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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. SHERYL M. DELOZIER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for another day to be in the people's House and bringing us together. Give us the patience and strength to continue Your work in this Commonwealth. Please give us all the wisdom and discernment to make decisions that honor and glorify You and Your plan. Give us the words to speak and act in ways that honor You and respect one another.

Dear Lord, please protect us and our fellow Pennsylvanians today and be with those who will be traveling home following session. May Your hand be on us to ensure Your will be done today and every day as we work to carry the voice of our constituents.

We thank You for Your guidance and ask this in Your name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, April 26, 2022, will be postponed until printed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 811, PN 1778

By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 1462, PN 3052 (Amended)

By Rep. KNOWLES

An Act imposing a duty on municipal corporations to provide notification to property owners of changes to special flood hazard area maps of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1578, PN 1730

By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for actuarial cost method; and, in contributions, further providing for actuarial cost method.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 1671, PN 3055 (Amended)

By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the State Employees' Retirement Board.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2010, PN 3056 (Amended)

By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for training of public pension fund and State fund fiduciaries.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2116, PN 2455

By Rep. KNOWLES

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mayor, further providing for execution of laws, powers of sheriff conferred and emergency powers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2157, PN 3051 (Amended)

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for fireworks; and making a related repeal.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HB 2253, PN 3053 (Amended)

By Rep. KNOWLES

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for scope of subchapter, providing for definitions, further

providing for establishment and designation, providing for emergency meetings by authorized telecommunications device, repealing provisions relating to exercise of powers and functions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions, repealing provisions relating to enabling authority for emergency interim successors for local offices, further providing for emergency interim successors for local officers and for succession period and repealing provisions relating to term and removal of designees.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2265, PN 2628

By Rep. ROAE

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, further providing for certification of economic development organizations and providing for annual report.

COMMERCE.

HB 2396, PN 2818

By Rep. ROAE

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in manufacturing and investment tax credit, further providing for rural growth funds, for business firms, for tax credit certificates and for claiming the tax credit.

COMMERCE.

HB 2420, PN 2831

By Rep. ROAE

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "An act entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services.

COMMERCE.

HB 2428, PN 3054 (Amended)

By Rep. KNOWLES

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for definitions, for minutes of meetings, public records and recording of meetings, for public notice, for public participation and for use of equipment during meetings.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2485, PN 3057 (Amended)

By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in State contract information, further providing for submission and retention of contracts.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2520, PN 2999

By Rep. MOUL

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in race horse industry reform, further providing for State Horse Racing Commission.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HB 2524, PN 3058 (Amended)

By Rep. GROVE

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; in access, further providing for open-records officer, for regulations and policies, for uniform form, for requests and for retention of records and providing for inmate access; in procedure, further providing for written requests, for redaction, for production of certain records and for exceptions for public records; in agency response, further providing for extension of time and providing for relief from vexatious requesters; in appeal of agency determination, further providing for filing of appeal and for appeals officers; in judicial review, further providing for court costs and attorney fees, for civil penalty, for fee limitations and for Office of Open Records; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for relation to other laws.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2554, PN 3032

By Rep. MOUL

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.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition, the Chair is pleased to welcome Carter Hain, who is shadowing Representative Mentzer for the day. He is located in the gallery, and he has been participating in the Lititz Borough's Junior Council Person Program. Welcome, and thank you.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome and congratulate Clarion-Limestone High School's Academic Decathlon Team, who recently earned its seventh consecutive State title. The school placed first in the small school division, beating the next team by 1,000 points and winning 33 individual medals. They are the guests of Representative Oberlander and Representative Smith. Welcome, and congratulations.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome and congratulate the PIAA Class AA Girls State Swimming and Diving Champions from Schuylkill Valley High School. Four swimmers from this group also captured the 200-yard freestyle relay championship. The team is here with their coaches, athletic director, and school administrators, and they are the guests of Representative Jozwiak. Welcome, and congratulations.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome and congratulate Riley Robell, who captured first place during the 2021-22 PIAA Class AA Individual Wrestling Championship in the 285-pound weight class. Riley is a junior at Bishop McDevitt High School. He is here today with his parents, coach, and the school's athletic director, and they are the guests of Representative Andrew Lewis. Congratulations.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome another guest of Representative Andrew Lewis – a name that we as members probably all recognize – Robert Caruso, the executive director of the State Ethics Commission, who is retiring after 40 years of service with the commission. He is here with his wife, Paula, and three members of his staff. Congratulations, and enjoy your retirement.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Speaker recognizes the majority whip, who indicates that there are none. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Chair recognizes the Democratic whip, who indicates that the gentleman, Representative Dan MILLER, from Allegheny County wishes to be placed on leave for the day. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—202

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

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

Miller, D.

LEAVES ADDED—3

Davis, A. Kinthead Lee

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

Turning to committee and caucus announcements.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room at 11:30 a.m.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room at 11:30 a.m.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 1 o'clock, and we will be prepared to be back on the floor at 2 o'clock; that is 1 o'clock in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of Chairman Miller, the Democrats will caucus at 1 o'clock, and we anticipate hopefully coming back around 2.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair is also very hopeful that we will return at 2.

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 2:30 p.m.; further extended until 2:45 p.m.; further extended until 3 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of a communication from Chairman Saylor regarding committees.

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees
Supplemental Report

In the House of Representatives
April 27, 2022

RESOLVED, That

Representative Robert Schnee, Luzerne County, is elected as a member of the Children and Youth Committee and the Human Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Saylor, Chairman
Committee on Committees

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 978, PN 989 By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2086, PN 2972 By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2097, PN 3045 By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2159, PN 3046

By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2169, PN 3059 (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Lifeline Scholarship Program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2275, PN 3050 By Rep. SAYLOR

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 and providing for Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the first class.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2412, PN 2973 By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2449, PN 3047 By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2496, PN 2992 By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2507, PN 3048 By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 198 By Representatives SILVIS, COOK, DRISCOLL, LONGIETTI, POLINCHOCK, ROZZI, RYAN, SMITH, WHITE, D. WILLIAMS, R. BROWN, MILLARD, PICKETT, MENTZER, DeLUCA, GILLEN, MOUL, SCHLEGEL CULVER and NEILSON

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to condemn the actions of the military of the Russian Federation in Ukraine and express support for the Ukrainian people fleeing violence inflicted by the Russian military.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 27, 2022.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2544 By Representatives KAUFFMAN, RAPP, FREEMAN, RYAN, BOBACK, RADER, IRVIN, WHEELAND, LONGIETTI, SAINATO, HERSHEY, DOWLING, SANKEY, PENNYCUICK, M. MACKENZIE, STURLA, RIGBY, BRIGGS, STAMBAUGH, STAATS, SCHWEYER, BERNSTINE, McNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, MEHAFFIE, THOMAS, DeLUCA, SANCHEZ, STEPHENS, SCHLEGEL CULVER and R. BROWN

An Act establishing the Outpatient Renal Dialysis Facility Qualified Staff Retention and Recruitment Program within the Department of Human Services; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 27, 2022.

No. 2555 By Representatives BOBACK, HILL-EVANS, HENNESSEY, HELM, STURLA and INNAMORATO

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in special powers and duties of counties, providing for property maintenance code.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, April 27, 2022.

No. 2556 By Representatives LEE, FRANKEL, KULIK, RABB, KINSEY and KRAJEWSKI

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general principles of justification, further providing for use of force in law enforcement.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2022.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third 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 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?

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. B. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit my comments in support of HB 978 for the record, and I ask the members for their support.
Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Some of the Speaker's favorite words.

Mr. B. MILLER submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

By way of background, HB 978 is a reintroduction of my bill, HB 860, from last session, which was unanimously passed by the full chamber.

HB 978 is designed to prevent misinterpretation and the misapplication of the Right-to-Know Law. This legislation is primarily a technical change that clarifies the language of the Right-to-Know Law in order to further safeguard both personal financial information and also public funds. Presently under the Right-to-Know Law, the definition of "personal financial information" excludes an individual's personal information as it relates to credit, charge and debit cards, bank accounts and statements, and account numbers.

Although one could argue that this information should be covered under the general terminology, the language is vague enough that it was challenged and resulted in the need for the courts to clarify the subject. HB 978 will make it clear that an individual's personal financial information – whether it be with a bank or any other financial institution or their tax information that is required by the State or Federal government – is confidential and not a public document. The confidentiality of similar sensitive government financial data is also detailed in the bill. In this day of extensive identity theft and cyberattacks, providing clarity for what needs to be considered sensitive personal and governmental financial data will help add to the security measures needed to protect such information.

HB 978 was reported unanimously from the State Government Committee. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask the members for a "yes" vote. Thank you.

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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.

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of another communication regarding the Committee on Committees.

The following report was read:

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 Local Government Committee, Representative Young, Philadelphia County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Joanna McClinton
Democratic Leader

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2169, PN 3059**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Lifeline Scholarship Program.

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 Owlett.

Mr. OWLETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Where a student lives should not determine his or her success and academic future here in the Commonwealth, and yet in Pennsylvania, it does. Just look at some of the current numbers.

Right now we are looking at around 79 schools here in the Commonwealth that are at zero percent in English and math in advanced or proficient, 11 schools below 1 percent, and 32 below 2 percent. That is over 100 schools below 2 percent. This is just one example, but certainly not the only one.

