republican majority caucus as well as myself. Really take in today as much as you can. It is kind of chaotic and kind of crazy, but there is nothing like your first day, and getting elected in a special election makes you even more special. But it is a great opportunity.

Whether you serve here a week or a month or 10, 20 years, it is truly an honor. I believe last time I looked, there are probably less than 34,000 people who have ever done this over the lifetime of this chamber, and that might sound like a big number, but you look at the fact that we live in a State of 13.8 million, we have been in existence for hundreds of years, you know, you are part of a pretty small group of people that have been given a very, very big task.

One of the difficult things sometimes is not being able to do everything everyone asks you, but any of you that have ever been a parent, you know that at times in life, you have to make those decisions, but at the end of the day, we try to make decisions which are on behalf of the Commonwealth as a whole.

The only other advice I would advise you to do is two things. One, as I tell a lot of young groups that come here, is everybody that comes here has an opinion, everybody is going to try to fix some of the problems that all of us said we were going to fix 20 years ago – sometimes the problems do not change, the faces do. But it is important to listen to other people's dialogue and their input and their thoughts, and it may not change your belief about the issue, and it surely may not change how you were going to vote, but you will learn something. You live in a very beautiful State, a very diverse State, and it is important that we learn about each other. And the second part of that advice is, get to know people on both sides of the aisle. We all have a story – some long, some short; some a little more exciting than others – but there are reasons why people are here, why they choose to serve here, why they choose to continue to run every 2 years. My friends say that: "How do you stand going through an interview for 9 months every 2 years?" I said, "Well, that's the process." And if you want to serve, you have got to earn that.

But this election is very exciting for you and the next one, in your reelection, is even more exciting, because that is an affirmation of your efforts from being here. So good luck to you. Godspeed to all of you. We have an open door. Feel free to talk with us and we would be glad to talk about different issues and share about from where you came, what is important to you, and we are here to be a guide.

Take care, and welcome to you and your families.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Democratic leader, Leader McClinton.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good morning, everyone. And a special good morning to our former colleague, Her Honor, Judge Toohil. It is so great to see you. The judge is my witness. Several months ago I told her she could not pursue anything else because she was one of the best members that I was able to work across the aisle with. So big salute to you, Your Honor. Thanks for coming back so quickly.

Now to the moment that we are all here for, a special election. Whether we are swearing in 203 members or whether we are swearing in 3, it is always a very important, significant moment in time and history. As the Speaker reminds me, not only are we the oldest legislative body in the nation, but we are the most continuous. Did I say it right? The longest serving. We have never had a pause. This is year 245. And for the three of you to be able to emerge in the middle of a special election – as it was noted, in the middle of an election year – it is absolutely awesome.

The Pennsylvania House Democratic Caucus is thrilled to welcome two members to ours, and certainly, we look forward to working across the aisle, because you have got a high standard now, you have got to step in for Toohil, so we are going to be working with you, Schnee. You got to take my calls, all right?

But seriously, this is a really significant time and a big moment because it is an opportunity to do good. We are continuously challenged on every front in our society, in each corner of the Commonwealth, from the east all the way to the west, our children are facing challenges that many of us who are millennials never faced. We have serious moments, and the exciting part is, you are here at what I like to call the most wonderful time of the year. Oh, it is budget season. So not only are you here at a good time, get ready to roll your sleeves up, because we need your energy, we need your ideas, and most importantly, the people across the Commonwealth, they want to know that good work happens in this building. They want to know that they do not just vote for folks and they sit and run for reelection, but that we are able to transform their lives by doing good together. We cannot do it on our own, so I encourage you to make friends on each side of the aisle. We are all here for one purpose, and sometimes when you get here and you are here so long, you look around and the splendor, even of this room, it fades on you, but today is a day that will not fade, because it is your first day at work.

Congratulations, and welcome.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Leader.

Once again, congratulations to our newest members.

This will conclude the official ceremony. The House will be temporarily at ease so, as Leader McClinton pointed out, our new members can take their seats assigned here on the floor and we can get down to the business of legislating. And that will also allow all the honored guests a little bit of time to exit the floor of the House here while we prepare for the next portion of session.

So congratulations. I look forward to working with each of you. As the leader said, feel free to stop in to our office any chance you get. I would love to hear your stories and the reasons why you ran for office. And while I read about them in the biography, the truth of the matter is, it is always better to have those kinds of personal discussions to understand a person's heart and their desire to serve. So congratulations.

This will conclude the special ceremony, and the House will be at ease.

The House will please return to order.

As the guests are off the back, we appreciate them all joining us here today.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will turn to leaves of absence. Are there any requests for leaves of absence?

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the Democratic whip, who also indicates that there are none.

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—203

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longietti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Shuwyer
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats

Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufe	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
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Farry	Labs	Rabb	
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

I, for one, am glad to see that number back on the board.

CONSUL GENERAL DAVID GILL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. We have another very special guest who will be addressing the chamber here momentarily. Please move any conversations off to the rear of the House.

Located to the left of the rostrum, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome the German Consul General in New York, David Gill.

With the Consul General are Consul Anton Klix and Joseph Brown.

Prior to assuming his current position in 2017, Consul General Gill served as State Secretary and chief of staff to the Federal President. After holding positions in the Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Office of Data Protection and Freedom of Information in Berlin, he served as Deputy Representative of the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany to the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Union. The Consul General studied law in Berlin and received his master of laws at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in 1998. Shortly thereafter, he completed an internship with the United States Congress. Consul General Gill grew up in a Protestant minister's family in Saxony, and he is married with two children.

I would like to invite Consul General Gill to approach the rostrum and address the House of Representatives.

CONSUL GENERAL GILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Honorable Representatives, ladies and gentlemen:

It truly is a great honor to speak to you, the Representatives of the people of Pennsylvania, this morning. I would like to thank

you all, and in particular, Speaker Cutler, and my friend, Representative Ryan Mackenzie, for the kind invitation.

And I would like to add my congratulations and the congratulations of Germany to the new members of the House. It is a great privilege to witness this wonderful ceremony.

The ties between Germany and Pennsylvania are unique and colorful. They go all the way back to the 1600s and yet are still very close and timely. Hundreds of thousands of Germans followed the 13 Mennonite and Quaker families who, in 1683, founded Germantown near Philadelphia. They shaped your State, its culture, and economy as Amish and/or Pennsylvania Dutch, German steelworkers, or farmers. They were entrepreneurs like John A. Roebing, who perfected wire rope, revolutionized bridge building, and in the end, designed the Brooklyn Bridge. Or Henry J. Heinz, who started with horseradish in Pittsburgh and brought Ketchup to the world. They built towns like Kutztown and Saxenburg.

Religious travelers from the small town Herrnhut in Saxony – where I grew up – came to Pennsylvania in 1741, founded Bethlehem with its Moravian congregation. And of course, there is General Steuben – or Steuben is how you would pronounce it. We Germans are as proud of him as you Americans are.

On the foundation of this rich history there are numerous partnerships between universities and research centers, and connections between sister cities like the one of Philadelphia and Frankfurt. The German State of North Rhine-Westphalia and Pennsylvania cooperate on a broad scope of topics, from education to emergency management. German companies are active in Pennsylvania too – big ones like the health supplier B. Braun, SAP software, the chemical company Evonik, or Bosch technological research; or many medium-sized companies, highly specialized in what they produce. And some of them have implemented apprenticeship programs, following the German model, to train their future workforce. What a wonderful connection.

Ladies and gentlemen, to stand in a legislative chamber is always something special for me. I grew up in a country there was no free parliament or no free election. This is the place where democracy is working, where debates are taken on, where Representatives of the people work and search for the common good. It is the place where a free, democratic society communicates and takes care of the participation of all of their members.

Today we stand witness to an atrocious assault on a free, democratic, independent European country. The war in Ukraine shows us how valuable – and at the same time, how vulnerable – the fundament of our free societies is: democracy, rule of law, human rights. We should neither take them for granted, nor should we be negligent with this treasure which is our way of life. And yes, democracy must be defended every single day in our countries and elsewhere.

The war reminds us also how important the unity of free and democratic countries against attacks on the free world is. Germany is grateful that the united transatlantic community stands together with Ukraine. The strength of the German-American and European-American cooperation over the last months is powerful and sends the right answer to the aggressor, Russia. And Germany is committed to do its share for defending the Western free world and our partners.

Let us further stand and work together as countries and as people. Let us strive for a fruitful and colorful exchange between Pennsylvania and Germany, for prosperous economic ties, and a common understanding of our joint democratic values.

Thank you for your attendance.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Consul General.

We will be temporarily at ease while we do some photographs.

The House will please return to order.

Turning to committee and caucus announcements.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will hold a voting meeting immediately at the break today in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building to consider HB 2104, as well as any other business that may come before the committee, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, some of that other business are three letters that we have drafted for the committee to consider for the PUC (Public Utility Commission) and for the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) related to regulatory overreach on both of their parts. So we will be considering those letters along with any other business and HB 2104 in G-50 immediately at the break, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will meet immediately at the break today in room G-50 of the Irvis Office Building.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. SAYLOR

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

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Republican members of the Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the Appropriations conference room.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. SAYLOR. And the Appropriations Committee will meet at 12:10 in the majority caucus room, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 12:10 in the majority caucus room.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Human Services Committee will hold a voting meeting

immediately at the break in room 515, Irvis. The purpose of the meeting is consideration of HB 1644, HB 2530, and any other business to come before the committee.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Human Services Committee will hold a voting meeting immediately at the break in room 515, Irvis.

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 1 o'clock in the majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 2 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 1 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 2 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 2:15 p.m.; further extended until 2:25 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 385, PN 3034 (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1123, PN 3030 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for definitions and for powers and duties of the commission; and establishing the Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1929, PN 2197 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for prohibited offensive weapons.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1960, PN 3035 (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax and providing for certifications and publications.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2209, PN 2976 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in land banks, further providing for legislative findings and purpose, for board, for powers and for disposition of property and providing for exemption from realty transfer tax.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2210, PN 2575 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of November 26, 2008 (P.L.1672, No.135), known as the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, further providing for definitions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2238, PN 2590 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665, No.155), known as the First Class City Home Rule Act, in general grant of powers and limitations, providing for term of office and limit for district attorney.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2271, PN 2634 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for the offense of sexual extortion.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2277, PN 2645 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for time for filing returns.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2464, PN 2978 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, providing for legal standing.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2525, PN 2979

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, providing for crime victim right of access.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

HB 1644, PN 3043 (Amended)

By Rep. FARRY

An Act establishing the Medicaid Care Transition Program and imposing duties on the Department of Human Services.

HUMAN SERVICES.

HB 2104, PN 3044 (Amended)

By Rep. METCALFE

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for decommissioning of alternative energy facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 2530, PN 3006

By Rep. FARRY

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare, providing for discontinuance of prudent payment.

HUMAN SERVICES.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2545 By Representatives BULLOCK, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ and DALEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, further providing for collective bargaining stalemate board of arbitration.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 26, 2022.

No. 2546 By Representatives BULLOCK, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ and DALEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, providing for notice to public prior to collective bargaining.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 26, 2022.

No. 2547 By Representatives BULLOCK, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ and DALEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, providing for issues excluded from collective bargaining.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 26, 2022.

No. 2548 By Representatives BULLOCK, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ and DALEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, further providing for determination of board of arbitration.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 26, 2022.

No. 2549 By Representatives BULLOCK, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ and DALEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, further providing for fees and costs associated with arbitration.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 26, 2022.

No. 2551 By Representatives BULLOCK, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ and DALEY

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, further providing for powers and procedures regarding arbitration.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 26, 2022.

No. 2552 By Representatives RADER, PICKETT, BROOKS, HENNESSEY, SMITH, COX, JAMES, KEEFER, GROVE, MILLARD, BERNSTINE, JOZWIAK, B. MILLER and ROWE

An Act repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to the former Mercantile License Tax System.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 26, 2022.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of two letters from the Independent Fiscal Office requesting actuarial notes for the following: HB 1671, PN 1874, as amended by amendment A04033; and HB 2010, PN 2310, as amended by A03679.

(Copies of communications are on file with the Journal clerk.)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2271, PN 2634**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for the offense of sexual extortion.

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 Tomlinson.

Members, please come to order and take your seats.

Miss TOMLINSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I would like to take a moment to recognize Lindsey's parents, Paul and Jeanette Piccone, who are seated in the gallery. They made the trip from Bucks County to be with us here today. Welcome, Paul and Jeanette.

Lindsey Piccone may not be a familiar name to many of you, but to me and my community, she is somebody we will never forget. Lindsey was a victim of sextortion, and for those of you who are not familiar, sextortion is when an individual demands sexually explicit photos or videos. If this individual does not get what they want, they often threaten violence of further exposure such as posting online.

In September of 2016, Lindsey received a Snapchat from an individual she did not know claiming that he already had pictures of her and demanded more. If she did not comply, he threatened to post the photos he claimed to have online and ruin her life.

Unfortunately – and it truly pains me to say this – Lindsey thought she had no other option. She sent the photos and went missing the very next day, leaving nothing but a note that said, "Before someone else ruins my life, I am ruining mine." In November 2016, Lindsey was found and soon laid to rest. However, the evil individual who did this to her was still unknown and free.

Fast-forward to June 2021, this man was finally caught and brought up on charges for similar offenses to other victims, some as young as 12 years old. Through that investigation, it was found that Lindsey was one of his victims as well. Unfortunately, there was no way to hold him accountable for what he did to Lindsey 5 1/2 years earlier. So today—

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady will please suspend.

Members, please take your seats. The Speaker has been notified that several members are having difficulty hearing the debate on the bill. The Sergeants at Arms will please clear the aisles. Members who are conversing in the back, please take those conversations off the floor.

You are in order and may proceed, Representative Tomlinson.