We have students, about 75,000, that are waiting on the EITC (educational improvement tax credit) and OSTC (opportunity scholarship tax credit) list. We simply cannot continue to fail students and we need to throw them a lifeline, and their families, and that is exactly what we are doing with HB 2169, the Lifeline Scholarship Program. This bill simply recognizes that students who are attending some of the State's lowest performing schools deserve something better. It is something that is designed specifically for the bottom 15 percent of schools, and I would appreciate an affirmative vote today.

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 gentleman, Representative Harris.

The gentleman is still verifying. We will recognize the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady, and now we will recognize the gentleman, Representative Harris, as soon as verification is complete.

While we are completing the verification process, for the information of the members, the voting board can only be open for 10 minutes and we are currently at 6 1/2.

Representative Harris, you are in order and recognized. We are now approaching the 10-minute mark, when the board will be automatically locked.

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—104

Armanini	Gleim	Maloney	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gregory	Masser	Rothman
Bernstine	Greiner	Mentzer	Rowe
Boback	Grove	Mercuri	Ryan
Bonner	Hamm	Metcalfe	Sankey
Borowicz	Heffley	Metzgar	Saylor
Brooks	Helm	Mihalek	Schemel
Brown, A.	Hennessey	Millard	Schmitt
Causar	Hershey	Miller, B.	Schnee
Cook	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Silvis
Cox	Irvin	Moul	Smith
Culver	James	Mustello	Sonney
Davanzo	Jones	Nelson, E.	Staats
Day	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Stambaugh
Delozier	Kail	Oberlander	Struzzi
DelRosso	Kaufer	Ortitay	Topper

Diamond	Kauffman	Owlett	Twardzik
Dowling	Keefer	Pennycuick	Warner
Dunbar	Kerwin	Pickett	Wentling
Ecker	Klunk	Polinchock	Wheeland
Emrick	Knowles	Puskaric	White
Fee	Lawrence	Quinn	Williams, C.
Flood	Lewis	Rader	Zimmerman
Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rapp	
Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Rigby	Cutler,
Gillen	Major	Roae	Speaker
Gillespie	Mako		

NAYS—98

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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 **SB 450, PN 1384**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1987 (P.L.163, No.16), known as the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act, in Center for Rural Pennsylvania, further providing for board of directors; and making a 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 1155, PN 3020**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for definitions.

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 1731, PN 2953**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee on Greater Father Involvement within the Joint State Government Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

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 2426, PN 2836**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 67 (Public Welfare) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for resource families; making editorial changes; and making related repeals.

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 1866, PN 2954**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 67 (Public Welfare) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of dependent child; and, in family finding and kinship care, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for family finding required and for discontinuance of family finding and providing for permanency plan, for transition plan and services and for data collection to improve permanency outcomes.

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

Ms. **DELOZIER** offered the following amendment No. **A04074**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 4 through 9, by striking out "and, in family finding and kinship care," in line 4 and all of lines 5 through 9 and inserting

in human services generally, reorganizing provisions relating to adoption opportunities and to family finding and kinship care; and making editorial changes.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "3104.2" and inserting 7505

Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "3104.2" and inserting 7505

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 19 through 30; pages 4 through 10,

lines 1 through 30; page 11, lines 1 through 14; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 2. Chapter 1 heading of Title 67 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 1

[PRELIMINARY] GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3. Title 67 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 3

ADMINISTRATION

Sec.

301. (Reserved).

§ 301. (Reserved).

Section 4. Part II heading of Title 67 is amended to read:

PART II

[HUMAN SERVICES GENERALLY] MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Section 5. Title 67 is amended by adding a chapter immediately following Part II heading to read:

CHAPTER 7

(Reserved)

Section 6. Chapters 21 and 31 of Title 67 are repealed:

[CHAPTER 21

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES

Sec.

2101. Declaration of purpose.

2102. Definitions.

2103. Regulations.

2104. Adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement.

§ 2101. Declaration of purpose.

This chapter shall be interpreted and construed to effect the purpose of encouraging and promoting the placement of children who have disabilities or are hard to place by virtue of age, sibling relationship or ethnicity in adoptive homes.

§ 2102. Definitions.

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

"Adoption opportunity." A subsidy which may include:

- (1) maintenance costs;
- (2) medical, surgical and psychological expenses; and
- (3) other costs incident to the adoption.

"Child." An individual who:

- (1) is under the age of 18 years; or
- (2) is under the age of 21 years and attained 13 years of age before the adoption assistance agreement became effective and is:

- (i) completing secondary education or an equivalent credential;
- (ii) enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education;
- (iii) participating in a program actively designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;
- (iv) employed for at least 80 hours per month; or
- (v) incapable of doing any of the activities described in subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) due to a medical or behavioral health condition that is supported by regularly updated information in the permanency plan of the child.

"County agency." The county children and youth social service agency exercising the power and duties provided for in section 405 of the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the County Institution District Law, or its successor, and supervised by the department under Article IX of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

"Eligible child." A child in the legal custody of the county agency where parental rights have been terminated pursuant to the procedure set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. Pt. III (relating to adoption) and who has been in foster placement for a period of not less than six months and shown to be difficult to adopt because of a disability or by virtue of age, sibling relationship or ethnicity. A child in the legal custody of an

agency approved by the department shall be an eligible child if the child is certified as eligible by the county agency.

§ 2103. Regulations.

(a) Duty of department.—The department may establish and develop criteria and promulgate necessary regulations for county agencies to implement an adoption opportunity in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Content.—The regulations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Criteria for identifying eligible children and adoptive homes.

(2) Procedures for implementing the adoption opportunity payment.

(3) Reporting requirements by county agencies.

§ 2104. Adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement.

(a) Amount.—The amount of adoption opportunity payment for maintenance costs to an adoptive family shall not exceed the monthly payment rate for foster family care in the county in which the child resides.

(b) County reimbursement.—The department shall reimburse county agencies for at least 80% of the cost of an adoption opportunity provided by the county agency under this chapter if the county agency complies with the reporting requirements established by the department under section 2103 (relating to regulations).

(c) Limitation.—No public money shall be expended under this chapter on behalf of an eligible child until all available benefits under existing or future private, public, local, State or Federal programs have been exhausted. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, adoptive families subsidized under the provisions of this chapter shall not be liable under the provisions of the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, or 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 46 (relating to support of the indigent) in the event that the adopted child needs services or assistance under the provisions of Article IV of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, or under the provisions of the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966.

CHAPTER 31

FAMILY FINDING AND KINSHIP CARE

Sec.

3101. Legislative intent.

3102. Definitions.

3103. Family finding required.

3104. Discontinuance of family finding.

3105. Kinship Care Program.

3106. Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship Program.

3107. Permanent legal custodianship subsidy and reimbursement.

§ 3101. Legislative intent.

This chapter is intended to ensure that family finding occurs on an ongoing basis for all children entering the child welfare system. This chapter is also intended to promote the use of kinship care when it is necessary to remove a child from the child's home in an effort to:

(1) Identify and build positive connections between the child and the child's relatives and kin.

(2) Support the engagement of relatives and kin in children and youth social service planning and delivery.

(3) Create a network of extended family support to assist in remedying the concerns that led the child to be involved with the county agency.

§ 3102. Definitions.

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

"Accept for service." Decide on the basis of the needs and problems of an individual to admit or receive the individual as a client of the county agency or as required by a court order entered under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters).

"Child." An individual who:

(1) is under 18 years of age; or

(2) is under 21 years of age and attained 13 years of age before the subsidized permanent legal custodianship agreement became effective and is:

(i) completing secondary education or an equivalent credential;

(ii) enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education;

(iii) participating in a program actively designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;

(iv) employed for at least 80 hours per month; or

(v) incapable of doing any of the activities described in subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) due to a medical or behavioral health condition, which is supported by regularly updated information in the permanency plan of the child.

"County agency." The county children and youth social service agency exercising the power and duties provided for in section 405 of the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the County Institution District Law, or its successor, and supervised by the department under Article IX of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

"Eligible child." A child who meets all of the following:

(1) Has a court-ordered disposition of placement with a permanent legal custodian pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2.1) (relating to disposition of dependent child).

(2) Has lived with an eligible permanent legal custodian for at least six months, which need not be consecutive.

(3) Is a citizen or an alien lawfully residing in this Commonwealth.

"Eligible permanent legal custodian." A relative or kin who meets all of the following:

(1) Whose home is approved pursuant to applicable regulations for placement of foster children.

(2) With whom an eligible child has resided for at least six months, which need not be consecutive.

(3) Who meets the requirements to be approved as a foster parent under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344 (relating to employees having contact with children; adoptive and foster parents).

"Family finding." Ongoing diligent efforts between a county agency, or its contracted providers, and relatives and kin to:

(1) Search for and identify adult relatives and kin and engage them in children and youth social service planning and delivery.

(2) Gain commitment from relatives and kin to support a child or parent receiving children and youth social services.

"Foster parent." An individual approved by a public or private foster family care agency to provide foster family care services to a child who is temporarily separated from the child's legal family and placed in the legal custody of an agency.

"Kin." An individual 21 years of age or older who is one of the following:

(1) A godparent of the child as recognized by an organized church.

(2) A member of the child's tribe, nation or tribal organization.

(3) An individual with a significant, positive relationship with the child or family.

"Permanent legal custodian." A person to whom legal custody of the child has been given by order of a court pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2.1).

"Relative." An individual who is:

(1) Related within the fifth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the parent or stepparent of a child.

(2) At least 21 years of age.

"Sibling." An individual who has at least one parent in common with another individual, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, regardless of whether or not there is a termination of parental rights or parental death. The term includes biological, adoptive, stepsiblings and

half-siblings.

"Subsidized permanent legal guardianship." A court-ordered disposition of a dependent child pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2.1) for which the child's permanent legal guardian receives a monetary payment from the county agency pursuant to a subsidized permanent legal guardianship agreement.

"Subsidized permanent legal guardianship agreement." A written agreement signed by the director of the county agency, or a designee, and a permanent legal guardian that sets forth the terms and subsidy payments for a subsidized permanent legal guardianship.

"Successor permanent legal guardian." A relative or kin who meets all of the following:

(1) With whom an eligible child resides for any period of time.

(2) Who has been named as a successor in a permanent legal guardianship agreement executed by an eligible child's previous eligible permanent legal guardian.

(3) Who meets the requirements for employment in child-care services and approval as a foster or adoptive parent under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.

§ 3103. Family finding required.

Family finding shall be conducted for a child when the child is accepted for service and at least annually thereafter until the child's involvement with the county agency is terminated or the family finding is discontinued in accordance with section 3104 (relating to discontinuance of family finding).

§ 3104. Discontinuance of family finding.

(a) General rule.—A county agency may discontinue family finding for a child under the following circumstances:

(1) The child has been adjudicated dependent pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters) and a court has made a specific determination that continued family finding no longer serves the best interests of the child or is a threat to the child's safety.

(2) The child is not under the jurisdiction of a court and the county agency has determined that continued family finding is a threat to the child's safety. A determination that continued family finding is a threat to the child's safety must be based on credible information about a specific safety threat, and the county agency shall document the reasons for the county agency's determination.

(3) The child is in a preadoptive placement, and court proceedings to adopt the child have been commenced pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. Pt. III (relating to adoption).

(b) Resuming family finding.—Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a county agency shall resume family finding for a child if:

(1) the child is under the jurisdiction of a court and the court determines that resuming family finding is best suited to the safety, protection and physical, mental and moral welfare of the child and does not pose a threat to the child's safety; or

(2) the child is not under the jurisdiction of a court and the county agency determines that resuming family finding serves the best interests of the child and does not pose a threat to the child's safety.

§ 3105. Kinship Care Program.

(a) Establishment of program.—The Kinship Care Program is established in the department.

(b) Relative notification.—Except in situations of family or domestic violence, the county agency shall exercise due diligence to identify and notify all grandparents and other adult relatives to the fifth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the parent or stepparent of a dependent child and each parent who has legal custody of a sibling of a dependent child within 30 days of the child's removal from the child's home if temporary legal and physical custody has been transferred to the county agency. The notice must explain all of the following:

(1) Any options under Federal and State law available to the relative to participate in the care and placement of the child,

including any options that would be lost by failing to respond to the notice.

(2) The requirements to become a foster parent, permanent legal guardian or adoptive parent.

(3) The additional supports that are available for children removed from the child's home.

(c) Placement of children.—If a child has been removed from the child's home under a voluntary placement agreement or is in the legal custody of the county agency, the county agency shall give first consideration to placement with relatives or kin. The county agency shall document that an attempt was made to place the child with a relative or kin. If the child is not placed with a relative or kin, the agency shall document the reason why the placement was not possible.

(d) Regulations.—The department is authorized to promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Relatives and kin shall receive the same foster care rate as other foster parents if they comply with the regulations governing foster parents.

(2) Foster care payments received by a relative or kin who is a foster parent shall be excluded from consideration when calculating eligibility for public assistance.

§ 3106. Subsidized Permanent Legal Guardianship Program.

(a) Establishment of program.—The Subsidized Permanent Legal Guardianship Program is established in the department.

(b) Implementation.—The department shall establish and develop criteria and is authorized to promulgate necessary regulations for county agencies to implement the Subsidized Permanent Legal Guardianship Program in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The criteria and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, identification of eligible children and eligible permanent legal guardians, procedures for implementing the program and reporting requirements by county agencies.

§ 3107. Permanent legal guardianship subsidy and reimbursement.

(a) Amount.—The amount of permanent legal guardianship subsidy for maintenance costs to a permanent legal guardian or a successor permanent legal guardian shall not exceed the monthly payment rate for foster family care in the county in which the child resides.

(b) County reimbursement.—The department shall reimburse the county agency for at least 80% of the cost of a permanent legal guardianship subsidy payment provided by a county agency in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, provided that the county agency complies with the requirements established by the department.]

Section 7. Part III heading of Title 67 is amended to read:

PART III

[INSTITUTION DISTRICTS (Reserved)]

MENTAL HEALTH AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Section 8. Title 67 is amended by adding a chapter immediately following Part III heading to read:

CHAPTER 51

(Reserved)

Section 9. Part IV heading of Title 67 is amended to read:

PART IV

[MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS] CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Section 10. Title 67 is amended by adding chapters immediately following Part IV heading to read:

CHAPTER 71

(Reserved)

CHAPTER 73

(Reserved)

CHAPTER 75

FAMILY FINDING AND KINSHIP CARE

Sec.

7501. Legislative intent.

7502. Definitions.

7503. Family finding required.

7504. Permanency plan.

7505. Transition plan and services.

7506. Data collection to improve permanency outcomes.

7507. Kinship Care Program.

7508. Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship Program.

7509. Permanent legal custodianship subsidy and reimbursement.

§ 7501. Legislative intent.

This chapter is intended to ensure that family finding occurs on an ongoing basis for all children entering the child welfare system, to promote the use of kinship care when it is necessary to remove a child from the child's home and to ensure that each child leaving foster care at 18 years of age or older is prepared for the transition to successful adulthood.

§ 7502. Definitions.

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

"Accept for service." Decide on the basis of the needs and problems of an individual to admit or receive the individual as a client of the county agency or as required by a court order entered under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters).

"Child." An individual who:

(1) is under 18 years of age; or

(2) is under 21 years of age and attained 13 years of age before the subsidized permanent legal custodianship agreement became effective and is:

(i) completing secondary education or an equivalent credential;

(ii) enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education;

(iii) participating in a program actively designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;

(iv) employed for at least 80 hours per month; or

(v) incapable of doing any of the activities described in subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) due to a medical or behavioral health condition, which is supported by regularly updated information in the permanency plan of the child.

"County agency." The county children and youth social service agency exercising the power and duties provided for in section 405 of the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the County Institution District Law, or its successor, and supervised by the department under Article IX of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

"Eligible child." A child who meets all of the following:

(1) Has a court-ordered disposition of placement with a permanent legal custodian under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2.1) (relating to disposition of dependent child).

(2) Has lived with an eligible permanent legal custodian for at least six months, which need not be consecutive.

(3) Is a citizen or an alien lawfully residing in this Commonwealth.

"Eligible permanent legal custodian." A relative or kin who meets all of the following:

(1) Whose home is approved pursuant to applicable regulations for placement of foster children.

(2) With whom an eligible child has resided for at least six months, which need not be consecutive.

(3) The requirements to be approved as a foster parent under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344 (relating to employees having contact with children; adoptive and foster parents).

"Family finding." The ongoing process of identifying and engaging extended family members and adults who have or could have significant, positive connections with a child or family that has been accepted for services in order to:

(1) Build a network of support for the child and the child's family.

(2) Promote positive, long-term connections for the

child.

(3) Include relatives and kin in social service planning and delivery.

(4) When necessary, identify a safe and familiar placement for the child.

"Foster parent." An individual approved by a public or private foster family care agency to provide foster family care services to a child who is temporarily separated from the child's legal family and placed in the legal custody of an agency.

"Kin." An individual 21 years of age or older who is one of the following:

(1) A godparent of the child as recognized by an organized church.

(2) A member of the child's tribe, nation or tribal organization.

(3) An individual with a significant, positive relationship with the child or family.

"Permanency plan." A comprehensive plan for a child in out-of-home placement that is intended to result in a permanent home and family relationships for the child.

"Permanent legal custodian." A person to whom legal custody of the child has been given by order of a court under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2.1).

"Relative." An individual who is:

(1) Related within the fifth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the parent or stepparent of a child.

(2) At least 21 years of age.

"Sibling." An individual who has at least one parent in common with another individual, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, regardless of whether or not there is a termination of parental rights or parental death. The term includes biological, adoptive, stepsiblings and half-siblings.

"Subsidized permanent legal custodianship." A court-ordered disposition of a dependent child under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2.1) for which the child's permanent legal custodian receives a monetary payment from the county agency pursuant to a subsidized permanent legal custodianship agreement.

"Subsidized permanent legal custodianship agreement." A written agreement signed by the director of the county agency, or a designee, and a permanent legal custodian that sets forth the terms and subsidy payments for a subsidized permanent legal custodianship.

"Successor permanent legal custodian." A relative or kin who meets all of the following:

(1) With whom an eligible child resides for any period of time.

(2) Who has been named as a successor in a permanent legal custodianship agreement executed by an eligible child's previous eligible permanent legal custodian.

(3) The requirements for employment in child-care services and approval as a foster or adoptive parent under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.

"Transition plan." A comprehensive plan for leaving foster care or another out-of-home placement and successfully transitioning to independent adulthood.