Miss TOMLINSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So today, in honor of Lindsey, I present HB 2271, which will add to the already existing law on sextortion, sentencing enhancements for predators whose abuse leads to serious bodily harm or death.

Before I close, I would like to ask my colleagues to keep Lindsey's family in your prayers, as well as the multiple victims who suffered at the hands of this predator. I would also like to commend the Bensalem Township Police Department, the Bucks County D.A., and the brave young women who reported him. Lindsey never received the justice she deserved.

So now I would ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote so that justice may be served in her name.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.
Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—180

Armanini	Galloway	Malagari	Rozzi
Benham	Gaydos	Maloney	Ryan
Benninghoff	Gillen	Markosek	Sainato
Bernstine	Gillespie	Marshall	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gleim	Masser	Sanchez
Boback	Gregory	Matzie	Sankey
Bonner	Greiner	McClinton	Sappey
Borowicz	Grove	McNeill	Saylor
Boyle	Guenst	Mehaffie	Schemel
Bradford	Guzman	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Briggs	Hamm	Mercuri	Schmitt
Brooks	Hanbidge	Merski	Schnee
Brown, A.	Harkins	Metcalfe	Schroeder
Brown, R.	Harris	Metzgar	Schweyer
Burns	Heffley	Mihalek	Shusterman
Carroll	Helm	Millard	Silvis
Causar	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Smith
Ciresi	Hershey	Mizgorski	Snyder
Conklin	Hickernell	Moul	Solomon
Cook	Howard	Mullery	Sonney
Cox	Irvin	Mullins	Staats
Culver	James	Mustello	Stambaugh
Curry	Jones	Neilson	Stephens
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Sturla
Davis, T.	Kaufert	O'Mara	Thomas
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Tomlinson
Deasy	Keefe	Oberlander	Topper
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Twardzik
Delloso	Kerwin	Owlett	Vitali
Delozier	Kim	Pashinski	Warner
DelRosso	Kirkland	Peifer	Warren
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Diamond	Knowles	Pickett	Welby
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Driscoll	Krueger	Polinchock	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kulik	Puskaric	White
Ecker	Labs	Quinn	Williams, C.
Emrick	Lawrence	Rader	Williams, D.
Evans	Lewis	Rapp	Young
Farry	Longietti	Rigby	Zabel
Fee	Mackenzie, M.	Roae	Zimmerman
Fitzgerald	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi	

Flood Freeman Fritz	Madden Major Mako	Rothman Rowe	Cutler, Speaker
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NAYS—23

Abney	Daley	Innamorato	Miller, D.
Bullock	Dawkins	Isacson	Otten
Burgos	Fiedler	Kinthead	Parker
Cephas	Frankel	Kinsey	Rabb
Covington	Herrin	Krajewski	Sims
Cruz	Hohenstein	Lee	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 978, PN 989**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records.

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 **HB 2496, PN 2992**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Agriculture and the Governor, to grant and convey to Wyoming County, certain lands and improvements situate in the Township of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Corrections and the Governor, to grant and convey to John Bradley Wimer, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.

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 559, PN 1592**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in access to public records during disaster declaration, further providing for definitions and for public records under Right-to-Know Law.

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 2086, PN 2972**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for operation of State-owned vehicles.

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 2412, PN 2973**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in the Governor as Commander-in-Chief, providing for use of Pennsylvania National Guard for special State duty; and making a related repeal.

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 2097, PN 2436**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for basic life support ambulances.

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

Mr. HAMM offered the following amendment No. **A03990**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Section 8133(b)(1) and (c)(1) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by striking out "(5)" and inserting subsection (c)(1)

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 5 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(c) Exceptions.—

(1) [The staffing requirements under subsection (b)(2) may be waived or adjusted at the department's discretion. The department shall permit an EMS agency to file for a waiver or exception from the staffing requirements under this subsection for extraordinary reasons as determined by the department on a case-by-case basis and in the best interest of the EMS system and patient care.] The minimum staffing requirements for a BLS ambulance when responding to a call to provide EMS is an EMS vehicle operator and an EMS provider at or above the level of an EMT. When present, an EMS provider at or above the level of an

EMT shall attend to the patient at the scene and during patient transportation.

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

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

Mr. HAMM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment, A03990, contains language to expand the current staffing exception in the bill to include the entire Commonwealth; therefore, both removing the case-by-case review by the department for individual waivers and making permanent the regulatory suspension for the next 3 years.

I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the 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—203

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longiotti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causser	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats

Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufner	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
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Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Webster
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DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling
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Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2159, PN 2667**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for laws suspended during emergency assignments; in general provisions, further providing for public access to procurement records; and, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for emergency procurement.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Ortity, has amendment 3785. He withdraws that one. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

And instead will be offering amendment 3962, which the clerk will read.

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

Mr. **ORTITAY** offered the following amendment No. **A03962**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 20, by inserting after "invoice" that is not required to be filed with the Treasury Department under section 1701(a) of the Right-to-Know Law
Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by striking out the period after "agency" and inserting or a single deputy of the head of the Commonwealth agency designated in writing to act on behalf of the head of the Commonwealth agency.

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 7 through 11, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(1) The following:

(i) there exists a threat to the safety, health or welfare of this Commonwealth; or

(ii) there exist circumstances outside the control of the purchasing agency that threaten substantial harm to the operations of the Commonwealth.

(2) The threat or circumstances under paragraph (1)

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 2 through 5, by striking out "A declaration of disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. §" in line 2 and all of lines 3 through 5 and inserting

(2) If the emergency procurement relates to a disaster emergency subject to a declaration of disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of Governor) in effect at the time the head of the purchasing agency makes the written determinations under this subsection, which declaration of disaster emergency is applicable and how the disaster emergency requires the use of the emergency procurement,

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "(2)" and inserting (3)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 10, by striking out "(3)" and inserting (4)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by striking out "(4)" and inserting (5)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 13, by striking out "(5)" and inserting (6)

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

(g) Designee.—The head of a purchasing agency may designate in writing a single deputy to act on behalf of the head of the purchasing agency under this section.

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

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

Mr. ORTITAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to offer amendment A03962 to HB 2159. When the bill passed out of the State Government Committee, we received feedback from State agencies, and this amendment is intended to address the main issues that were raised.

First, the amendment would require the emergency procurement invoices to be posted on the eMarketplace Web site if the invoice is not already being posted on the Treasury's contract database under the Right-to-Know Law. This is intended to reduce duplication of work.

Second, the amendment allows the heads of purchasing agencies and customer agencies to select a single deputy to act on their behalf for the purposes of emergency procurements. We all know that emergency situations can occur at any time of the day and they can be very time-sensitive, so it makes sense to have a second person as a backup to sign off on an emergency

procurement in case the agency head is not immediately available.

Third, the amendment allows an emergency procurement to be made when there are "...circumstances outside the control of the purchasing agency that threaten substantial harm to the operations of the Commonwealth." This is designated to reflect the fact that there can be time-sensitive situations like a leaking roof over a room full of servers, where an emergency procurement is appropriate.

Fourth and last, the amendment clarifies how a declaration of disaster emergency relates to an emergency procurement. If you have ever read a declaration of disaster emergency, they generally include a blanket statement that the declaration itself can serve as the written determination for an emergency procurement. This amendment requires that that written determination include an explanation of how the disaster emergency requires the use of the emergency procurement process. This is designed to make sure that a declaration of disaster emergency cannot be used to circumvent the procurement process.

Thank you, and I respectfully ask for a "yes" vote.
The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—119

Armanini	Gleim	Maloney	Rothman
Benninghoff	Gregory	Marshall	Rowe
Bernstine	Greiner	Masser	Ryan
Boback	Grove	Mehaffie	Sainato
Bonner	Hamm	Mentzer	Sankey
Borowicz	Heffley	Mercuri	Saylor
Brooks	Helm	Metcalfe	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hennessey	Metzgar	Schmitt
Burns	Hershey	Mihalek	Schnee
Carroll	Hickernell	Millard	Schroeder
Causar	Irvin	Miller, B.	Silvis
Cook	James	Mizgorski	Smith
Cox	Jones	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Jozwiak	Mustello	Staats
Davanzo	Kail	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
Day	Kaufer	O'Neal	Stephens
Delozier	Kauffman	Oberlander	Struzzi
DelRosso	Keefer	Ortitay	Thomas
DeLuca	Kerwin	Owlett	Tomlinson
Diamond	Klunk	Peifer	Topper
Dowling	Knowles	Pennycuick	Twardzik
Dunbar	Kulik	Pickett	Warner
Ecker	Labs	Polinchock	Wentling

Emrick	Lawrence	Puskaric	Wheeland
Farry	Lewis	Quinn	White
Fee	Longietti	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rigby	
Gaydos	Major	Roae	Cutler,
Gillen	Mako	Rossi	Speaker
Gillespie			

NAYS—84

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2449, PN 2864**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 10, 1968 (1967 P.L.925, No.417), referred to as the Legislative Officers and Employees Law, providing for electronic posting of expenses.

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

Mr. **GILLESPIE** offered the following amendment No. **A04105**:

- Amend Bill, page 1, lines 17 and 18, by striking out "the Chief Clerk of the Senate."
- Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by striking out "Senate and"
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "website" for any money appropriated specifically to and allocated under a specific symbol number for allowable expenses of members of the House of Representatives

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by striking out "Senate and"
Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

- (2) Travel expenses on legislative business, including:
 - (i) Mileage on session or nonsession days.
 - (ii) Miscellaneous transportation on legislative business and expenses of a similar nature.
 - (iii) Travel on legislative business by common carrier.
 - (iv) Car rental.
 - (v) Lodging, restaurant charges and other miscellaneous and incidental expenses while away from home.
- (3) Administrative, clerical and professional services for legislative business, including:
 - (i) Administrative and clerical services.
 - (ii) Professional services.
 - (4) Rent for legislative office space, purchase of office supplies, postage, telephone and answering services, printing services and rental only of office equipment.
 - (5) Official entertainment, including restaurant and beverage charges.
 - (6) Purchase of flags, plaques, publications, photographic services, books and other similar items in connection with legislative activities.
 - (7) Communications and donations in extending congratulations or sympathy of illness or death.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 15 through 17, by striking out all of lines 15 and 16 and "(2)" in line 17 and inserting

(1)
Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "incurred, submitted."

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 17 and 18, by striking out "and reimbursed"

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 19 through 21, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(2) To whom the expense was paid, the amount of the expense and the nature of the goods, services or other purpose for which the expense was made.

(3) The appropriation account from which the expense was made and the name of the individual requesting the expense and the name of the individual authorizing the expense.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 24 through 28, by striking out the colon in line 24, all of lines 25 through 27 and "Management Operations or" in line 28

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30 (d) The following shall apply:

(1) The House Bipartisan Management Committee may add or remove an item from the list of expenses required to be published under subsection (a).

(2) Any changes made to the list of expenses required to be published under subsection (a) under paragraph (1) shall be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(e) If the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives determines that a portion of the expenses or information provided under this section should not be provided, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives may redact that portion of the expenses or information.

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

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

Mr. GILLESPIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment will incorporate feedback from the Chief Clerk and the Controller for administering the program. I request an affirmative vote. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—168

Abney	Frankel	Major	Rowe
Armanini	Fritz	Malagari	Ryan
Benninghoff	Galloway	Markosek	Sainato
Bernstine	Gaydos	Marshall	Sanchez
Bizzarro	Gillespie	Masser	Sankey
Bonner	Gleim	McClinton	Sappey
Borowicz	Gregory	Mehaffie	Saylor
Boyle	Greiner	Mentzer	Schemel
Bradford	Grove	Mercuri	Schlossberg
Briggs	Guenst	Merski	Schmitt
Brooks	Guzman	Metcalfe	Schnee
Brown, A.	Hamm	Metzgar	Schroeder
Brown, R.	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Shusterman
Bullock	Harkins	Millard	Silvis
Burgos	Harris	Miller, B.	Sims
Burns	Helm	Miller, D.	Smith
Carroll	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Snyder
Causser	Herrin	Moul	Solomon
Cephas	Hershey	Mullery	Sonney
Ciresi	Hickernell	Mullins	Staats
Conklin	Hohenstein	Mustello	Stambaugh
Cook	Howard	Neilson	Stephens
Covington	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Struzzi
Cox	James	O'Mara	Sturla
Cruz	Jones	Oberlander	Thomas
Culver	Jozwiak	Otten	Tomlinson
Curry	Kail	Owlett	Topper
Daley	Kaufer	Parker	Twardzik
Davis, A.	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
Davis, T.	Kenyatta	Peifer	Warren
Day	Kerwin	Pennycuick	Webster
Deasy	Kim	Pickett	Welby
Delozier	Kinsey	Pisciottano	Wentling
DelRosso	Kirkland	Polinchock	Wheeland
DeLuca	Klunk	Puskaric	White
Diamond	Knowles	Quinn	Williams, C.
Dowling	Kosierowski	Rader	Williams, D.
Driscoll	Krueger	Rapp	Young
Dunbar	Kulik	Rigby	Zimmerman
Ecker	Labs	Roae	
Evans	Lewis	Rossi	Cutler,
Farry	Longietti	Rothman	Speaker
Fee	Madden		

NAYS—35

Benham	Flood	Lawrence	O'Neal
Boback	Freeman	Lee	Ortity
Davanzo	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rabb
Dawkins	Heffley	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
DeLissio	Innamorato	Mako	Samuelson

Delloso	Irvin	Maloney	Schweyer
Emrick	Keefer	Matzie	Vitali
Fiedler	Kinthead	McNeill	Zabel
Fitzgerald	Krajewski	Nelson, E.	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentlewoman, Representative Davis, has withdrawn amendment 3834? The Chair thanks the lady.

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2507, PN 2965**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in changes in records, further providing for death of registrant.