§ 7503. Family finding required.

(a) General rule.—Family finding shall be conducted for a child when the child is accepted for service and at least annually thereafter until the child's involvement with the county agency is terminated or the family finding is discontinued in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) Discontinuation of family finding.—A county agency may discontinue family finding for a child under the following circumstances:

(1) The child has been adjudicated dependent under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters) and a court has made a specific determination that continued family finding no longer serves the best interests of the child or is a threat to the child's safety.

(2) The child is not under the jurisdiction of a court, and

the county agency has determined that continued family finding is a threat to the child's safety. A determination that continued family finding is a threat to the child's safety must be based on credible information about a specific safety threat, and the county agency shall document the reasons for the county agency's determination.

(3) The child is in a preadoptive placement, and court proceedings to adopt the child have been commenced under 23 Pa.C.S. Pt. III (relating to adoption).

(c) Resumption of family finding.—Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), a county agency shall resume family finding for a child if:

(1) the child is under the jurisdiction of a court and the court determines that resuming family finding is best suited to the safety, protection and physical, mental and moral welfare of the child and does not pose a threat to the child's safety; or

(2) the child is not under the jurisdiction of a court and the county agency determines that resuming family finding serves the best interests of the child and does not pose a threat to the child's safety.

(d) Documentation.—The following family finding information shall be documented in the child's case plan:

(1) The technology and processes used to identify and engage relatives and kin.

(2) The names of relatives and kin that were identified.

(3) The names of relatives and kind that were contacted.

(4) The child's input and involvement in family finding efforts.

(5) The manner and extent to which identified relatives or kin were included in the child's case plan.

(6) If applicable, the reasons for discontinuation of family finding.

§ 7504. Permanency plan.

(a) Permanency plan.—When a child is subject to an order transferring legal custody under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2) (relating to disposition of dependent child), the county shall develop a permanency plan, provide, on a continuous basis, services to support the successful effectuation of the permanency plan and document in the child's case plan the services provided. A child 14 years of age or older shall have the opportunity to participate in the development of the permanency plan.

(b) Permanency services.—The county agency shall, on an ongoing basis, provide services to:

(1) Identify potential permanent placements for the child, including primary and secondary placement options.

(2) Prepare the child cognitively and emotionally for placement in accordance with the child's identified permanency goal.

(3) Maintain and strengthen sibling connections through joint placement or facilitation of visitation and other means of communication.

(4) Maintain and strengthen other identified supportive connections.

§ 7505. Transition plan and services.

(a) Transition services required.—If a child is subject to an order transferring legal custody under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(a)(2) (relating to disposition of dependent child), the county shall:

(1) Beginning when the child is 14 years of age, provide age and developmentally appropriate services to help the child plan and prepare for eventual adulthood.

(2) Beginning no less than six months before the child will become 18 years of age, develop a transition plan in collaboration with the child and, at the child's election, other supportive adults.

(3) Prior to termination of court jurisdiction of a child 18 years of age or older, provide the child with all relevant documents, which may include, but are not limited to, the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, driver's license or State

identification card, health insurance card and diploma or general educational development certificate.

(4) Prior to termination of court jurisdiction, provide the child with a copy of the transition plan.

(b) Transition plan.—A transition plan shall include:

(1) Identification of or detailed options for a suitable place of intended residence.

(2) A list, with contact information, of supportive adults and family members.

(3) Identification of local opportunities for mentorships and continuing social support.

(4) A plan or detailed options for employment, job training or continuing education.

(5) Documentation of the child's possession of relevant documents or, if the child does not have possession of the documents, an explanation of the reasons why the child does not have the documents and detailed instructions on how the child may obtain the documents.

(c) Transition document retention.—The county shall document the child's transition plan in the child's case plan and shall retain electronic copies of the transition plan and all relevant documents for no less than five years after termination of court jurisdiction.
§ 7506. Data collection to improve permanency outcomes.

The county agency shall submit to the department the following data for a child 18 years of age or older at the time the court terminates jurisdiction over the child:

(1) Age.

(2) Gender.

(3) Race.

(4) Permanency goal.

(5) Whether permanency goal was achieved.

(6) Whether the child requested resumption of

jurisdiction.

(7) Whether the court granted resumption of jurisdiction.

(8) The number of placements in the prior year.

(9) Whether the child had an identified place of intended residence.

(10) Whether the child had income through employment.

(11) Whether the child had income through a public benefit.

(12) Whether the child had at least two identified supportive adult connections.

(13) Whether the child had contact with siblings.

(14) Whether the child had contact with biological parents.

(15) Whether the child graduated from high school.

(16) Whether the child received a general educational development certification.

(17) Whether the child was a parent or expectant parent.

(18) Whether the child was enrolled in a program of postsecondary education or training.

(19) Whether the child had completed at least two years in a program of postsecondary education or training.

(20) Whether the child was enrolled in Medicaid.

(21) Whether the child was given a physical copy of a transition plan.

(22) Whether the child had possession of a birth certificate, Social Security card, State identification card or driver's license, health insurance card and, if not born in the United States, proof of valid immigration status.

§ 7507. Kinship Care Program.

(a) Establishment of program.—The Kinship Care Program is established in the department.

(b) Relative notification.—Except in situations of family or domestic violence, the county agency shall exercise due diligence to identify and notify all grandparents and other adult relatives to the fifth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the parent or stepparent of a dependent child and each parent who has legal custody of a sibling of a

dependent child within 30 days of the child's removal from the child's home if temporary legal and physical custody has been transferred to the county agency. The notice must explain all of the following:

(1) Options under Federal and State law available to the relative to participate in the care and placement of the child, including any options that would be lost by failing to respond to the notice.

(2) The requirements to become a foster parent, permanent legal custodian or adoptive parent.

(3) The additional supports that are available for children removed from the child's home.

(c) Placement of children.—If a child has been removed from the child's home under a voluntary placement agreement or is in the legal custody of the county agency, the county agency shall give first consideration to placement with relatives or kin. The county agency shall document that an attempt was made to place the child with a relative or kin. If the child is not placed with a relative or kin, the agency shall document the reason why the placement was not possible.

(d) Regulations.—The department is authorized to promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Relatives and kin shall receive the same foster care rate as other foster parents if they comply with the regulations governing foster parents.

(2) Foster care payments received by a relative or kin who is a foster parent shall be excluded from consideration when calculating eligibility for public assistance.

§ 7508. Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship Program.

(a) Establishment of program.—The Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship Program is established in the department.

(b) Implementation.—The department shall establish and develop criteria and is authorized to promulgate necessary regulations for county agencies to implement the Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship Program in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The criteria and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, identification of eligible children and eligible permanent legal custodians, procedures for implementing the program and reporting requirements by county agencies.

§ 7509. Permanent legal custodianship subsidy and reimbursement.

(a) Amount.—The amount of permanent legal custodianship subsidy for maintenance costs to a permanent legal custodian or a successor permanent legal custodian shall not exceed the monthly payment rate for foster family care in the county in which the child resides.

(b) County reimbursement.—The department shall reimburse the county agency for at least 80% of the cost of a permanent legal custodianship subsidy payment provided by a county agency in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, provided that the county agency complies with the requirements established by the department.

CHAPTER 77

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES

7701. Declaration of purpose.

7702. Definitions.

7703. Regulations.

7704. Adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement.

§ 7701. Declaration of purpose.

This chapter shall be interpreted and construed to effect the purpose of encouraging and promoting the placement of children who have disabilities or are hard to place by virtue of age, sibling relationship or ethnicity in adoptive homes.

§ 7702. Definitions.

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

"Adoption opportunity." A subsidy which may include:

- (1) maintenance costs;
- (2) medical, surgical and psychological expenses; and
- (3) other costs incident to the adoption.

"Child." An individual who:

(1) is under 18 years of age; or

(2) is under 21 years of age and attained 13 years of age before the adoption assistance agreement became effective and is:

(i) completing secondary education or an equivalent credential;

(ii) enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or career and technical education;

(iii) participating in a program actively designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;

(iv) employed for at least 80 hours per month; or

(v) incapable of doing any of the activities described in subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) due to a medical or behavioral health condition that is supported by regularly updated information in the permanency plan of the child.

"County agency." The county children and youth social service agency exercising the power and duties provided for in section 405 of the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the County Institution District Law, or its successor, and supervised by the department under Article IX of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

"Eligible child." A child in the legal custody of the county agency where parental rights have been terminated pursuant to the procedure set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. Pt. III (relating to adoption) and who has been in foster placement for a period of not less than six months and shown to be difficult to adopt because of a disability or by virtue of age, sibling relationship or ethnicity. A child in the legal custody of an agency approved by the department shall be an eligible child if the child is certified as eligible by the county agency.

§ 7703. Regulations.

(a) Duty of department.—The department may establish and develop criteria and promulgate necessary regulations for county agencies to implement an adoption opportunity in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Content.—The regulations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Criteria for identifying eligible children and adoptive homes.

(2) Procedures for implementing the adoption opportunity payment.

(3) Reporting requirements by county agencies.

§ 7704. Adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement.

(a) Amount.—The amount of adoption opportunity payment for maintenance costs to an adoptive family shall not exceed the monthly payment rate for foster family care in the county in which the child resides.

(b) County reimbursement.—The department shall reimburse county agencies for at least 80% of the cost of an adoption opportunity provided by the county agency under this chapter if the county agency complies with the reporting requirements established by the department under section 7703 (relating to regulations).

(c) Limitation.—No public money shall be expended under this chapter on behalf of an eligible child until all available benefits under existing or future private, public, Federal, State or local programs have been exhausted. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, adoptive families subsidized under the provisions of this chapter shall not be liable under the provisions of the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, or 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 46 (relating to support of the indigent) in the event that the adopted child needs services or assistance under the provisions of Article IV of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, or under the provisions of the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966.

CHAPTER 79

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Sec.

7901. (Reserved).
§ 7901. (Reserved).

CHAPTER 81
(Reserved)

Section 11. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Delozier, for a brief description of her amendment.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a technical amendment just to clear up some of the language, and I would ask for your support. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Boback.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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 2214, PN 2955**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 67 (Public Welfare) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for miscellaneous provisions; and making an editorial change.

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

Ms. **DELOZIER** offered the following amendment No. **A04129**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by striking out "79" and inserting 81

Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by striking out all of said line and inserting 8101. (Reserved).

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out "7902" and inserting

8102

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17; page 2, lines 1 through 13; by

striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting § 8101. (Reserved).

Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "7902" and inserting 8102

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by inserting before "A"

(a) General rule.—

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 23 and 24

(b) Definitions.—For the purposes of this section, the term "service provider contract" shall mean a contract, agreement or understanding regarding the provision of services subject to regulation under 55 Pa. Code Pt. V (relating to children, youth and families manual).

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "7902" and inserting 8102

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Delozier, for a brief description of the amendment.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This again is a technical amendment just to renumber and to take out duplicative language.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Klunk, on the amendment.

Ms. KLUNK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment.

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 gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and appreciates the way you work the floor, sir.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Briggs	Greiner	Marshall	Sappey
Brooks	Grove	Masser	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guent	Matzie	Schemel

Brown, R.	Guzman	McClinton	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hamm	McNeill	Schmitt
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schnee
Burns	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Carroll	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Causer	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	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Moul	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Irvin	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	Isaacson	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	James	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jones	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kail	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kaufner	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Keefer	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kenyatta	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kerwin	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kim	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinhead	Pashinski	Wentling
Diamond	Kinsey	Peifer	Wheeland
Dowling	Kirkland	Pennycuick	White
Driscoll	Klunk	Pickett	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Knowles	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Ecker	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Young
Emrick	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zabel
Evans	Krueger	Quinn	Zimmerman
Farry	Kulik	Rabb	
Fee	Labs	Rader	Cutler,
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Rowe, rise?

Mr. ROWE. To make a motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, you may state your motion.

Mr. ROWE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to rule 63, I move that this House now be adjourned.

The SPEAKER. Until when?

Mr. ROWE. Until sooner recalled by the Speaker – until the next day we are scheduled to be in session, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker; until May 23, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, the next scheduled session day is May 23. The gentleman, Representative Rowe, has made a motion to adjourn until May 23, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may speak on your motion, if you so choose.

The gentleman waives off at this time.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, the majority leader, on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was just doing a little bit of counting of what is yet here to be done. I believe we have about seven or eight bills yet to do for the people's work. Many of these bills are our members' bills, and I would ask that the members not support a motion to adjourn so that we might finish out our work. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Speaker recognizes Leader McClinton on the motion to adjourn.

Ms. McCLINTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the gentleman's motion to adjourn until May 23. None of my members' bills will be running today.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, the majority leader, on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. While everybody is entitled to an opinion here, Mr. Speaker, I find it kind of sad that in the areas of high crime that somebody would not want to try to address some of the bills that we have to try to make these communities a little bit more safe. There is some other legislation that people want to get done. It was not probably a month ago that the minority party was complaining that we were not here long enough, that they came to the floor and we should be here to do the people's business. That is why we are here. We are trying to get rid of some of these long-delayed waivers that were done under COVID. We are trying to make some of them permanent.

At the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, you have an opportunity to vote whether to adjourn – go home early – or continue what our agenda is and get these bills done to try to finish the people's business, try to deal with issues that have to do with cybersecurity and other things.

I would ask for a "no" vote on the motion to adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Harris, is recognized on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I was not going to rise but I had to say this. And I have a tremendous amount of respect for the majority leader, but if we want to actually deal with crime in Philadelphia, let us talk about lost and stolen. If we actually want to deal with the crime in Philadelphia, let us talk about fully funding our schools. If we want to deal with crime in Philadelphia, let us talk about minimum wage. If we want to deal with crime in Philadelphia—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Mr. HARRIS. —let us talk about poverty.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Mr. HARRIS. If we want to deal with crime in the city of Philadelphia, let us talk about the real issues that cause crime—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Mr. HARRIS. —in the city.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

The gentleman has strayed far afield of the motion to adjourn.
Mr. HARRIS. Okay, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend. The Speaker had not completed yet.

Mr. HARRIS. My bad.

The SPEAKER. I recognize you could not see me.

So for the information of the members, members may speak on this motion; however, it must be contained solely to the reasons to adjourn or not adjourn, not any other matters that could be considered or might be considered or wish to consider.

The leaders – both Democrat and Republican – are given slightly more latitude in their individual comments, but as many of the members have noticed, the Speaker is also quick to gavel them down as well when they stray afield.

I just encourage the gentleman to, please: one, abide by the motion to adjourn and contain the debate to that point, and two, I understand the good gentleman's passion regarding many of the items that he listed; however, when the Speaker requests an individual member to suspend, the expectation is that they will suspend and not continue to speak over the Speaker.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, all I was trying to say is because the majority leader brought up crime in Philadelphia, if we were actually going to talk about minimum wage, I would vote "no" on the motion to adjourn; if we were going to talk about fully funding education, I would vote "no" on the motion to adjourn; if we were going to talk about lost and stolen—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Mr. Speaker?

Mr. HARRIS. —I would vote "no" on the motion to adjourn. If we were going to talk about poverty in the city of Philadelphia—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

Mr. HARRIS. —I would vote "no" on the motion to adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

For what purpose does the majority leader rise?

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. It would appear to me – point of order; pardon me.

The SPEAKER. The leader is in order. You may state your point of order.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. It was appearing to me that even though the gentleman was asked to stay on the topic of motion to adjourn, he is doing a backdoor hypothesis – if something were to occur, he may not adjourn – which we all know is a way of getting his message out that he is not supposed to be debating on.

I would ask that he stay focused on adjournment only.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appreciates the leader's point of order; however, the good gentleman was explaining reasons why he would not vote "no." I am guessing he is going to swiftly conclude his remarks as to why he is going to be a "no."

I would encourage the gentleman to do so; however, he was containing within the letter of the law – perhaps not the spirit – according to our rules.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be voting "yes," because we are actually not doing any of those things today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman for the swift conclusion.

The House will be at ease.

The House will return to order.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Rowe, who has made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. ROWE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to rescind my previous motion.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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 4 o'clock in the majority caucus room; that is 4 o'clock in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman have an estimated time of return so that we can inform the remaining members?

Mr. DUNBAR. I will optimistically say 4:30, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes Leader McClinton for a caucus announcement.

Ms. McCLINTON. Not a caucus announcement, Mr. Speaker. I believe the gentledady from Philadelphia would like to be recognized.

The SPEAKER. There is nothing on the floor at this point to be recognized. You could be recognized for a caucus announcement or committee announcement, but—

Ms. McCLINTON. She has a motion.

The SPEAKER. That individual is not recognized.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. And we will stand in recess until 4:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 4:45 p.m.; further extended until 5 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. Prior to the adjournment for caucus, after the Republican member had made the announcement for the caucus, I had recognized the Democratic leader for a similar announcement, to which she said the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, who was up in the aisle, was seeking recognition. That was not in order at that time. And in the process of gaveling out, the Democratic leader was also looking to make a motion at that time. I did not understand that was the intent of her seeking recognition. I just wanted to apologize for gaveling out while she was in mid-motion.

Now, we will return to the calendar that is before us.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2159**, **PN 3046**, 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 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?

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Lewis, seek recognition?

Mr. LEWIS. To make a motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman must state his motion to determine if it is in order or not.

Mr. LEWIS. Motion to adjourn, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Until when?

Mr. LEWIS. Until the next scheduled session day, Mr. Speaker. May 24, 2022, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The next scheduled session day would be May 23.

Mr. LEWIS. Then until May 23, 2022, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Unless sooner recalled by the Speaker?

Mr. LEWIS. Unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Lewis, has made the motion to adjourn, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. The gentleman, Representative Lewis, has made the motion to adjourn until May 23, which is our next scheduled session day, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. On that motion, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.
I apologize. Is the majority leader seeking recognition?
The House will be at ease.

The House will return to order.
The gentleman, Representative Lewis's motion is on the board, to adjourn.

Leader Benninghoff is recognized on the motion.
Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
While there are some things I would like to get done yet tonight, the hour is getting late and we will support the motion to adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.
Seeing no one else seeking recognition.

On the question recurring,
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. The gentleman, Representative Harris, is recognized for verification of the voter board.

For the information of the members, we are now at 6 1/2 minutes.

For the information of the members, there is 1 minute left before the board will be locked. I just wanted to provide ample notice.