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

Mr. **CONKLIN** offered the following amendment
No. **A04114**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "may" and inserting shall
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "another source of official data on registered electors reported dead, such as"
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "or similar data sources"
Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by inserting after "utilize"
information obtained from State-licensed funeral home records, county coroner records, death certificates provided at the commission's office.

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

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

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this has been requested by the county commissioners, and I am proud to work with my cochair, the gentleman from York, that this is an agreed-to amendment. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Grove, on the amendment.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is agreed-to, and I appreciate the work of my Democratic chairman of the committee and his staff and my staff working on this important legislation to clean up voter rolls.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the good 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—203

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longietti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufner	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kinthead	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling

Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dowling	Klunk	Pennycuick	White
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Ecker	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Emrick	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Evans	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman
Farry	Labs	Rabb	
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2277, PN 2645**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for time for filing returns.

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 good gentleman, Representative Topper.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to support HB 2277 as we move our public policy in terms of our Tax Code into a better direction for our businesses of all sizes, so that they can actually pay on the taxes they collect as opposed to the accelerated sales tax model, which we suspended in the beginning days of COVID.

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.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—203

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longietti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causer	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufner	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kinthead	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling
Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dowling	Klunk	Pennyuck	White
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Ecker	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Emrick	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Evans	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman
Farry	Labs	Rabb	
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1123, PN 3030**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for powers and duties of the commission; and establishing the Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

The SPEAKER. I apologize. There is actually a technical amendment on this bill.

The Speaker is unclear if Representative Neilson or Representative Kauffman will be offering it. Representative Neilson, is it your amendment?

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Mr. **NEILSON** offered the following amendment No. **A04128**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "for" definitions and for

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 through 13, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Section 1 of the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended by adding a definition to read: Section 1. Definitions.

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

* * *

"Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same meaning as the term "peace officer" under 18 Pa.C.S. § 501 (relating to definitions).

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Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out "2" and inserting 3

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "3" and inserting 4

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a purely technical amendment. All it had to do was change one of the sentence orders in the legislation, and I would appreciate everyone's support on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the 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—203

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longiatti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufner	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kinthead	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling

Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dowling	Klunk	Pennycuick	White
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Ecker	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Emrick	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Evans	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman
Farry	Labs	Rabb	
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question,

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

Bill as amended 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 Neilson.

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A record high number of law enforcement officers in the United States died in the line of duty last year, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Sixty-two officers were killed by guns last year, a 36-percent increase from 2020. Most of them were killed with handguns; 19 who died after being ambushed. Four officers died from beatings, and two officers were fatally stabbed.

In today's environment, people are not so eager to provide information when it comes to crimes on other people. My legislation would establish the Constable William Davidson Reward Fund, who was the first law enforcement officer in Pennsylvania killed in 1825 in Pennsylvania, all the way out in Venango County.

As lawmakers, we need to show solidarity to our law enforcement officers, those who protect us as we sleep at home at night. This will send a stern warning to all offenders who commit such a heinous crime on our first responders. I ask you for an affirmative vote for HB 1123.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—187

Abney	Fee	Labs	Rader
Armanini	Fiedler	Lawrence	Rapp
Benham	Fitzgerald	Lee	Rigby
Benninghoff	Flood	Lewis	Roae
Bernstine	Frankel	Longietti	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Sainato
Boback	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Samuelson
Bonner	Galloway	Madden	Sanchez
Borowicz	Gaydos	Major	Sankey
Boyle	Gillen	Mako	Sappey
Bradford	Gillespie	Malagari	Saylor
Briggs	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Brooks	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
Brown, A.	Grove	Masser	Schnee
Brown, R.	Guenst	Matzie	Schroeder
Bullock	Guzman	McClinton	Schweyer
Burgos	Hanbidge	McNeill	Shusterman
Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Silvis
Carroll	Harris	Mentzer	Sims
Causer	Heffley	Mercuri	Smith
Cephas	Helm	Merski	Snyder
Ciresi	Hennessey	Metcalfe	Solomon
Conklin	Herrin	Metzgar	Sonney
Cook	Hershey	Mihalek	Staats
Covington	Hickernell	Millard	Stephens
Cox	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Struzzi
Cruz	Howard	Miller, D.	Sturla
Culver	Innamorato	Mizgorski	Thomas
Curry	Irvin	Moul	Tomlinson
Daley	Isaacson	Mullery	Topper
Davanzo	James	Mullins	Twardzik
Davis, A.	Jones	Mustello	Vitali
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Neilson	Warner
Dawkins	Kail	Nelson, E.	Warren
Day	Kaufer	Nelson, N.	Webster
Deasy	Kauffman	O'Mara	Welby
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Oberlander	Wentling
Delloso	Kerwin	Ortitay	Wheeland
Delozier	Kim	Otten	White
DelRosso	Kinhead	Owlett	Williams, C.
DeLuca	Kinsey	Parker	Williams, D.
Diamond	Kirkland	Pashinski	Young
Dowling	Klunk	Peifer	Zabel
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Zimmerman
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	
Emrick	Krueger	Polinchock	Cutler,
Evans	Kulik	Quinn	Speaker
Farry			

NAYS—16

Ecker	Krajewski	Puskaric	Rowe
Gleim	Maloney	Rabb	Ryan
Hamm	O'Neal	Rossi	Schemel
Keefer	Pennycuik	Rothman	Stambaugh

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1929, PN 2197**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for prohibited offensive weapons.

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 Causer.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill simply amends section 908, the section dealing with prohibited offensive weapons of the Crimes Code, to remove an archaic provision dealing with the definition of "offensive weapon," specifically cutting instruments which can be exposed in an automatic fashion. This is something that has been repealed by at least 23 other States, and I would ask for support for HB 1929.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker 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 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 indeed accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Abney	Fitzgerald	Lee	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Lewis	Roae
Benham	Frankel	Longietti	Rossi
Benninghoff	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rothman

Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bizzarro	Galloway	Madden	Rozzi
Boback	Gaydos	Major	Ryan
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillespie	Malagari	Samuelson
Boyle	Gleim	Maloney	Sanchez
Bradford	Gregory	Markosek	Sankey
Briggs	Greiner	Marshall	Sappey
Brooks	Grove	Masser	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guenst	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, R.	Guzman	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hamm	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schnee
Burns	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Carroll	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Causser	Heffley	Merski	Shusterman
Cephas	Helm	Metcalfe	Silvis
Ciresi	Hennessey	Metzgar	Sims
Conklin	Herrin	Mihalek	Smith
Cook	Hershey	Millard	Snyder
Covington	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cox	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Mizgorski	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Moul	Stambaugh
Curry	Irvin	Mullery	Stephens
Daley	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Davanzo	James	Mustello	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jones	Neilson	Thomas
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kail	Nelson, N.	Topper
Day	Kaufer	O'Mara	Twardzik
Deasy	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
DeLissio	Keefer	Oberlander	Warner
Delloso	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warren
Delozier	Kerwin	Otten	Webster
DelRosso	Kim	Owlett	Welby
DeLuca	Kinthead	Parker	Wentling
Diamond	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheeland
Dowling	Kirkland	Peifer	White
Driscoll	Klunk	Pennyquick	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, D.
Ecker	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Young
Emrick	Krajewski	Polinchock	Zabel
Evans	Krueger	Puskaric	Zimmerman
Farry	Kulik	Rabb	
Fee	Labs	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lawrence	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS-1

Quinn

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2238, PN 2590**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665, No.155), known as the First Class City Home Rule Act, in general grant of powers and limitations, providing for term of office and limit for district attorney.

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?

Is the gentleman, Representative Vitali, seeking recognition to speak on final passage?

Mr. VITALI. Yeah. I just wanted a brief explanation. I wanted to make sure all members were aware of this. I thought this possibly could be the subject of some controversy. I am just not sure. I just want to pause so we know what we are voting on.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman wish to speak on final passage?

Mr. VITALI. Oh, I am sorry. By way of interrogation, I wanted a brief – I was going to ask the maker to just give a brief explanation just in case it is controversial. It may not be. I just wanted to be sure.

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman indicates she will stand for brief interrogation.

You are in order and may proceed, Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Could you give us a brief explanation of the bill?

Ms. WHITE. Sure. This bill requires that the city of the first – any city of the first class in Pennsylvania and across this Commonwealth would be required to allow the district attorney to only serve two terms. And that applies currently, as well, to the district attorney currently serving in Philadelphia.

Mr. VITALI. So Krasner would be term-limited under your bill?

Ms. WHITE. That is correct.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Has the gentleman concluded his interrogation? He indicates he has. 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 good gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-115

Armanini	Gillen	Major	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Mako	Rossi

Bernstine	Gleim	Maloney	Rothman
Boback	Gregory	Marshall	Rowe
Borowicz	Greiner	Masser	Ryan
Boyle	Grove	Mehaffie	Sankey
Brooks	Hamm	Mentzer	Saylor
Brown, R.	Heffley	Mercuri	Schmitt
Burgos	Helm	Metcalfe	Schnee
Causser	Hennessey	Metzgar	Schroeder
Cook	Hershey	Mihalek	Silvis
Cox	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Smith
Culver	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Sonney
Davanzo	Irvin	Moul	Staats
Day	James	Mustello	Stambaugh
Delozier	Jones	Neilson	Stephens
DelRosso	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
DeLuca	Kail	O'Neal	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kaufner	Oberlander	Topper
Dowling	Kauffman	Ortitay	Twardzik
Driscoll	Keefer	Owlett	Warner
Dunbar	Kerwin	Peifer	Wentling
Ecker	Klunk	Pennycuick	Wheeland
Emrick	Knowles	Pickett	White
Farry	Labs	Polinchock	Williams, C.
Fee	Lawrence	Quinn	Zimmerman
Flood	Lewis	Rader	
Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rapp	Cutler,
Galloway	Mackenzie, R.	Rigby	Speaker
Gaydos			

NAYS—88

Abney	Delloso	Krueger	Rabb
Benham	Evans	Kulik	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Fiedler	Lee	Sainato
Bonner	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Samuelson
Bradford	Frankel	Madden	Sanchez
Briggs	Freeman	Malagari	Sappey
Brown, A.	Guenst	Markosek	Schemel
Bullock	Guzman	Matzie	Schlossberg
Burns	Hanbidge	McClinton	Schweyer
Carroll	Harkins	McNeill	Shusterman
Cephas	Harris	Merski	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Millard	Snyder
Conklin	Howard	Miller, D.	Solomon
Covington	Innamorato	Mullery	Struzzi
Cruz	Isaacson	Mullins	Sturla
Curry	Kenyatta	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Daley	Kim	O'Mara	Warren
Davis, A.	Kinkead	Otten	Webster
Davis, T.	Kinsey	Parker	Welby
Dawkins	Kirkland	Pashinski	Williams, D.
Deasy	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Young
DeLissio	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zabel

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2464, PN 2978**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, providing for legal standing.

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 good gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—170

Armanini	Galloway	Malagari	Rozzi
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Maloney	Ryan
Bernstine	Gillen	Markosek	Sainato
Bizzarro	Gillespie	Marshall	Samuelson
Boback	Gleim	Masser	Sanchez
Bonner	Gregory	Matzie	Sankey
Borowicz	Greiner	McClinton	Sappey
Boyle	Grove	McNeill	Saylor
Bradford	Guenst	Mehaffie	Schemel
Briggs	Hamm	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Brooks	Hanbidge	Mercuri	Schmitt
Brown, A.	Harkins	Merski	Schnee
Brown, R.	Harris	Metcalfe	Schroeder
Burns	Heffley	Metzgar	Schweyer
Carroll	Helm	Mihalek	Shusterman
Causser	Hennessey	Millard	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Miller, B.	Smith
Conklin	Hershey	Mizgorski	Snyder
Cook	Hickernell	Moul	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mullery	Sonney
Culver	Irvin	Mullins	Staats
Curry	James	Mustello	Stambaugh
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Stephens
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Kail	O'Mara	Sturla
Day	Kaufner	Oberlander	Thomas
Deasy	Kauffman	Ortitay	Tomlinson
Delloso	Keefer	Owlett	Topper
Delozier	Kerwin	Pashinski	Twardzik
DelRosso	Kim	Peifer	Warner
DeLuca	Klunk	Pennycuick	Warren
Diamond	Knowles	Pickett	Webster
Dowling	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Wentling
Driscoll	Krueger	Polinchock	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kulik	Puskaric	White
Ecker	Labs	Quinn	Williams, C.
Emrick	Lawrence	Rader	Williams, D.
Farry	Lewis	Rapp	Young
Fee	Longietti	Rigby	Zabel
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Roae	Zimmerman
Frankel	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi	

Freeman Major Rothman Cutler,
Fritz Mako Rowe Speaker

NAYS—33

Abney	DeLissio	Kenyatta	Nelson, N.
Benham	Evans	Kinkead	O'Neal
Bullock	Fiedler	Kinsey	Otten
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Kirkland	Parker
Cephas	Guzman	Krajewski	Rabb
Covington	Hohenstein	Lee	Sims
Cruz	Innamorato	Madden	Vitali
Daley	Isaacson	Miller, D.	Welby
Dawkins			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2525, PN 2979**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, providing for crime victim right of access.