The 10-minute time clock has expired. The clerk will record the vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—19

Benninghoff	Irvin	Moul	Ryan
Borowicz	Keefer	Puskaric	Schemel
Gleim	Lawrence	Rapp	Stambaugh
Hamm	Lewis	Rothman	Zimmerman
Hershey	Maloney	Rowe	

NAYS—183

Abney	Fee	Labs	Rader
Armanini	Fiedler	Lee	Rigby
Benham	Fitzgerald	Longjetti	Roe
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DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Webster
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Welby
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Wentling
DeRosso	Kinhead	Parker	Whealand
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	White
Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Williams, C.
Dowling	Klunk	Pennycuik	Williams, D.
Driscoll	Knowles	Pickett	Young
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Zabel
Ecker	Krajewski	Polinchock	
Emrick	Krueger	Quinn	Cutler,
Evans	Kulik	Rabb	Speaker
Farry			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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

The SPEAKER. Moving to housekeeping.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

- 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 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 398;
 HB 1486;
 HB 1571;
 HB 1958;
 HB 2139;
 HB 2255;
 HB 2437;
 HB 2441; and
 HB 2550.

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

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER. Turning to reports from the Committee on Committees, the Speaker is in receipt of communications from Leader McClinton.

The following report was read:

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

In the House of Representatives,
 April 27, 2022

Resolved that,

Representative Abney, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, Representative Kosierowski, Lackawanna County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Representative Joanna McClinton
 Democratic Leader

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**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

In the House of Representatives,
 April 27, 2022

Resolved that,

Representative Kosierowski, Lackawanna County, is elected a member of the Appropriations Committee, Representative A. Brown, Philadelphia County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Representative Joanna McClinton
 Democratic Leader

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

In the House of Representatives,
 April 27, 2022

Resolved that,

Representative Covington, Allegheny County, is elected a member of the Finance Committee, Representative O'Mara, Delaware County, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Representative Joanna McClinton
 Democratic Leader

On the question,
 Will the House adopt the resolution?
 Resolution was adopted.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Amen Brown, is recognized for a correction of the record.

Mr. BROWN. Yes, I would like to correct the record and be a "no" on HB 2169. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Your comments will be spread upon the record.

Mr. BROWN. Thank you.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 199 By Representatives JOZWIAK, STRUZZI, MILLARD, HAMM, GALLOWAY, PEIFER, PICKETT, ROZZI, COX, GUENST, KNOWLES, MERSKI, HENNESSEY, SONNEY, METZGAR, RYAN, BOBACK, POLINCHOCK, RIGBY, KAUFFMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, DIAMOND, JAMES, HARKINS, McNEILL, E. NELSON, T. DAVIS, LONGIETTI, PASHINSKI, SAINATO, DRISCOLL, SAYLOR, C. WILLIAMS, METCALFE, ECKER, DeLUCA, MALONEY, DELLOSO, GILLEN, THOMAS, STAATS, DELOZIER, FARRY, B. MILLER, ROWE, MADDEN, MARSHALL, DEASY, SCHLEGEL CULVER, NEILSON, KEEFER, SMITH, MOUL, WARREN and MENTZER

A Resolution honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 27, 2022.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2516 By Representatives D. MILLER, BENHAM, ZABEL, SCHLOSSBERG, ROZZI, GUZMAN, SANCHEZ, DELLOSO, D. WILLIAMS, FARRY, GUENST, O'MARA, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, CAUSER and DeLUCA

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in Commonwealth services, further providing for definitions relating to intrastate mutual aid and for definitions relating to Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program; in volunteer firefighters, further providing for definitions relating to fire relief association; in emergency responder mental wellness and stress management, further providing for definitions; in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for definitions; and, in incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 27, 2022.

No. 2557 By Representatives HENNESSEY, CARROLL, KULIK, HELM, SCHLOSSBERG, HARKINS, GUENST, A. DAVIS, SCHMITT, DRISCOLL, PICKETT, FREEMAN, JAMES, LONGIETTI, MERSKI, INNAMORATO, CIRESI, NEILSON, JOZWIAK, MALAGARI, DELLOSO and CEPHAS

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, establishing the American Rescue Plan Local Bridge Trust Fund Grant Program; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 27, 2022.

No. 2558 By Representatives RABB, HILL-EVANS, FRANKEL, N. NELSON, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, MADDEN and HOHENSTEIN

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for legitimate cannabis-related business; and making a related repeal.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, April 27, 2022.

No. 2559 By Representatives MIHALEK, D. MILLER, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, PICKETT, LONGIETTI, A. DAVIS, JAMES, HOHENSTEIN, DRISCOLL, KIRKLAND, BIZZARRO, LEWIS DELROSSO, DeLUCA, HARKINS, GREINER, PISCIOTTANO, MERCURI, MERSKI, BROOKS, MIZGORSKI and GAYDOS

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 27, 2022.

No. 2560 By Representatives SAMUELSON, McCLINTON, HARRIS, ABNEY, BENHAM, BIZZARRO, BOYLE, BRADFORD, BRIGGS, A. BROWN, BURGOS, BURNS, CEPHAS, CIRESI, CONKLIN, COVINGTON, CRUZ, DALEY, A. DAVIS, T. DAVIS, DAWKINS, DEASY, DeLISSIO, DELLOSO, DeLUCA, DRISCOLL, FIEDLER, FITZGERALD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY,

GUENST, HANBIDGE, HARKINS, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, HOWARD, INNAMORATO, ISAACSON, KENYATTA, KIM, KINKEAD, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KOSIEROWSKI, KRAJEWSKI, KRUEGER, KULIK, LONGIETTI, R. MACKENZIE, MADDEN, MALAGARI, MARKOSEK, MATZIE, McNEILL, MERSKI, D. MILLER, MULLINS, NEILSON, N. NELSON, O'MARA, OTTEN, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PISCIOTTANO, RABB, ROZZI, SAINATO, SANCHEZ, SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SHUSTERMAN, SIMS, SNYDER, SOLOMON, STURLA, VITALI, WARREN, WEBSTER, WELBY, D. WILLIAMS, YOUNG, ZABEL, CURRY, HERRIN and BULLOCK

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for property tax and rent rebate supplemental payments; transferring funds from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the State Lottery Fund; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, April 27, 2022.

No. 2561 By Representatives BONNER, RYAN, JAMES, ROTHMAN, MILLARD, MERSKI, CIRESI, JOZWIAK, DELLOSO, ROWE and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 27, 2022.

**MOTION FOR
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. BERNSTINE. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 71 be made a special order for April 27 at 6 p.m.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Bernstine, has made the motion that HB 71 be made a special order of business.

Knowing that this is not a common motion, for the benefit of the members, the motion may be spoken on by the members one time and it must be contained to the reasons related to the special order of business, not the underlying component parts of the bill – very similar to some of the other motions that we have.

You are in order and I will recognize— We will get the motion on the board and then you will be recognized.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. The motion is now on the board, and the gentleman is in order to speak on the motion.

Mr. BERNSTINE Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 71 is currently on the calendar. It is able to be voted on. And here in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, we are actually paid to make votes. We are lawmakers, in fact, and that would mean that we are here to make laws, actually by definition. There have been many things that have come up for the House of Representatives that I was not

necessarily in favor of, but I am always in favor of doing the job that we were sent to Harrisburg – right here – to do, and that is to vote.

And it is my understanding that should people approve or vote "yes" on this, that then they would be approving to not the bill itself, but rather whether or not we should vote on a bill. If they would vote "no," it would be saying that they do not want to, once again, not vote "yes" or "no," but that they do not want to vote on legislation. So I would encourage the members, if you believe that we are sent here to vote on legislation, that therefore, you please vote "yes."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, the majority leader, on the motion for the special order of business.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the pause there for a moment.

As I said, there are a lot of things I would like to be working on right now with a little bit more priority. I would ask for a "no" on the special order of business. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Is Leader McClinton seeking recognition? The Democratic leader waives off. The Chair thanks the lady.

Those in favor of the motion for special order— Oh, I apologize.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. If you are making a parliamentary inquiry, you would be in order, given that you have already spoken on the motion.

Mr. BERNSTINE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. Just for clarification on this, when it comes to voting on this, I just want to make sure that I am correct. If you vote "yes" on this motion, that would mean that you are voting "yes" to allow a bill to come up for a vote. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. That is correct.

Mr. BERNSTINE. So it would be if you would vote "no," you are voting to not allow a bill to come up for a vote, correct?

The SPEAKER. That is correct.

Mr. BERNSTINE Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman preempted my own explanation of the motion that I was going to provide.

Those in favor of the motion for the special order of business will vote "yes"; those opposed will vote "no."

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. We are currently at 7 minutes and 20 seconds on the vote clock.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris, who is first to the mike.

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—82

Armanini	Gillespie	Major	Roae
Bernstine	Gleim	Mako	Rossi
Bonner	Greiner	Maloney	Rothman
Borowicz	Grove	Marshall	Rowe
Burns	Hamm	Mentzer	Ryan
Causser	Helm	Mercuri	Sainato
Cook	Hershey	Metcalfe	Saylor
Cox	Hickernell	Mihalek	Schemel
Culver	Irvin	Miller, B.	Schmitt
Davanzo	James	Mizgorski	Silvis
Delozier	Jones	Moul	Smith
Diamond	Jozwiak	Mustello	Staats
Dowling	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Struzzi
Ecker	Kerwin	Ortitay	Twardzik
Emrick	Klunk	Owlett	Warner
Fee	Knowles	Pennycuick	Wentling
Flood	Lawrence	Pickett	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lewis	Puskaric	
Gaydos	Mackenzie, M.	Rapp	Cutler,
Gillen	Mackenzie, R.	Rigby	Speaker

NAYS—120

Abney	Driscoll	Krueger	Rader
Benham	Evans	Kulik	Rozzi
Benninghoff	Farry	Labs	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Fiedler	Lee	Sanchez
Boback	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Sankey
Boyle	Frankel	Madden	Sappery
Bradford	Freeman	Malagari	Schlossberg
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Schnee
Brooks	Gregory	Masser	Schroeder
Brown, A.	Guenst	Matzie	Schweyer
Brown, R.	Guzman	McClinton	Shusterman
Bullock	Hanbidge	McNeill	Sims
Burgos	Harkins	Mehaffie	Snyder
Carroll	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Cephas	Heffley	Metzgar	Sonney
Ciresi	Hennessey	Millard	Stephens
Conklin	Herrin	Mullery	Sturla
Covington	Hohenstein	Mullins	Thomas
Cruz	Howard	Neilson	Tomlinson
Curry	Innamorato	Nelson, N.	Topper
Daley	Isaacson	O'Mara	Vitali
Davis, A.	Kail	Oberlander	Warren
Davis, T.	Kaufner	Otten	Webster
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Parker	Welby
Day	Kim	Pashinski	Wheeland
Deasy	Kinhead	Peifer	White
DeLissio	Kinsey	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Delloso	Kirkland	Polinchock	Williams, D.
DelRosso	Kosierowski	Quinn	Young
DeLuca	Krajewski	Rabb	Zabel

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

Less than the majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

The SPEAKER. I know it has been a while so I will remind the members and we will put back on the board, we were under consideration and we called up on the calendar HB 2159, PN 3046, on page 2—

For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. CARROLL. Mr. Speaker, to make a motion, please.

The SPEAKER. State your motion; we will determine if it is in order since the bill was still on the board.

Mr. CARROLL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to, as a special motion, call SB 291 for an immediate vote – special order of business.

The SPEAKER. Just to make sure we heard you correctly, the gentleman wishes to place SB 291?

Mr. CARROLL. Correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Let us pull that bill up and take a look at it.

For the information of the membership, as well as the gentleman making the motion, that motion is not in order. That bill is not on the calendar. It is currently still in the Appropriations Committee, according to our records.

The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2159 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. And we will now come back to HB 2159, PN 3046, on final passage.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. On that question, does the gentleman, Representative Conklin, seek recognition on the bill on final passage?

Mr. CONKLIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. CONKLIN. Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask the members to vote "no" to this bill. I understand the concept behind it and I always thank a member for trying to do what they believe is best. But, Mr. Speaker, I think it is very important for the members to understand who objects to this bill. This bill is not only opposed by the administration, it is not only opposed by DGS (Department of General Services), it is not only opposed by PennDOT, but this bill is also opposed by the State Police. It is opposed by the Department of Corrections, and they have offered some real examples, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on September 21, 2021, at the Pennsylvania State Police's Punxsutawney Headquarters, a leak was discovered originating from a diesel fuel tank leaking directly under the generator, Mr. Speaker. That could have been an environmental disaster, which could have polluted the area, Mr. Speaker.

Rather than reading each example that would go down that would actually put not only individuals at danger, Mr. Speaker, it would put inmates at danger, Mr. Speaker; it would put correctional officers at danger, Mr. Speaker. And as we always say, everything runs well if it is sunny outside, but, Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, we do not live in a perfect world. So to try to do a piece of legislation, Mr. Speaker, that we believe would sound good and look good, that would might be perfect in a perfect world, Mr. Speaker, this could be dangerous, Mr. Speaker. You could actually be putting people's lives at danger by passing this piece of legislation.

So I am asking my members to please understand the danger in this; understand that we are putting people at risk; understand that the Pennsylvania State Police, the correctional officers, those individuals that have to live this day in and day out are asking us to please protect them for a change and protect them from disasters that could happen from this.

So please, Mr. Speaker, I ask the members to vote "no," Mr. Speaker, and most of all, let us protect and listen to those folks that protect us.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Representative Ortitay, is seeking recognition on final passage. You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. ORTITAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to ask for your vote for HB 2159. As the previous speaker alluded to, we did work with the administration as much as we could to try to find common ground. I asked for language. We could not come to an agreement, and that is fine. Sometimes that happens. And we asked why and we could not really get a very good example, and the prior speaker tried to give an example. And I will tell you, throughout the bill and the amendment that we adopted yesterday, I know it was not unanimous, but it was a pretty – we had Democrats and Republicans together working on it and who voted "yes." We are requiring them to provide written documentation as to why they need an emergency procurement. In the situation the gentleman described, they would simply have to provide that and they would still be able to use the emergency procurement process as it is. They could use the Secretary, they could use a Secretary-appointed deputy to do that. If there is a true emergency and it is important and they need to use the emergency procurement process, all they have to do is provide documentation as to why it is an emergency procurement.

I know this is not the sexiest of topics, and it is certainly not getting any headlines tomorrow at the front page, but this is good policy. Simply using an emergency disaster declaration to use the emergency procurement process is not good policy. This corrects that. Whether it is a Republican administration or a Democrat administration, it puts guardrails in place to safeguard the taxpayers and to safeguard the process. That is why I respectfully ask for a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(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 gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—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
Causar	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
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	

NAYS—89

Abney	Delloso	Kinsey	Pashinski
Benham	DeLuca	Kirkland	Pisciottano
Bizzarro	Driscoll	Kosierowski	Rabb
Boyle	Evans	Krajewski	Rozzi
Bradford	Fiedler	Krueger	Sainato
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Kulik	Samuelson
Brown, A.	Frankel	Lee	Sanchez
Bullock	Freeman	Longietti	Sappey
Burgos	Galloway	Madden	Schlossberg
Burns	Guenst	Malagari	Schweyer
Carroll	Guzman	Markosek	Shusterman
Cephas	Hanbidge	Matzie	Sims
Ciresi	Harkins	McClinton	Snyder
Conklin	Harris	McNeill	Solomon
Covington	Herrin	Merski	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	Kinhead	Parker	Zabel
DeLissio			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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 2449, PN 3047**, entitled:

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

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—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
Causar	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	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Moul	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Irvin	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	Isaacson	Mustello	Struzzi

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Miller, D.

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Miller, D.

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 2507, PN 3048**, 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 third consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, but most of all, I want to thank the chairman from York County. He worked very hard, worked across party lines. This shows what happens when you can get together, work together, and do something for the good of the community itself and the good of Pennsylvania.

So I am asking all members to please give an affirmative vote to this, but most of all, I want to thank the gentleman from York County for his hard work and bipartisanship on this.

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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 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 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—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	Sappery
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
Causar	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	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Moul	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Mullery	Stambaugh
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Daley	Isaacson	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	James	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jones	Nelson, E.	Thomas
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Dawkins	Kail	O'Mara	Topper
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Deasy	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Keefer	Ortitay	Warner
Dellosio	Kenyatta	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kerwin	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kim	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinthead	Pashinski	Wentling

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Miller, D.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman, Representative KINKEAD, has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2097, PN 3045**, 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 third consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Abney	Fitzgerald	Lewis	Roae
Armanini	Flood	Longietti	Rossi
Benham	Frankel	Mackenzie, M.	Rothman
Benninghoff	Freeman	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Fritz	Madden	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Galloway	Major	Ryan
Boback	Gaydos	Mako	Sainato
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Brooks	Grove	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, A.	Guenst	McClinton	Schlossberg
Brown, R.	Guzman	McNeill	Schmitt
Bullock	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schnee
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schroeder
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Schweyer
Carroll	Harris	Merski	Shusterman
Causar	Heffley	Metcalfe	Silvis
Cephas	Helm	Metzgar	Sims
Ciresi	Hennessey	Mihalek	Smith
Conklin	Herrin	Millard	Snyder
Cook	Hershey	Miller, B.	Solomon
Covington	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Sonney
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Cruz	Howard	Mullery	Stambaugh
Culver	Innamorato	Mullins	Stephens
Curry	Irvin	Mustello	Struzzi
Daley	Isaacson	Neilson	Sturla
Davanzo	James	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, A.	Jones	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
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Dawkins	Kail	O'Neal	Twardzik
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DeLissio	Keefer	Otten	Warren
Delloso	Kenyatta	Owlett	Webster
Delozier	Kerwin	Parker	Welby
DelRosso	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
DeLuca	Kinsey	Peifer	Wheeland
Diamond	Kirkland	Pennycuik	White
Dowling	Klunk	Pickett	Williams, C.
Driscoll	Knowles	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Young
Ecker	Krajewski	Puskaric	Zabel
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Evans	Kulik	Rabb	
Farry	Labs	Rader	Cutler,
Fee	Lawrence	Rapp	Speaker
Fiedler	Lee	Rigby	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kinkead Miller, D.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman, Summer LEE, has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third 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 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 Craig Williams, on final passage.

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the day has been long and I will be short.

According to the FBI, Pennsylvania ranks as one of the top 10 States in cybercrimes. In 2020 our Commonwealth ranked sixth in number of victims, with more than 18,000 victims reporting crimes, with a loss of \$108 million. That is up \$13 million in financial losses from 2019. As you can see, these crimes are growing exponentially, leaving Pennsylvanians vulnerable.