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—160

Armanini	Gaydos	Markosek	Sainato
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Marshall	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gregory	Masser	Sanchez
Boback	Greiner	Matzie	Sankey
Bonner	Grove	McClinton	Sappery
Boyle	Guenst	McNeill	Saylor
Bradford	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schemel
Briggs	Harkins	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Brooks	Harris	Mercuri	Schmitt
Brown, A.	Heffley	Merski	Schnee
Brown, R.	Helm	Metzgar	Schroeder
Burgos	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schweyer
Burns	Herrin	Millard	Shusterman
Carroll	Hershey	Miller, B.	Silvis
Causer	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Sims
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Moul	Smith
Conklin	Howard	Mullery	Snyder
Cook	Irvin	Mullins	Solomon
Culver	Isaacson	Mustello	Sonney
Curry	James	Neilson	Staats
Davanzo	Jones	Nelson, E.	Stephens
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Kail	O'Mara	Sturla
Day	Kaufner	O'Neal	Thomas
Deasy	Kauffman	Oberlander	Tomlinson
Delloso	Kerwin	Ortitay	Topper
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Twardzik
DelRosso	Kinsey	Pashinski	Warner
DeLuca	Klunk	Peifer	Warren
Diamond	Knowles	Pickett	Webster
Dowling	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Welby
Driscoll	Krueger	Polinchock	Wentling
Dunbar	Kulik	Quinn	Wheeland
Ecker	Labs	Rader	White
Emrick	Lawrence	Rapp	Williams, C.
Farry	Longietti	Rigby	Williams, D.
Fee	Mackenzie, M.	Roae	Zabel
Flood	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi	
Freeman	Major	Rothman	Cutler,
Fritz	Mako	Rozzi	Speaker
Galloway	Malagari		

NAYS—43

Abney	DeLissio	Kenyatta	Parker
Benham	Evans	Kinkead	Pennycuik
Bernstine	Fiedler	Kirkland	Puskaric
Borowicz	Fitzgerald	Krajewski	Rabb
Bullock	Frankel	Lee	Rowe
Cephas	Gillen	Lewis	Ryan
Covington	Gleim	Madden	Stambaugh
Cox	Guzman	Maloney	Vitali
Cruz	Hamm	Metcalfe	Young
Daley	Innamorato	Miller, D.	Zimmerman
Dawkins	Keefer	Otten	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2209, PN 2976**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in land banks, further providing for legislative findings and purpose, for board, for powers and for disposition of property and providing for exemption from realty transfer tax.

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 Major.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 2209 was drafted as a request from land banks across Pennsylvania that we heard from during the Urban Affairs statewide blight tour last year. This bill allows land banks to establish a virtual quorum when they conduct their meetings online.

When COVID-19 hit and land banks were forced to meet virtually, their inability to establish a voting quorum made it impossible for them to continue their operations for an extended period of time. By allowing them to modernize and establish quorums through virtual platforms, we allow them to continue operating and doing the good work they do across the Commonwealth to fight blight.

Additionally, a committee amendment to my bill, which was taken from Representative's Freeman's HB 960, added housing for the homeless as a priority for land banks and allows them to establish partnerships and agreements to create housing for the homeless – a worthwhile addition to my bill.

I would ask you for a "yes" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Freeman, on final passage.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge a "yes" vote on HB 2209 and to express my thanks to the prime sponsor for including my language from HB 960 dealing with homelessness and the ability to use blighted properties by a land bank to address the issue of homelessness in our communities.

On any given day in Pennsylvania, anywhere from 13,000 to 15,000 individuals are homeless, and it is a major impediment to them being able to stabilize their lives, to find meaningful employment, to get the basics of life such as shelter in order to move forward with their lives and to become productive individuals in our society.

This language will enable land banks to enter into public-private partnerships to take some of those blighted properties, turn them around, work with developers, and provide the kind of housing that is necessary to give our homeless population a chance, a second chance to get back on their feet and to lead productive lives.

I urge a "yes" vote.

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—185

Abney	Fiedler	Longietti	Rigby
Armanini	Fitzgerald	Mackenzie, M.	Roae
Benham	Flood	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Frankel	Madden	Rowe
Bernstine	Freeman	Major	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Fritz	Mako	Sainato
Boback	Galloway	Malagari	Samuelson
Bonner	Gaydos	Markosek	Sanchez
Borowicz	Gillen	Marshall	Sankey
Boyle	Gillespie	Masser	Sappery
Bradford	Gregory	Matzie	Saylor
Briggs	Greiner	McClinton	Schlossberg
Brooks	Grove	McNeill	Schmitt
Brown, A.	Guenst	Mehaffie	Schnee
Brown, R.	Guzman	Mentzer	Schroeder
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mercuri	Schweyer
Burgos	Harkins	Merski	Shusterman
Burns	Harris	Metzgar	Silvis
Carroll	Heffley	Mihalek	Sims
Causser	Helm	Millard	Smith
Cephas	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Snyder
Ciresi	Herrin	Miller, D.	Solomon
Conklin	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cook	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Covington	Hohenstein	Mullery	Stephens
Cruz	Howard	Mullins	Struzzi
Culver	Innamorato	Mustello	Sturla
Curry	Isaacson	Neilson	Thomas
Daley	James	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Topper
Davis, A.	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
Davis, T.	Kaufner	O'Neal	Vitali
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Oberlander	Warren
Day	Kerwin	Ortitay	Webster
Deasy	Kim	Otten	Welby
DeLissio	Kinhead	Owlett	Wentling
Delloso	Kinsey	Parker	Wheeland
DelRosso	Kirkland	Pashinski	White
DeLuca	Klunk	Peifer	Williams, C.
Diamond	Kosierowski	Pennycuick	Williams, D.
Dowling	Krajewski	Pickett	Young
Driscoll	Krueger	Pisciottano	Zabel
Dunbar	Kulik	Polinchock	Zimmerman
Emrick	Labs	Quinn	
Evans	Lawrence	Rabb	Cutler,
Farry	Lee	Rader	Speaker
Fee	Lewis	Rapp	

NAYS—18

Cox	Irvin	Maloney	Ryan
Delozier	Jones	Metcalf	Schemel
Ecker	Kauffman	Puskaric	Stambaugh
Gleim	Keefer	Rothman	Warner
Hamm	Knowles		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2210, PN 2575**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 2008 (P.L.1672, No.135), known as the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, further providing for definitions.

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—174

Abney	Fee	Lee	Rader
Armanini	Fiedler	Longietti	Rigby
Benham	Fitzgerald	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Flood	Madden	Rozzi
Bernstine	Frankel	Major	Sainato
Bizzarro	Freeman	Malagari	Samuelson
Boback	Fritz	Markosek	Sanchez
Bonner	Galloway	Marshall	Sankey
Boyle	Gaydos	Masser	Sappey
Bradford	Gillen	Matzie	Saylor

Briggs	Gillespie	McClinton	Schlossberg
Brooks	Gregory	McNeill	Schmitt
Brown, A.	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schnee
Brown, R.	Guenst	Mentzer	Schroeder
Bullock	Guzman	Mercuri	Schweyer
Burgos	Hanbidge	Merski	Shusterman
Burns	Harkins	Metzgar	Silvis
Carroll	Harris	Mihalek	Sims
Causer	Heffley	Millard	Smith
Cephas	Helm	Miller, B.	Snyder
Ciresi	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Solomon
Conklin	Herrin	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cook	Hershey	Moul	Staats
Covington	Hickernell	Mullery	Stephens
Cruz	Hohenstein	Mullins	Struzzi
Culver	Howard	Mustello	Sturla
Curry	Innamorato	Neilson	Thomas
Daley	Irvin	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Davis, A.	Isaacson	O'Mara	Topper
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Twardzik
Dawkins	Kail	Oberlander	Vitali
Day	Kaufer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Webster
DeLissio	Kim	Owlett	Welby
Deloso	Kinhead	Parker	Wentling
DelRosso	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheeland
DeLuca	Kirkland	Peifer	White
Diamond	Klunk	Pennycuick	Williams, C.
Dowling	Kosierowski	Pickett	Williams, D.
Driscoll	Krajewski	Pisciottano	Young
Dunbar	Krueger	Polinchock	Zabel
Emrick	Kulik	Puskaric	
Evans	Labs	Quinn	Cutler,
Farry	Lawrence	Rabb	Speaker

NAYS—29

Borowicz	James	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Cox	Jones	Mako	Rowe
Davanzo	Kauffman	Maloney	Ryan
Delozier	Keefer	Metcalf	Schemel
Ecker	Kerwin	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
Gleim	Knowles	Rapp	Warner
Grove	Lewis	Roae	Zimmerman
Hamm			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 385, PN 3034**, entitled:

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

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 Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dunbar.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill originally passed the House last session unanimously. We reintroduced it earlier this year, where it gives tax forgiveness for PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans, as well as individual coronavirus credits to individuals.

It was put into the Fiscal Code in Act 1 of 2021. This bill was then amended in Approps today to switch that from the Fiscal Code into the Tax Code, as well as to provide for tax deferral of like-kind exchanges, which is section 1031, and gives the same treatment for Pennsylvania purposes as Federal purpose for that.

I would appreciate an affirmative 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.

(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 Speaker 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—203

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longiatti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
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	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney

Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufner	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefe	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kinhead	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling
Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dowling	Klunk	Pennycuick	White
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Ecker	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Emrick	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Evans	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman
Farry	Labs	Rabb	
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fiedler	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1960, PN 3035**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax and providing for certifications and publications.

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 Kail.

Mr. KAIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the number one problem preventing our job creators and investors from coming into Pennsylvania is our extremely high corporate net income tax rate. We have seen this locally in Beaver County. Royal Dutch Shell is investing \$8 billion in the county, and we are expecting lots of downstream

manufacturing opportunities. And over the course of the last 3 or 4 years, I have spoken with a lot of these investors and job creators and they have uniformly told me that one of the things preventing them from coming to Pennsylvania is our corporate net income tax.

Mr. Speaker, today we get to lower that tax. Today we get to tell job creators and investors that Pennsylvania is open for business. Mr. Speaker, quite simply, HB 1960 cuts the corporate net income tax from 9.99 percent to 8.99 percent, with the opportunity for additional cuts and net operating loss reforms. This is a measured approach that rewards growth and also allows us to have more cuts without further legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I have to tell you, a number of years ago when I decided to run – and still to this day – the reason I did so is very simple. I am one of seven children. I grew up in western Pennsylvania, and I saw my brothers graduate from college and spread across the country. They ended up getting jobs in places like Texas and Louisiana and Georgia – not because they wanted to, but because there was no opportunity in Pennsylvania.

And now, Mr. Speaker, my wife and I, we have eight children of our own, and we want to see a day when our kids can graduate high school or college or trade school, and they can pursue their opportunity to the fullest right here in Pennsylvania. That is what this bill is really all about, Mr. Speaker. It is about jobs, it is about families, it is about growth, it is about building a better Pennsylvania for our kids and grandkids.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Daley, on final passage.

Ms. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats and move the conversations off. We are nearing the end of the calendar. The Chair thanks the members.

You are in order and may proceed.

Ms. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So I am opposing this amendment and I would like to explain why. We all understand that Pennsylvania must take every opportunity to grow our economy and attract business. How do we do this? Well, one of the first things we should do is restructure our corporate taxes to make the Commonwealth more competitive, to attract and retain employers and workers and to ensure that Pennsylvania corporations are held harmless or get a tax cut.

While the corporate net income tax is not the biggest contributor to Pennsylvania's revenue picture, it is nonetheless extremely important, and considering that almost half of all corporate taxpayers in Pennsylvania conduct business only in Pennsylvania, we know that they will benefit from what has been proposed. Think about it. Our Pennsylvania corporations, our local employers, will be held harmless or get a tax cut if we pass legislation that reduces the corporate net income tax.

So currently the CNIT rate is one of the highest in the country – we all know that. Many businesses, especially corporations with a great deal of business out of State, are incentivized to avoid paying this tax by using various legal and corporate strategies to shift earnings out of State.

Right now we have no way of knowing if or to what extent that might be happening because we do not have access to the business activity in other States. It is like a black box, a loophole; sometimes called the Delaware loophole.

So the Governor, actually, has proposed gradually reducing the CNIT rate from the current 9.99 percent to 7.99 percent in 2023, and finally to 5.99 percent in 2027. This will make the Commonwealth a place where the businesses look to establish themselves and where they want to stay and grow. This change would have the greatest impact on Pennsylvania-based businesses.

So what makes the Governor's plan includes a way to pay different from what is being proposed is that the Governor has a way to pay for this tax cut, and it is add-backs. He wants to strengthen the add-backs by defining and adding the management fees that can be added to the current list of intangible expenses. He wants to utilize market-based sourcing so that if intangible property is leased or licensed in Pennsylvania and used in Pennsylvania, the sale is taxable in Pennsylvania. And he wants to establish an economic nexus by recognizing that having substantial nexus in the Commonwealth makes a corporation subject to tax.

Governor Wolf has consistently spoken of the importance of reducing the CNIT and creating a fair corporate tax, and I am proud to have been working with him on tax packages that would be fair to Pennsylvania corporate taxpayers.

The bottom line is that next year, when the CNIT is cut, if we follow the Governor's plan, over 95 percent of corporations will be held harmless or they will get a tax cut. That leaves only 5 percent of corporations that would have a higher tax bill. And that would be the corporate taxpayers who do business inside and outside of Pennsylvania.

I urge you to take a close look at this and vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Innamorato, on final passage.

Ms. INNAMORATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So what I love about this body is that there is no lack of creative ideas on how we can better serve our constituents. Since I have been here, we put forth proposals on, you know, how to build more affordable homes and address blight. We have talked about how we can address gun violence with meaningful programming. We talked about how we can provide paid family leave for all the residents here in Pennsylvania.

And I think when it comes down to it, these things do not get across the finish line because we say, how do we pay for it? How do we pay for these programs that actually impact the working people of Pennsylvania? And over time, corporate taxes have actually been providing a smaller share of General Fund revenue. In 1972 it was nearly 30 percent of the money that we brought into Pennsylvania, and last year that was cut nearly in half, to 15 percent.

Out of the 92,000 C corporations, tax filers in Pennsylvania, 61 percent pay zero, contribute zero dollars to our General Fund. If you add in people who pay less than \$10,000, you are at 91 percent of corporations. That does not sound like a fair tax structure to me. It does not sound like we are contributing equally to things that lift us all up and positively impact working people across Pennsylvania.

So when I look at bills like this, this looks like it is a present for Wall Street, not for our Main Streets in Pennsylvania. And I have seen, since my time in office, we have created loopholes for special interests and corporate giveaway programs that starve our public coffers of dollars we need in our communities, that our constituents are begging for back home.

So I urge us to stand with our Main Streets, to stand with working people in Pennsylvania and demand that we create a fair tax structure, and one that lifts all boats. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Grove, on final passage.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, Pennsylvania once again lost a Congressman – or Congresswoman – because of population loss. One might ask where that Congressional seat went. It went down south along 95 to North Carolina. North Carolina, it is a great State; it is a great State. I have a good friend there. He is actually the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He tells me all the time that he loves our tax policy in Pennsylvania. We should keep doing what we are doing. That 9.99 percent CNI rate helps them bring business to Pennsylvania. It brings our employees to Pennsylvania, those who pay taxes out of Pennsylvania down to North Carolina. He loves it.

He is not happy today. He is not happy because we are taking what has worked so well in North Carolina to grow jobs, grow population, and take corporations and businesses from other States and bring it to theirs. This is what they did, they cut the corporate net income tax. They did a rate cut. On top of that, they put the same plan in place. When you have excess revenues, surplus revenues, they used it as a model to continue to drive down the CNI. North Carolina is on the path to eliminate their corporate net income tax, and they will continue to grow jobs, to grow business, and to prosper as a State. It is a successful model.

Look at States where people are moving to. People are moving out of Pennsylvania. They are moving out of California. They are moving away from those high-tax States into lower tax, more economic freedom States. That is what this legislation does. It builds on those successful policies, successful policies that prove time and time again to grow population, grow tax spaces, grow jobs. Putting people back to work is a good thing. It is a healthy discussion. This is a good policy, a successful policy, a proven policy, Mr. Speaker, something we should all get behind because we know it will work.

So, Mr. Speaker, I stand today in support of HB 1960 to reduce the corporate net income tax and to continue to drive it down through successful policy as we gain revenue to continue to drive those tax rates down to ensure that our people here in Pennsylvania have good sustaining jobs and to take them from other States. God bless New Jersey – highest corporate net income tax State in the country. You do not think those New Jersey employers are going to be looking at this vote today? You do not think they are going to want to jump ship out of a State that continues to stifle the economy through bad policies? We are on the precipice in the Northeast to really drive the economy. Hopefully, we will get some better environmental policy moving forward to really unleash our environmental resources here.

But this is a great step in the right direction. I hope my colleagues support me in supporting this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We hear it all back home. All of us hear it all the time back home, why are you guys fighting all the time? Why cannot you ever agree on anything? Let us focus on what we can agree on here. I will read from Propel PA. "Pennsylvania has one of the highest Corporate Net Income Tax rates in the country, which

serves as an immediate 'stop' sign to companies looking to come here. We can cut taxes on employers creating good-paying jobs in the commonwealth by reducing the Corporate Net Income Tax...." That is from Propel PA. Guess what? We agree.

And also from Propel PA: "We can reward investments in high-tech, high-wage jobs by accelerating the Net Operating Loss Carry-Forward, allowing companies that invest in new technology to write off more of that investment on their taxes. Pennsylvania is one of only two states that cap the Net Operating Loss...." Guess what? We agree on that too. It is in this bill. Both of those issues are in that bill.

I know there are other issues. I know there are other things you would like to see. If you would look – until I heard in the Appropriations Committee when they talked about, well, the Governor's proposal reduces the CNIT lower than what this proposal is. If you look at what the revenue loss is from our proposal, this bill, it would be \$500 million over 2 years. The Governor's proposal would be \$220 million over 2 years. So what is truly helping companies more?

Let us focus on what we can agree on. And I will leave you with one quote that my dear friend from the other side of the aisle had mentioned recently in a newspaper article: "It's Republicans...who are standing on the sidelines, gloom and doom, with no idea how to change the trajectory of this bus that they have been given a majority to run."

Guess what, Mr. Speaker? The bus is ready to move. Come on board. Give us a "yes" vote on HB 1960. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Napoleon Nelson, on final passage.

Mr. N. NELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate this bill. I appreciate the maker. I kind of appreciate the conversation, and to many of you guys, you would have loved it if you were in the Finance Committee when we talked about this bill and the last couple bills that we have had. We actually had an awful lot of both robust discussion, agreement; in fact, this amendment and this bill were both discussed. And I think what was missing from it all was we were trying to move even lower than this. We were actually trying to address what corporations throughout Pennsylvania actually need.

We were talking about a much more progressive corporate net income tax reduction that would have gotten our businesses far more in line with where New Jersey is or North Carolina. They are lower than us. They are lower than this. If you had the opportunity, then put forward something that is that much more competitive. But we also would have made sure that we closed all of the loopholes that most of our largest businesses that are taking advantage of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians are making use of right now. When we would have told those businesses that Pennsylvania is open for business, when they say, what do you mean? We would not say, well, we went from 9.9 to 8.9.

We would have told them that we would have had a progressive tax policy that makes sense, that we were ensuring that we were educating our workforce that made the most sense to them, that we were raising the revenues needed to provide the health care and insurances the residents needed in Pennsylvania so that they had the quality workforce. We talked about net operating losses, which is actually the focus point of the bill that we are actually debating today. All of those were the conversations that we had in that Finance Committee. You would

have loved it. It was amazing. And then somehow, I think about 2 hours ago, that conversation was cut short. Somehow 2 hours ago a portion of what we were working on agreement on is added to a bill, the rest of it, all of those things that I mentioned, those areas that I said when businesses ask, what do you mean we are open for business, that portion was left on the side. So what we are really saying is, we are kind of abdicating our responsibilities so that we can hurry up and pass something that we can tell you we are open for business for, because most important is not the substance; it is not, what do you mean? It is at least being able to say, Pennsylvania is open for business because we just cut our corporate net income tax.

I am still actually – I am in favor of, and I would encourage many of us to vote "yes" on this bill for final passage. But, man, you would have really enjoyed that Finance Committee. You would have really enjoyed the bill that we are still hopefully going to work on, the legislation that really is actually good to propel PA forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the comments and the recommendations.

There is so much more that we can do if we actually allow the agreement to happen. Do not allow the conversation to pull out the pieces that we are going to add to our messaging. Let us actually provide businesses with what they need so that they can come to Pennsylvania; that the workers that they are looking for will be here; that we can afford to ensure everyone has housing, the education they need; that they have a minimum wage that makes sense and that we can ensure that those businesses that are providing that have the supports that they are going to look for from this Commonwealth. That is what being open for business really looks like, Mr. Speaker. That is what the Finance Committee was talking about.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, both for your leadership and where we were going in the Finance Committee. We almost got there. Apparently, we ran out of time.

Again, please do vote "yes" on this bill, and please stay tuned for what is coming next so that our businesses actually get the answers they need instead of the talking points. Thank you.

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

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I heard a sermon recently in church about tithing, you know, that talks about tithing 10 percent, and the Pastor said, God is not taking 10 percent, he is letting you keep 90 percent, 90 percent of the blessings. Sometimes I think in this building we think that all the money that the people of Pennsylvania have belongs to government and we just let them keep some of it. And that is wrong, Mr. Speaker.

The reason that most corporations and most employers pay 3.07 percent is because we now have LLCs (limited liability companies) which we did not have 30 years ago. The reason that 61 percent of the LLCs do not pay any tax is because they are pass-throughs to the individual owner who then does pay 3.07 percent, a flat tax. Revenues for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we just heard this week, are at all-time highs. Revenues for the Federal government, Mr. Speaker, are 18 percent higher than they were 2020; that is \$627 billion more. It is an all-time high.

How much, Mr. Speaker, of the money do the people of this country get to keep? How much do the people of Pennsylvania get to keep of the money that they earn? And by the way, when you earn it, you pay taxes on it. When you go spend it on most

things in Pennsylvania, you pay tax on it. When you buy a house or sell a house, you pay taxes on it. When you put it away to save it and it goes up, you pay tax on it. And in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, when you die, Mr. Speaker, you pay taxes on it, the first dollar. This is not our money. This is the people of Pennsylvania's money. And corporate taxes on the Federal level were up 75 percent.

Mr. Speaker, when I first got here, I had met with a group that told me that we should raise taxes on cigarettes because the higher we tax something, the less of it will be. So if we tax smoking, less people will smoke. Well, guess what? We are taxing productivity. We are taxing job creation. And there is less of it. Pennsylvania has a crisis, a crisis in demographics. We do not have businesses coming here to create jobs.

Just in the "State of the Union" speech, the President talked about the "field of dreams" in Ohio, our neighboring State – \$20 billion investment from Intel. Anyone want to guess what Ohio's corporate net income tax is? Zero.

Mr. Speaker, I urge us to pass this bill. Let us get jobs back in Pennsylvania. This is a great first step. Cut the corporate net income tax and bring jobs to Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing no other members seeking recognition, we will turn to the leaders now.

The gentleman, Representative Bradford, is in order and may speak on final passage.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the author of the legislation please stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will.

You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not want to take the bus analogy too far, but I want to take the bus in reverse for a couple minutes here. You may recall on January 24, we came in front of this body on this very bill, and some of us offered an amendment to cut the CNI to 6.99 percent; I believe a 300-percent increase of what is currently proposed in front of us today. And again, we do not talk about amendments that are no longer in front of us, but tell me how you arrived at 8.99 and why you were opposed. And why, with the exception of one brave gentleman from Delaware County, your caucus took a very different position just 3 months ago?

Mr. KAIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I actually believe that this is a very measured approach that we are taking. It is something that rewards growth with the approach that we are taking, and I think this is just the first step to more cuts as we go forward, and as we see that the more tax cuts that we have, it is actually going to draw more people here to the Commonwealth, add more revenue to the Commonwealth, and we are going to feel more comfortable about cutting more taxes as we go forward.

Mr. BRADFORD. So the good gentleman from Westmoreland said we should come together and do big things and come to agreement. So do we agree that 6.99 is better than 8.99?

Mr. KAIL. And we also have to take under consideration, because of the limits from the Federal government with the COVID dollars, that we are hamstrung in that regard as well.

Mr. BRADFORD. And let me ask you specifically, what is your understanding of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and how limited do you believe we are in this budget year?

Mr. KAIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your patience.

A letter from Mr. Thall, the Budget Secretary for the Governor, Governor Wolf, noted to our Appropriations chairman that for the fiscal year 2022-23, the figure – the amount that we could cut – the figure could range from \$49 billion to \$55 billion. This would make the de minimis threshold for tax reductions range from \$490 million to \$550 million. So that is the range that we are operating under, and this bill actually allows around \$400 million for tax cuts projection. But we want to make sure that we are taking a measured approach and we want to make sure that it is meaningful and that we can see more growth because of the cuts and have more cuts going forward and feel confident about that as we see the growth happening in the Commonwealth.

Mr. BRADFORD. So I would ask the gentleman as a follow-up, what do you believe a 1-percent cut in the CNI will cost annually?

Mr. KAIL. The figure is \$400 million, but that is not a dynamic stat. It is going to eventually add to more revenue over time because we are going to see growth. The more we cut, the more people come to the Commonwealth over the course of years, the more revenue we will have because more people are here. If we can grow the pie effectively, down the road we are going to see more revenue, more growth, more jobs, and more opportunity for our kids and grandkids.

Mr. BRADFORD. No, now I am glad the gentleman has embraced dynamic scoring, because I believe there is something to be said for growing the economy with these tax cuts, but I would correct the gentleman. I do not believe a 1-percent cut in CNI would cost \$400 million. I believe you—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend. Have you concluded your interrogation?

Mr. BRADFORD. I have not. I am actually—

The SPEAKER. Then I would encourage—

Mr. BRADFORD. —trying to correct the gentleman and following up—

The SPEAKER. —the question to be in order, as opposed to commentary.

Mr. BRADFORD. What would a 1-percent—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend. The Speaker was not done yet.

The commentary is more appropriate for the debate of the bill. The question should be direct so that the gentleman can respond.

I would just encourage the gentleman to stick to the questions at this point, and then there will be plenty of time for commentary thereafter.

Mr. BRADFORD. And again, I do not mean to correct the gentleman, but you would concede now that it does not cost \$400 million to cut 1 percent off the CNI. Is that correct?

Mr. KAIL. No, Mr. Speaker. I would just note that all of this information was stated in the budget hearings that you were in attendance at. And all of this—

Mr. BRADFORD. Painfully so.

Mr. KAIL. —was gone over with the Secretary, and I think we are all on the same page as to reasons why we are doing this.

Mr. BRADFORD. Right. And again, I do not mean to be redundant, and respecting the admonition of the Speaker, what does a 1-percent cut in the CNI cost?

Mr. KAIL. I have answered this question, Mr. Speaker, respectfully.

Mr. BRADFORD. Respectfully, it costs \$98.6 million.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Again, have you concluded your interrogation?

I would also caution the gentleman that if the gentleman had the figure, the purpose of interrogation is solely for evaluating the bill and items that you do not know. That seemed like a very specific figure that you may have known. I would encourage you to stick to the questions that you do not know the answers to, or conclude your interrogation and proceed on to commentary on the bill, please, sir.

Mr. BRADFORD. And the Speaker would understand the need for a predicate factual basis for a question.

So my point is, when the gentleman said—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Once again, there was not a question contained in that.

The House will be temporarily at ease while the gentleman comes to the rostrum.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium)

The SPEAKER. The House will return to order.

We will return to the interrogation on HB 1960 by the gentleman, Representative Bradford.

As a reminder to all of the members – the Speaker alluded to it previously – interrogation is for the purpose of determining answers to questions that you do not already know the answer to. I would ask that all speakers do their best to abide by the rules and ensure a fluid – and hopefully, quick – conclusion of the debate.

You are in order and may proceed, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The gentleman referenced his relatives that moved to the good States of Texas, Georgia, and Louisiana, and referenced their business climate as the reason for their attractiveness. Is the gentleman aware of what their CNI rate is?

Mr. KAIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is true that I had siblings leave this Commonwealth because there was not opportunity here, and my guess is that amongst this audience, there are many siblings and brothers, sisters, kids, grandkids, that had to leave this Commonwealth because of the tax policy that we have been driving here in this Commonwealth for the past 60 to 70 years. This is an opportunity to change that. This is an opportunity to vote to cut these taxes. It is an opportunity to vote for jobs, for families, and for growth, and if you do not want to vote for it, vote "no," but if you do want to vote for tax cuts, vote "yes."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I am done with interrogation.

Mr. BRADFORD. So the gentleman, would he tell me if he knew what the tax rate was in Texas?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend. I believe the gentleman has concluded the interrogation. The gentleman, Chairman Bradford, however, is able to speak on the final passage of the bill, should he so wish.

Mr. BRADFORD. Texas, a zero percent CNI – no, no, I asked if the gentleman knew what the CNI rate was.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Members, as we work through this debate, Chairman Bradford does deserve to be heard. We do not need some kind of soliloquy between the members and the speakers. So please let us maintain order. Move the debate along.

The gentleman is in order, and you may proceed.

Mr. BRADFORD. Texas has something called combined reporting. They have a zero percent CNI. Georgia has a 5.75; Louisiana, 7.5. Now, I say that not to correct the gentleman, because he did not actually tell me anything. He dropped the mike

with a soliloquy that I think stood for the proposition that the bus ran out of gas. I would tell you that on January 24, when the opportunity for the gentleman to put a 6.99 CNI in the bus, he walked away that day, too, and so did almost every member of the majority caucus.

No, sometimes facts are a darn thing. January 24 stands out as one of those days, because sometimes our Republican friends talk a good game on tax cuts. But sometimes the Democrats beat them to the punch, and this is one of those rare times, because some of us, thanks to something – and the good gentleman from York referenced North Carolina – the very add-back language that we proposed to couple with the CNI reduction, as we did on January 24, is exactly what pro-growth North Carolina did. They cut their CNI, they grew jobs, and like the soliloquy from the good gentleman from Washington, they said, we are open for business. Because, see, some play rhetoric; others have put up the votes. House Democrats have shown that we can cut the CNI rate, that we do not have to walk away from Pennsylvania business when the rhetoric gets too harsh, because the simple reality is, they have got no plan to do it.

And let us ask why. I do not want to question anyone's motives, but if the Governor and others have put a 4.99 percent CNI rate on the table, why would anyone suggest, as this bill does, that we go from 9.99 to 8.99? And I have asked our friends in the accounting field and the business community, and you know what they said? Almost universally, they said, well, you have to understand, Matt, if you are already paying zero, any CNI rate is higher than what you are paying.

So we are going to tell people that the big stop sign at the border that my good friend referenced, we are going to tell the business community, the 95 percent that are paying too much, that you are going to continue to have to pay more in taxes than the 5 percent that we know that are cheating. And to the 5 percent that are paying this artificially low tax rate, let us say, how can we get you on board? How do we get you on the bus – like the good gentleman from Westmoreland – how do you get them on the bus? You cannot get them on the bus. You know why? Because no amount of taxes is less than zero. These folks have outshored all of their assets out of Pennsylvania.

And who is defending that 5 percent of businesses at the expense of 95 percent of Pennsylvania job growers – job producers, as my friends like to call them? They are supposed friends in business. They are so beholden to the 5 percent that they will keep Pennsylvania from growing the way it needs to do, because House Democrats do have something called Propel PA and the good gentleman from Westmoreland would be wise to read all of the tax implications. The EITC (earned income tax credit), which the good gentleman from Cumberland County talks about, is also in Propel PA.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

EITC is not in the bill; neither is Propel PA. I just encourage the good gentleman to please stay on the topic, HB 1960, and the underlying tax changes contained therein.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentlewoman, Leader McClinton, rise?

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The previous speakers opened up the door and named these things by name with specificity, and we are continuing the

conversation, simply responding. They both did. They named Propel PA and read from a press release, some sort of documentation, with all of our proposals encompassed within it.

The SPEAKER. My apologies, Leader McClinton. I did not recognize it as part of a press release that you may have put out; I will be sure to go back and review it, however. But I would just urge the gentleman to stay within the confines of that, and my understanding is that he did mention the term "Propel PA" but it was in general terms, as related to the CNI piece. I would just encourage the good gentleman to please stay on that component part and not whatever other parts might be there.

You are in order and may proceed.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I will not dwell on Propel PA, but if I can at least address what the gentleman raised – dependent care tax credit, earned income tax credit, retirement security, and paid sick leave – because if we are going to do corporate tax relief, as the good gentleman from Montgomery mentioned and our colleague from Allegheny, then not just the corporations that may or may not pay their tax, but the workers who work for those corporations should share in the prosperity. It is that simple. We do not mention it as a distraction or a diversion, but for an honest discussion for what we should, because I believe there are common interests and common things we could agree on.

Remember it was the House Democrats who put the CNI in play. It is the House Democrats who said with add-backs we can cut taxes far lower than this 8.99. It is House Democrats who showed the way that says if the 5 percent of tax dodgers do what is right, the 95 percent can grow and prosper. And to the fine language of the gentleman from Washington, who has obviously seen population hemorrhage from western Pennsylvania, counties throughout Pennsylvania losing population, there are some of us in the southeast, where we have got a lot of job creators that will be benefited by NOL (net operating loss) reform, who will be benefited by a CNI reduction, who will be benefited by investing in infrastructure and growing jobs and keeping population here.

The gentleman, in his soliloquy before he dropped the mike, he brought up those topics, and he is right to. We have to worry about why we are losing all of this population. We are proposing a plan that would cut taxes in a targeted way, that would bring employees forward. Mr. Speaker, your proposal only goes halfway, and yet, surprisingly, House Democrats – at least the vast majority of us – are going to vote for this today despite all of the craziness that has come with it, because some of us actually want to get something done in this place, because the guy driving the bus is too busy worrying about credit and has forgotten his way.

The bus driver, as it were, does not seem to understand there are some of us who are saying, hey, we can do 6.99; we can probably do 4.99; we can do add-backs like the Representative from York said, like North Carolina did. We can grow population. We can do this. And there are some of us who are going to stand up to those on the far left and the far right and are actually going to argue that this is the time for job growth. We have the dollars in the bank. We have the ability to grow this economy, but that discussion has to involve not just the corporations, but those who are working for it. It has to talk about not just the workers, but the kids in those schools. It needs to talk about how we grow this economy. And what we have seen this afternoon is that those that would obstruct and prevent that

discussion from happening are on the side of those 5 percent who are not doing right by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With that, I ask for those in the middle who actually want to grow this economy to vote for this – not because 8.99 is where this discussion needs to end; it is where it needs to begin. We need to go further, further in terms of add-backs, further in terms of CNI reduction, further in terms of NOL and how we grow this economy in Pennsylvania. Today was not Pennsylvania putting its best foot forward, but House Democrats are going to show that we are going to meet you halfway. Hopefully, the driver of the bus recognizes that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Leader Benninghoff, for remarks on final passage.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know it is a little after 4:30 and probably nothing magical I am going to say, but I would like to share a few thoughts, because at the end of the day, this seems like a no-brainer to me. This is number eight of an eight-bill package that this chamber has voted on to try to address issues here in Pennsylvania regarding taxation, and that is a good thing. And yes, many of those bills did pass in a bipartisan manner. And regardless of who wants to pretend like they are the bus driver or those who want to take credit for things, I think at this point, it is about trying to do the right thing, and that is help grow our economy.

Frankly, I want to see Pennsylvania's economy on fire. I want to see us working hard. But I do want to make a distinction: Government does not create jobs. It has good policy, by the specific language in a bill or tax policy itself, and that is our job, to be the lawmakers. We want a business environment here that is encouraging, taking advantage of our natural geographic advantages, our higher institutions of education, and building a workforce as we have seen in the past. Last year's budget, we made sure we put money in for vocational-technical training, and we will continue to do the same thing. It is my hope that we create a place where businesses in other States look at us and say, wow, Pennsylvania is the place I want to be. They are on fire. Frankly, I coined a phrase that says, "I want to see Pennsylvania be the envy of the East," and that is not just the east of our own State, but the east of this country.

We have put forth many bills, and we are providing that opportunity. We ask you to join us in voting on them. I have been talking about CNI reduction, as many of our members have, for several years. It is not a new concept drafted up by this Governor or anybody that may support his initiative. But this bill before us not only lowers the corporate net income tax, but also makes it a little bit simpler and fairer as we continue to try to address our business climate here in Pennsylvania, as some of the other business bills that we did would help out smaller businesses. We have talked about our corporate net income tax being at 9.99 percent – and we said it and it is worthy to say it again – one of the highest not only in the country, but across the world. We are in international competition for jobs, international competition for business. You only have to go on the Internet to look what our corporate net income tax is, and any prospective business is not going to want to come here.

I think lowering this rate is a glowing sign to business; frankly, it is the crack in the levy. While I would love to be able to cut it in half today, I am also about responsible governing.

But I do want to remind – from the previous testifier's comments – the Pennsylvania Chamber opposed what was put out by the Governor earlier this year, and they also opposed the proposal that the minority Appropriations chairman was talking about, because they know when you use cute words like "add-backs," that is a disguise for added taxes. Add-backs equal added taxes. It is a backdoor approach. It is not right.

I reflect back on a conversation I had with our executive director of the State Chamber last year when he said, Kerry, just give us a 1-percent reduction and we will show you what we can do as business. It will be a great start. It is a great message. Well, today is that day for us to do that. As we have said, lowering that rate ensures that we can do it, and it does it in a responsible way and it is something that we can afford, and I think that is important. Commit no harm in future budgeting by being smart today.

I also want to remind the members who may be debating whether they want to support it or not, we have a trigger in there that should the Secretary of Budget certify a surplus of over \$500 million in next year's budget, it is reduced again by another half a percent, and the following year again. Today is the beginning; it is not the end. We are looking to move forward with this in an aggressive manner to do that, and I would ask that it be done in a bipartisan manner.

So frankly, Mr. Speaker, this is about family-sustaining jobs created by those business owners. More importantly, it takes away the old practice of creating advantages and disadvantages by making special tax provisions trying to entice people in. Over the last 5 or 10 years, you see other States that are trying to make all these tax breaks or special things for only a particular organization. We want to do something more broad-based to attract more businesses. After what has happened in the last 2 years – the devastation of some businesses being shuttered, shut down, and almost destroyed, in some cases, and in many of your areas, these businesses did not come back – this should be a breath of fresh air, a shining light, because all businesses, large and small, deserve to thrive and have the ability to thrive and not be squashed by government themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I will not belabor the discussion. It is time to put up the vote. We ask for a bipartisan vote on HB 1960 that will open up Pennsylvania, let people know we mean business, lower this rate. This is the beginning, not the end. I look forward to a unanimous 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.

(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—195

Abney	Freeman	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi
Armanini	Fritz	Madden	Rothman
Benninghoff	Galloway	Major	Rowe
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mako	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Gillen	Malagari	Ryan
Boback	Gillespie	Maloney	Sainato
Bonner	Gleim	Markosek	Samuelson
Borowicz	Gregory	Marshall	Sanchez
Boyle	Greiner	Masser	Sankey
Bradford	Grove	Matzie	Sappey
Briggs	Guenst	McClinton	Saylor
Brooks	Guzman	McNeill	Schemel
Brown, A.	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Brown, R.	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schmitt
Bullock	Harkins	Mercuri	Schnee
Burgos	Harris	Merski	Schroeder
Burns	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Carroll	Helm	Metzgar	Shusterman
Causser	Hennessey	Mihalek	Silvis
Cephas	Herrin	Millard	Sims
Ciresi	Hershey	Miller, B.	Smith
Conklin	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Snyder
Cook	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Moul	Sonney
Cruz	Irvin	Mullery	Staats
Culver	Isaacson	Mullins	Stambaugh
Curry	James	Mustello	Stephens
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Sturla
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Thomas
Dawkins	Kaufer	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Topper
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Twardzik
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Vitali
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warner
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Warren
DelRosso	Kinhead	Parker	Webster
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Welby
Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Wentling
Dowling	Klunk	Pennycuik	Wheeland
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Ecker	Krueger	Polinchock	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kulik	Puskaric	Young
Evans	Labs	Quinn	Zabel
Farry	Lawrence	Rader	Zimmerman
Fee	Lewis	Rapp	
Fitzgerald	Longietti	Rigby	Cutler,
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Roae	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS—8

Benham	Daley	Innamorato	Lee
Covington	Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2275, PN 2977**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **DAWKINS** offered the following amendment
No. **A04022**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by inserting a bracket before "in"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by inserting a bracket after "class"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by inserting a bracket before "IN"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by inserting a bracket after
"CLASS"

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. **DAWKINS**. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I stand today in support of A04022. This amendment essentially would extend concurrent jurisdiction to every county that has an active task force operating in that county, which essentially means the same resources that we are allocating for the city of the first class, we want to extend that same courtesy to all the counties that currently have a task force. And I hope the members support to bring these additional resources to your county that has a task force. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the prime sponsor, Representative White, on the amendment.

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

As previously discussed yesterday, this amendment is opposed and I ask for a "no" vote. As formerly mentioned, again, this bill specifically pertains to Philadelphia, and that is the goal of the legislation. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes the 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—90

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

NAYS—113

Armanini	Gregory	Masser	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Mehaffie	Ryan
Bernstine	Grove	Mentzer	Sankey
Boback	Hamm	Mercuri	Saylor
Bonner	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schemel
Borowicz	Helm	Metzgar	Schmitt
Brooks	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schnee
Brown, R.	Hershey	Millard	Schroeder
Causser	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Silvis
Cook	Irvin	Mizgorski	Smith
Cox	James	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Jones	Mustello	Staats
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
Day	Kail	O'Neal	Stephens
Delozier	Kaufer	Oberlander	Struzzi
DelRosso	Kauffman	Ortity	Thomas
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Tomlinson
Dowling	Kerwin	Peifer	Topper
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuik	Twardzik
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Labs	Polinchock	Wentling
Farry	Lawrence	Puskaric	Wheeland
Fee	Lewis	Quinn	White
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rader	Williams, C.
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rapp	Zimmerman
Gaydos	Major	Rigby	
Gillen	Mako	Roae	Cutler,
Gillespie	Maloney	Rossi	Speaker
Gleim	Marshall	Rothman	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **DAWKINS** offered the following amendment No. **A04008**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Sections 6105(d.1) introductory paragraph and (3) and 6111(d.1) introductory paragraph and (3) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by inserting a bracket before "in"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting a bracket after "force"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by inserting a bracket before "IN"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by inserting a bracket after

"FORCE"

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. **DAWKINS**. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I rise in support of amendment A04008. Simply put, if this is such a great idea for the city of the first class, why are we not allowing our other counterparts throughout the 67 counties to participate in this wonderful initiative to provide additional services to areas in need? So I would hope that you would want to bring back these resources to your community, to your elected D.A.s, to ensure they have all the tools and all the resources to ensure that they can do their jobs effectively. So I would hope you will support your local D.A.s and have them have additional resources for their fight.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative White, on the amendment.

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

I also oppose this amendment. The bill is narrowly tailored to apply solely to Philadelphia. The Attorney General's Office needs the concurrent jurisdiction here, and unfortunately, we need his authority to make sure that the currently not-prosecuted crimes from the district attorney in Philadelphia are being prosecuted so that criminals can be taken off our streets across our city, and our priority right now is the city of Philadelphia. It is our largest city across this Commonwealth. We need to ensure that the people there are safe, and that is why I, again, oppose this amendment. The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association is also opposed to this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the lady.

The gentleman, Representative Rabb, is recognized on the amendment.

Mr. **RABB**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am actually here just to piggyback on my colleague from Philadelphia. I am a little confused, as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, why we would target a specific county if the data shows that there are other counties that have similar issues irrespective of the size of those populations. My colleague from Philadelphia County has made the point of let us look at the data. He is not speaking from passion or conjecture. He is just sharing the data and has a substantive amendment that just says that whether it is urban, rural, suburban, or exurban, let us tackle the issue. Let us provide the resources. That is what my colleague is saying.

And I understand that there is opposition to the amendment, but I want to be on record for just saying that there lacks consistency. Now, we are not supposed to judge the motives of our colleagues. That would be inappropriate. And I am not standing here doing that, but I can say definitively that it is inconsistent. If you are saying this is a problem because the per capita death rate due to gun violence is really high, then why would we not want to provide the same resources in rural communities? Why should one county benefit and others be ignored?

We are not district lawmakers. We are State lawmakers. So if we see a problem, that my colleague from Philadelphia County has laid out, this is not opinion; this is fact. And gun violence transcends all of these things. And I would just say to my colleagues, if you care about gun violence, if you care about prosecuting the bad guys, if you care about concrete solutions, follow the data. And why would you not support an amendment – for those of you who represent rural communities or communities outside of major metro areas – if the problem is the same? Just because it is a smaller scale does not mean it does not have value.

We all have value, and I encourage you all to support my colleague's amendment on this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing no one else seeking recognition, the Chair will recognize the prime sponsor of the amendment for the second time.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Not to belabor that point, but the speaker mentioned about safety, why this is only being tailored to the city of the first class is because we want to protect the citizens and take criminals off of the streets. That would imply that there is no crime outside of the city of the first class. That would imply that those families do not deserve to be safe outside of the city of the first class.

When it comes to budgetary issues, I do not remember sending all the money to Philadelphia. I do not remember our school systems getting all the resources we need to fight back some of these issues we are facing as it relates to poverty, which leads to gun violence. So if we are going to have this stance, that a city of the first class is the one that we want to put our resources towards, how about we put the other resources that go along with these issues to ensure that we do not have this problem in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the good gentleman.

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Bradford	Fiedler	Kulik	Sainato
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Lee	Samuelson
Brown, A.	Frankel	Longietti	Sanchez
Bullock	Freeman	Madden	Sappery
Burgos	Galloway	Malagari	Schlossberg
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Carroll	Guzman	Matzke	Shusterman
Cephas	Hanbidge	McClinton	Sims
Ciresi	Harkins	McNeill	Snyder
Conklin	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Covington	Herrin	Miller, D.	Sturla
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Daley	Innamorato	Neilson	Webster
Davis, A.	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Welby
Davis, T.	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Otten	Young
Deasy	Kinhead	Parker	Zabel
DeLissio	Kinsey		

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Benninghoff	Greiner	Mehaffie	Ryan
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Boback	Hamm	Mercuri	Saylor
Bonner	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schemel
Borowicz	Helm	Metzgar	Schmitt
Brooks	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schnee
Brown, R.	Hershey	Millard	Schroeder
Causer	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Silvis
Cook	Irvin	Mizgorski	Smith
Cox	James	Moul	Sonney
Culver	Jones	Mustello	Staats
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
Day	Kail	O'Neal	Stephens
Delozier	Kaufer	Oberlander	Struzzi
DelRosso	Kauffman	Ortitay	Thomas
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Tomlinson
Dowling	Kerwin	Peifer	Topper
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuick	Twardzik
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Labs	Polinchock	Wentling
Farry	Lawrence	Puskaric	Wheeland
Fee	Lewis	Quinn	White
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **DAWKINS** offered the following amendment No. **A04009**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Sections 6105(d.1) introductory paragraph and (3) and 6111(d.1) introductory paragraph and (3) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting a bracket before the colon after "force"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after "force:"

], a county that has a population of at least 51,000 but less than 53,000 based on the 2010 Federal decennial census and a county that has a population of at least 13,000 but less than 15,000 based on the 2010 Federal decennial census;

Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by inserting a bracket before the colon after "FORCE"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by inserting after "FORCE:"

], a county that has a population of at least 51,000 but less than 53,000 based on the 2010 Federal decennial census and a county that has a population of at least 13,000 but less than 15,000 based on the 2010 Federal decennial census;

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

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

Mr. **DAWKINS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I rise in support of A04009. Based on the last two amendments, we talked about statewide was too big because, again, the numbers in the city of Philadelphia reach a certain capacity that calls for this particular initiative. Well, we have two counties that are right behind the city of the first class, which are Wayne County at 17 percent and Fulton County at 17 percent per capita. The city of the first class is 19 percent. So are we telling ourselves that 2 percent, 2 percent separates these two other counties, that they are not qualified to have this concurrent jurisdiction? They are not qualified to have these additional resources? They are not qualified to have all these great things we keep talking about that concurrent jurisdiction would do? Because based on what we are hearing, we are going to solve our gun crisis with this concurrent jurisdiction. But 2 percent is separating us from Wayne County and Fulton County, which happen to be on the other side of the State, which means it is not just an east problem, it is a State problem around gun violence. So if we are going to be serious about this issue, how can we ignore these two counties that separate us by 2 percent?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

I hear a lot about per capita. I want everybody in this room to understand that the State's average assaults by firearm rate was 41.7 offenses per 100,000 in 2019. The 5 counties with the highest total assaults by firearm rates in 2019 were Philadelphia at 172.2; Dauphin County, 48.1; Allegheny, 45.7; Delaware, 42.7; and Lackawanna, 37.7. That is over three times the number in Philadelphia versus these other counties.

I beg of you to please oppose this amendment that only serves to hurt people who need the help the most here in this Commonwealth, who are suffering from violence and gun crimes

in the city of Philadelphia. And I thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for hearing me out today.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dawkins, for the second time on your amendment.

Mr. **DAWKINS**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am not sure if we are missing this critical point: What I am proposing is not an "or"; it is an "and." Why can we not do both? Why is it that we only have to segregate out the city of the first class and ignore everyone else throughout this Commonwealth as if we cannot do both? The notion that we sit here and say that we are willing to only help Philadelphians – I wonder why we are not helping the entire State when we have the resources to do so.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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—90

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Benham	DeLuca	Kosierowski	Pisciottano
Bizzarro	Driscoll	Krajewski	Rabb
Boyle	Evans	Krueger	Rozzi
Bradford	Fiedler	Kulik	Sainato
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Lee	Samuelson
Brown, A.	Frankel	Longietti	Sanchez
Bullock	Freeman	Madden	Sappery
Burgos	Galloway	Malagari	Schlossberg
Burns	Guenst	Markosek	Schweyer
Carroll	Guzman	Matzie	Shusterman
Cephas	Hanbidge	McClinton	Sims
Ciresi	Harkins	McNeill	Snyder
Conklin	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Covington	Herrin	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cruz	Hohenstein	Mullery	Vitali
Curry	Howard	Mullins	Warren
Daley	Innamorato	Neilson	Webster
Davis, A.	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Welby
Davis, T.	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Williams, D.
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Gillespie	Maloney	Rossi	Speaker
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Frankel, has amendment 4083. The Chair has been informed the gentleman wishes to withdraw that amendment. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Daley has amendment 4091. The Chair also has been informed that that amendment is withdrawn. The Chair thanks the lady.

Representative Sanchez has amendment 4093; withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Schweyer has amendment 4090. The Chair understands that amendment has also been withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Zabel has amendments 4087 and 4088. My understanding is that those amendments are also withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Craig Williams has amendment 4107, which has been withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Bullock has amendment 4089, which has also been withdrawn. The Chair thanks the lady.

Representative Briggs has amendment 4076. It is the Chair's understanding that amendment has been withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

And amendment 4079 – I apologize, Representative Sanchez, I am coming back to you – that one is also withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Which leaves us with amendment 4142 by the gentleman, Representative Craig Williams.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment
No. A04142:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "FIREARMS" and providing for Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the first class
Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:
§ 6129. Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the first class.

(a) Establishment.—

(1) A joint local-State firearm task force is established in each city of the first class, which shall be known as the Gun Violence Task Force.

(2) The Gun Violence Task Force shall be under the authority of the Attorney General.

(b) Powers and duties.—

(1) The Gun Violence Task Force shall investigate and prosecute violations of sections 6105 (relating to persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms) and 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms), and similar offenses under Federal law, in a city of the first class.

(2) The Gun Violence Task Force shall initiate prosecutions only in a Federal or State court located in a city of the first class.

(3) The Gun Violence Task Force may utilize investigatory teams under subsection (e).

(c) Composition.—

(1) The Gun Violence Task Force shall include, at a minimum:

(i) The Attorney General or deputy attorneys general.

(ii) Members of the office of the district attorney in a city of the first class.

(iii) Law enforcement officers of the Attorney General.

(iv) Law enforcement officers of a city of the first class.

(v) Law enforcement officers of the Pennsylvania State Police.

(2) The Gun Violence Task Force may include, as determined by the Attorney General:

(i) Federal law enforcement officers.

(ii) Other Commonwealth law enforcement officers located in a city of the first class.

(iii) Other local law enforcement officers located in a city of the first class.

(iv) Campus police officers located in a city of the first class.

(v) Transit agency police officers located in a city of the first class.

(d) Funding.—The Gun Violence Task Force shall be funded from annual General Fund appropriations to a joint local-State firearm task force in a city of the first class. Funding shall be under the control of the Attorney General.

(e) Investigatory teams.—The Attorney General may empanel individualized investigatory teams that work in conjunction with and under the purview of the Gun Violence Task Force.

(f) Notice.—Each law enforcement agency that is a member of the Gun Violence Task Force shall notify the Gun Violence Task Force of any arrest or other criminal action or proceeding involving an alleged violation of section 6105 or 6111 within 48 hours of the arrest or of instituting the action or proceeding.

(g) Preemptive jurisdiction over certain offenses.—

(1) The Attorney General may assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction over any criminal actions or proceedings, including proceedings for the forfeiture or condemnation of property under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 58 (relating to forfeiture of assets), for which the Attorney General has

jurisdiction under section 6105 or 6111.

(2) Any assertion of preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this subsection shall be within the sole discretion of the Attorney General, who shall consider the totality of the circumstances in deciding whether to assert that jurisdiction, including:

(i) Whether the alleged violation of section 6105 or 6111 is the lead charge and the severity of any other offense charged in conjunction with the alleged violation of section 6105 or 6111.

(ii) The criminal history record information of the alleged offender, including whether the offender was previously convicted of an offense under this chapter.

(iii) Whether the Gun Violence Task Force was involved in the investigation of the alleged violation of section 6105 or 6111.

(iv) Whether the Gun Violence Task Force has sufficient resources to prosecute the alleged offender.

(v) Whether the alleged offender utilized a firearm during the commission of a felony.

(vi) Whether the alleged offender is involved or associated with the sale, manufacture, distribution or delivery of any controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance in violation of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

(vii) The impact of the alleged offense on the victim or the community.

(viii) Whether the alleged offender's commission of the offense violated the terms and conditions of a sentence or bail bond.

(ix) Any other relevant or aggravating circumstances that would tend to support the assertion of preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction.

(3) The Attorney General may not assert preemptive prosecutorial discretion under this subsection if the offender unlawfully possessed a firearm during the commission of murder of the first degree or second degree or a crime of violence, as that term is defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 9714(g) (relating to sentences for second and subsequent offenses), unless upon written request by the Philadelphia Police Commissioner.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), in cases in which the Attorney General asserts preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this subsection, no other prosecuting entity for the Commonwealth shall have authority to act, except as authorized by the Attorney General. No person shall have standing to challenge the authority of the Attorney General to prosecute the cases, and, if any challenge is made, the challenge shall be dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of this Commonwealth to the entity making the challenge.

(5) The Attorney General may not assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this subsection in a case where jurisdiction also exists in a county other than a county of the first class unless the Attorney General requests in writing to the district attorney in the county other than the county of the first class to assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction and the district attorney in the county other than the county of the first class accepts the request in writing.

(6) Any grant of jurisdiction to the Attorney General under section 6105 or 6111 shall be exclusive to the Gun Violence Task Force.

(7) The provisions of this subsection shall expire December 31, 2025.

(h) Annual reports.—

(1) By October 1 of each year, the Attorney General shall make an annual report on the operation of the Gun Violence Task Force to:

(i) The Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

(iii) The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

(iv) The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

(2) Each report under this subsection shall contain the following information for the previous fiscal year regarding the Gun Violence Task Force:

(i) The number of members, per agency, serving on the Gun Violence Task Force.

(ii) The total number of arrests in a city of the first class for alleged violations of section 6105 or 6111, including separately the total number of arrests by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(iii) The total number of bills of information filed for alleged violations of section 6105 or 6111, including separately the total number of bills filed by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(iv) The total number of convictions resulting from prosecutions under subparagraph (iii), including separately the total number of convictions resulting from prosecutions by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(v) The sentences imposed for each conviction under subparagraph (iv), including separately the sentences imposed for each conviction resulting from a prosecution by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(vi) The number of firearms seized by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(vii) A summary of expenditures, including any money appropriated for the Gun Violence Task Force in a previous year that is carried over or unspent.

Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The addition of 18 Pa.C.S. § 6129 shall take effect in 90 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that this is a late-filed amendment and the gentleman, Representative Craig Williams, would need to make a motion to suspend the rules. Does the gentleman wish to make that motion?

I simply urge the gentleman to stick to the motion and not get into the substance of the underlying amendment until after the suspension has been made.

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

Amendment 4142 is a technical amendment to amendment 4132, which was filed late today. I would ask for a motion under rule 77 to suspend the rules so we can consider this amendment today.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Benham	Gillen	Malagari	Sainato
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Maloney	Samuelson
Bernstine	Gleim	Markosek	Sanchez
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Abney	Driscoll	Kinthead	Nelson, N.
Brown, A.	Evans	Kinsey	Otten
Bullock	Fiedler	Kirkland	Parker
Cephas	Fitzgerald	Krajewski	Pisciottano
Conklin	Frankel	Lee	Rabb
Covington	Harkins	Madden	Rozzi
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Craig Williams, has amendment 4142 and is currently before the House. Will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Craig Williams.

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

Amendment 4142, which has been worked on by both sides of this chamber and the Attorney General's Office, will establish in the city of the first class a Gun Violence Task Force as a means of effectuating the underlying concurrent jurisdiction over gun crimes involving prior felons in possession and unlawful transfers under 6105 and 6111 of our State's code.

In addition to that, we will get a report back from the Attorney General's Office for the number of arrests relating to those two crimes alone in the city of the first class, Philadelphia, and the number of indictments and charging instruments, the convictions, and the number of sentences. We have added provisions to this that sunsets it at the end of this epidemic, if you will, of gun violence, and I ask for an affirmative vote on 4142.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dawkins, on the amendment.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the gentleman stand for quick interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will, and you are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you very much.

Could you explain what is the main difference between this proposal of a task force and the one that is currently in place through the District Attorney's Office?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Thank you. That is an outstanding question. The current task force that is in place from the Attorney General's Office, which is allowed for in the Fiscal Code of Pennsylvania, is right now with no statutory structure whatsoever, and as a consequence, the Attorney General's Office at the moment is predominantly using it to investigate and trace guns recovered at crime scenes rather than prosecuting criminals. This amendment – agreed to, again, by both sides of the aisle and in the Attorney General's Office – sets up a task force that will include the District Attorney's Office of Philadelphia, allows the U.S. Attorney's Office of Philadelphia to participate, the Philly PD's (police department) office, the State Police, the Federal agencies of Philadelphia, and the Commissioner of the Philly PD. That task force together will receive reports of gun arrests that occur in the city and decide jurisdictionally who is going to prosecute those gun crimes that I mentioned earlier.

Mr. DAWKINS. What is the additional revenue that is going to be allocated to this particular task force, considering you mentioned a number of things that are going to happen in conjunction with what has currently happened, so what is that number that is going to be allocated to this particular task force?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Thank you. Another great question. Right now the Attorney General is a line item in the Fiscal Code and gets \$6.8 million for what is characterized as a joint State task force, which he has recharacterized as a Gun Violence Task

Force. That allocation will be used for this Gun Violence Task Force. All of the other members of the task force are employees of other agencies already in place, so there is no additional revenue required.

Mr. DAWKINS. So the \$6.8 million is not going to change, we are just going to be using the other departments', I guess, workforce to work in collaboration with this task force, correct?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. That is exactly right.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you.

In addition, so to that point, if the \$6.8 million is not going to change, why do we need an additional task force to ask those other departments to currently work on this task force that is already in place?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Because last year there were 561 homicides in the city of the first class. Last year 501 of those were committed with a firearm. Last year 41 of those homicides were children – children – killed in the city of the first class. I am a former assistant United States attorney, a Federal prosecutor, and specifically, a gun prosecutor, and I know – and you and I have had this conversation – that there are many things that we need to do, but one very effective tool in dealing with violence is prosecution. This idea is to bring the Attorney General's Office to bear as a third arm of prosecution so that we have more D.A.s, A.D.A.s, assistant United States attorneys, and Deputy Attorneys General to come to bear on the problem of violence in Philadelphia.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you.

Do you have those stats for both Wayne and Fulton Counties as well?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. I know that they do not come anywhere near 500 homicides as they did in Philadelphia. I know they do not come anywhere near the dozens to now hundreds of carjackings that are occurring in Philadelphia – to include, I might add, a United States Congresswoman.

Mr. DAWKINS. So that is a no?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. That is a no.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you. So if we do not have any of these other stats that— well, let me – on the bill, if I may?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order. If you have concluded your interrogation, you may speak on the amendment.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a proud Philadelphian, I am troubled by this assertion that we are going to single out one particular office, one particular individual, if I may. Philadelphia has a certain grit about it, and it reminds me that we do not always get to choose family. And when I look at elected officials on a local level and on a State level and on a Federal level that represent Philadelphia, I feel like it is a family. And due to the fact that we do not get to pick our family, I find it troubling when we have individuals who are not from the city of the first class bringing these issues to the forefront without real inclusion from those who live in the first class.

I may not agree with everything that our current district attorney may do or does not do, but I also did not run for that office. And I always give the deference to those who do the work day in and day out, the same way I would not want our district attorney to tell me how to do my job or to restrict my ability to do what I believe is best. We have an election every 4 years for that particular office, and last I checked, he got over 70 percent of that elected base when he ran for reelection.

Who are we, who are we to choose winners and losers in this body? So I am going to stand opposed to this particular amendment. I am opposed to this idea that we are only going to have a concurrent jurisdiction in the city of the first class and ignore everyone else in the entire Commonwealth of these resources or this collaboration that is not costing any additional money – based on the speaker's testimony – that we should be able to do this in other counties and it would not cost a dime. Something to think about when you go back home.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Bullock, on the amendment.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to know if the maker of the bill would stand for interrogation.

The SPEAKER. The maker of the amendment indicates he will stand for interrogation. You are in order and may proceed.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Speaker, the maker of the bill stated in his remarks that the—

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady will please suspend.

What is your point of order?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Am I under interrogation or are we making a speech to the Speaker?

The SPEAKER. That is not a proper point of order; however, I do actually have a question myself, Representative Bullock. Did you wish to interrogate the original maker of the bill or the maker of the amendment, because you referred to the bill?

Mrs. BULLOCK. The amendment.

The SPEAKER. The amendment. Okay. I just wanted to make sure we had the right person at the microphone. I apologize.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. You may state your question.

Mrs. BULLOCK. You referred to the sunset of this particular amendment being with the ending of the epidemic of gun violence. Has gun violence been identified as an epidemic in Philadelphia officially?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. No. I was making a colloquial form of speech. It sunsets with the concurrent jurisdiction, which is the underlying bill, at 3 years, which was an agreement with your side of the aisle.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Okay. So what is that date again? I am sorry, I do not have the bill in front of me – or the amendment in front of me.

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. What is today's date?

Mrs. BULLOCK. The date that this would sunset.

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. I believe it is at the end of 2025.

Mrs. BULLOCK. And may I ask, how was that date arrived at?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. By agreement with your caucus.

Mrs. BULLOCK. May I ask again what was the consideration?

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. You would have to ask your leader. I agreed to that date by agreement with your caucus.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have no further questions for the maker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Do you wish to speak on the amendment itself?

Mrs. BULLOCK. Yes, please.

The SPEAKER. You are in order and may proceed.

Mrs. BULLOCK. So I rise again in opposition to this particular amendment, agreeing with the gentleman from Philadelphia that as we look at solutions to gun violence in the city of Philadelphia, there are many ways in which we can address that. I am concerned that much of this amendment and the underlying bill were drafted with a particular purpose, even considering the particular date, to align with the current D.A. and not looking at the entire issue of gun violence in our community, and again to remind folks that this particular district attorney, although all of us may not agree with his policies, was voted in by the voters of Philadelphia not once, but twice. And if we are to respect the votes of Pennsylvanians, the votes of Philadelphians, we should do that here as well.

Thank you very much.

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

Seeing no further individuals seeking recognition to speak on the amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—151

Armanini	Gillespie	Malagari	Sankey
Benninghoff	Gleim	Markosek	Sappey
Bernstine	Gregory	Marshall	Saylor
Bizzarro	Greiner	Masser	Schemel
Boback	Grove	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Bonner	Guenst	Mentzer	Schnee
Boyle	Guzman	Mercuri	Schroeder
Bradford	Hamm	Metzgar	Schweyer
Brooks	Hanbidge	Mihalek	Shusterman
Brown, R.	Heffley	Millard	Silvis
Burns	Helm	Miller, B.	Smith
Carroll	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Snyder
Causser	Hershey	Moul	Solomon
Ciresi	Hickernell	Mullery	Sonney
Cook	Hohenstein	Mullins	Staats
Cox	Howard	Mustello	Stambaugh
Culver	Irvin	Neilson	Stephens
Davanzo	James	Nelson, E.	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Sturla
Day	Kail	O'Neal	Thomas
Delloso	Kaufner	Oberlander	Tomlinson
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Topper
DelRosso	Keefer	Owlett	Twardzik
DeLuca	Kerwin	Pashinski	Vitali
Diamond	Kim	Peifer	Warner
Dowling	Klunk	Pennyuck	Warren

Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Webster
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Welby
Ecker	Krueger	Quinn	Wentling
Emrick	Kulik	Rader	Wheeland
Evans	Labs	Rigby	White
Farry	Lawrence	Rossi	Williams, C.
Fee	Lewis	Rothman	Williams, D.
Flood	Longietti	Rozzi	Zabel
Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Ryan	Zimmerman
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Sainato	
Galloway	Major	Samuelson	Cutler,
Gaydos	Mako	Sanchez	Speaker
Gillen			

NAYS—52

Abney	Davis, A.	Kenyatta	Miller, D.
Benham	Dawkins	Kinkead	Nelson, N.
Borowicz	Deasy	Kinsey	Otten
Briggs	DeLissio	Kirkland	Parker
Brown, A.	Fiedler	Krajewski	Pisciottano
Bullock	Fitzgerald	Lee	Puskaric
Burgos	Frankel	Madden	Rabb
Cephas	Harkins	Maloney	Rapp
Conklin	Harris	Matzie	Roae
Covington	Herrin	McClinton	Rowe
Cruz	Innamorato	McNeill	Schlossberg
Curry	Isaacson	Merski	Sims
Daley	Jones	Metcalf	Young

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

For the information of the members, there will be no further floor votes this evening.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Knowles, rise? Committee announcement, I presume.

Mr. KNOWLES. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. KNOWLES. Mr. Speaker, there will be a voting meeting of the Local Government Committee tomorrow morning at 9:30 in room 523 of the Irvis, and we will be voting on HB 1462, HB 2116, HB 2253, HB 2428, and anything else that comes before the committee.

Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be a voting meeting of the Local Government Committee tomorrow morning at 9:30 in room 523, Irvis Office Building.

**AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Final reminder: Agriculture and Rural Affairs voting meeting tomorrow morning, 9:30, 515 Irvis Office Building, to take up HB 2520, HB 2157, and any other business that may come before the committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be an Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 in room 515, Irvis Office Building.

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
April 26, 2022

Resolved that,

Representative Covington, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, Representative Shusterman, Chester County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Joanna McClinton
Democratic Leader

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
April 26, 2022

Resolved that,

Representative Covington, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, Representative Guzman, Berks County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Joanna McClinton
Democratic Leader

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
April 26, 2022

Resolved that,

Representative Abney, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Urban Affairs Committee, Representative Williams, Chester County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Joanna McClinton
Democratic Leader

The SPEAKER. Turning to housekeeping.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

- HB 978;
- HB 2086;
- HB 2097;
- HB 2159;
- HB 2275;
- HB 2412;
- HB 2449;
- HB 2496;
- HB 2507; and
- SB 559.

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 1155;
- HB 1731;
- HB 1866;
- HB 2214;
- HB 2426; and
- SB 450.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 38, PN 105**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organizing the Judiciary into representative districts and further providing for residency requirements.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 38 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 38 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1641, PN 1825**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8517, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over the Stonycreek River in Ferndale Borough, Cambria County, as the Private First Class Lee David Meadows Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1641 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1641 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1830, PN 2074**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 25507, on that portion of State Route 3006 over the Kinzua Creek in the census-designated place of Westline, Lafayette Township, McKean County, as the Westline Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1830 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1830 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of a motion made by the gentlewoman, Representative Daley, that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 5:10 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.