Nationwide, the FBI in 2020 reported almost 800,000 complaints of cybercrime across the country, and State governments are increasingly becoming a prime target. In addition, computer systems, along with infrastructure systems, are the prime targets of nation-state cyber intrusion, mining for disruption capability and data. It is the new leading front for both symmetric and asymmetric warfare. We are also seeing a rise in attacks meant to extort money from both companies and government agencies through ransomware, and that is why it is crucial we fight back.

Part of the solution is right here in the Commonwealth. We have military cybersecurity experts already working within the government who might help in a cyber emergency, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard 112th Cyberspace Operations Squadron. This bill would mobilize those folks to help us in a time of emergency and to assist with training. With two fully trained and operational teams ready to go, we simply need to give them the statutory authority to do so. This bill will help the Commonwealth to mobilize these men and women of the National Guard units through a special State duty status to protect our vital systems and secure personal information at a time when we are more vulnerable than ever.

I ask for an affirmative vote on HB 2412. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
 Shall the bill pass finally?
 The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the
 Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Abney	Fitzgerald	Longiotti	Roae
Armanini	Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benham	Frankel	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Benninghoff	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Bernstine	Fritz	Major	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Galloway	Mako	Ryan
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Brown, R.	Guzman	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Bullock	Hamm	Mentzer	Schnee
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mercuri	Schroeder
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Carroll	Harris	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Causser	Heffley	Metzgar	Silvis
Cephas	Helm	Mihalek	Sims
Ciresi	Hennessey	Millard	Smith
Conklin	Herrin	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cook	Hershey	Mizgorski	Solomon
Covington	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Cox	Hohenstein	Mullery	Staats
Cruz	Howard	Mullins	Stambaugh
Culver	Innamorato	Mustello	Stephens
Curry	Irvin	Neilson	Struzzi
Daley	Isaacson	Nelson, E.	Sturla
Davanzo	James	Nelson, N.	Thomas
Davis, A.	Jones	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Topper
Dawkins	Kail	Oberlander	Twardzik
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Delloso	Kenyatta	Parker	Webster
Delozier	Kerwin	Pashinski	Welby
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Dunbar	Kosierowski	Puskaric	Young
Ecker	Krajewski	Quinn	Zabel
Emrick	Krueger	Rabb	Zimmerman

Evans	Kulik	Rader	
Farry	Labs	Rapp	Cutler,
Fee	Lawrence	Rigby	Speaker
Fiedler	Lewis		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Kinhead	Lee	Miller, D.
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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 2275,**
PN 3050, 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 and
 providing for Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the first class.

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?

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the
 gentleman, Representative Dawkins, on final passage.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to make a motion.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state his motion.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you. I am making a motion on
 constitutionality.

The SPEAKER. Just for a little clarity for the members, you
 are raising the issue of constitutionality?

Mr. DAWKINS. That is correct.

The SPEAKER. I would ask the gentleman which section of
 the U.S. or Pennsylvania Constitution the gentleman believes is
 violated, and we will put that on the board.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you very much.

I believe this bill, HB 2275, that the latest amendments have
 made this now unconstitutional. And Article III, section 32, of
 the Pennsylvania Constitution states: "The General Assembly
 shall pass no local or special law in any case which has been or
 can be provided for by general law and specifically the General

Assembly shall not pass any local or special law: Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs or school districts...Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury..." I say this directly violates the Pennsylvania Constitution by regulating the affairs of the city and the County of Philadelphia alone.

It violates section 5 of Article III in the Pennsylvania Constitution by giving the Attorney General the authority to unilaterally dominate forfeitures – which would normally take place at the city level and the proceeds of which would be under the control of the city – thus, granting a financial interest in the State takeover of the county functions in this case.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Dawkins, has raised the motion of constitutionality on multiple points and references. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Craig Williams, on the issue of constitutionality.

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

I appreciate the objection being raised by the gentleman from Philadelphia. The answer is that this amendment, which is now incorporated into HB 2275, regulates statutorily the jurisdiction of the Attorney General, which is a creature of the State Constitution and of State statute, not local ordinances, not local rules and regulations, nor does it impact the budget of a local municipality. It is entirely within our purview to so pass this statute. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing no one else seeking recognition, the Chair will recognize Representative Dawkins.

Just for clarification, members are typically only allowed to be recognized once on the motion, but I included your description of the multiple constitutional points as your motion as opposed to you arguing, so you are in order and may proceed for your single recognition.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I respectfully disagree with the gentleman's assertion that this somehow gives the State the authority to supersede the local municipality, which has home-rule charter, within the city of the first class. It is the only county that is being segregated out of all the actual counties, which would violate the State's constitutional obligations to the city of the first class. So I would ask my members to vote this unconstitutional and be consistent with the Constitution, which we all took an oath to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative John Lawrence, on constitutionality.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the members to vote that the bill is constitutional. The bill deals with cities of the first class, and while there is admittedly only one city of the first class in the Commonwealth, the bill is constructed to deal with every city of the first class. And with due respect for the gentleman from Philadelphia, using the logic that if one were to argue that this bill is unconstitutional, then, frankly, every law that we have on the books dealing with cities of the first class could be argued to be unconstitutional, and clearly, that has not been the historic case for hundreds of years in this Commonwealth. So certainly,

I feel like the bill is on firm constitutional footing as it relates to that specific issue and would encourage a vote as such.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing no other members seeking recognition, the Chair will now turn to the leaders, if they want to seek recognition.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, please suspend.

The Democratic leader indicates she does not.

The majority leader is in order, and you may proceed, sir.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Very briefly, I just want members to look at the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article III, section 20, where it does say that the General Assembly has the ability to legislate by class, whether it is boroughs, municipalities, utilities. Therefore, this is a constitutional proposal, and I would ask for a "no" vote on the constitutional challenge here.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Speaker, under rule 4, is required to submit questions affecting the constitutionality of a bill to the House floor for decision.

Those voting "aye" will vote to declare the bill to be constitutional; those voting "no" will vote to declare the bill to be unconstitutional.

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the constitutionality of the bill?

(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—117

Armanini	Gleim	Masser	Ryan
Benninghoff	Gregory	Mehaffie	Samuelson
Bernstine	Greiner	Mentzer	Sankey
Boback	Grove	Mercuri	Saylor
Bonner	Hamm	Metcalfe	Schemel
Borowicz	Heffley	Metzgar	Schmitt
Boyle	Helm	Mihalek	Schnee
Brooks	Hennessey	Millard	Schroeder
Brown, R.	Hershey	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Causer	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Silvis
Cook	Irvin	Moul	Smith
Cox	James	Mustello	Soney
Culver	Jones	Nelson, E.	Staats
Davanzo	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Stambaugh
Day	Kail	Oberlander	Stephens
DeLozier	Kaufner	Ortitay	Struzzi
DelRosso	Kauffman	Owlett	Thomas
Diamond	Keefer	Peifer	Tomlinson
Dowling	Kerwin	Pennycuick	Topper
Dunbar	Klunk	Pickett	Twardzik
Ecker	Knowles	Polinchock	Warner
Emrick	Labs	Puskaric	Wentling

Farry	Lawrence	Quinn	Wheeland
Fee	Lewis	Rader	White
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rapp	Williams, C.
Freeman	Mackenzie, R.	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Major	Roae	
Gaydos	Mako	Rossi	Cutler,
Gillen	Maloney	Rothman	Speaker
Gillespie	Marshall	Rowe	

NAYS—83

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Kinkead	Lee	Miller, D.
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the constitutionality of the bill was sustained.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Mr. DAWKINS. Yes.

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

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you. So I stand again for HB 2275 in opposition.

I am in receipt of a letter – I know yesterday we had a lot of commentary around who was in favor and who was supporting this measure. Neither the district attorney nor the AGO's Office is in support of this legislation. These are the two areas or two offices that would be impacted by this legislation. And for us to have a bill that only addresses these two offices or affects these two offices and neither one has supported this measure – normally in this House, we would not put forth a bill that no one asked for.

But in this case, I think it is important to note that no one from the Gun Violence Task Force supported this measure, asked for this measure. I think it is also important to note there is a ton of work that has been going into this task force over the years. We understand there is no perfect model. We also understand since the pandemic, we have had an increase nationwide, not just in the

city of the first class in Pennsylvania, but this has, we have seen this trend throughout the United States, and for us, this feels like we are going backwards of trying to recreate something that is already there versus adding on to it.

The maker of the amendment yesterday stated there is no financial difference. It is a neutral bill, which means there are no additional resources, but it sounds like a whole lot of additional work. I am not sure who is working more hours for no additional dollars. Considering that we are in an economic influx of inflation being 8-plus percent, how are we going to accomplish all these lofty goals with no new money going into the system?

Just yesterday there was an article published in the Philadelphia Inquirer where the District Attorney's Office was requesting additional dollars from the city of Philadelphia in the first class, along with the PD (police department), asking for an additional \$24 million so they can hire more officers so they can get their clearance rates higher to get these cases to trial.

I am confused on why we are moving bills that no one requested for. I would ask for opposition to this measure.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in opposition to this bill because I believe it is in fact voter suppression. Voter suppression does not always look like literacy tests, it does not always look like voter intimidation at the polls. Sometimes it looks like telling voters that your vote from your county for the person that you elected to do a job does not matter because we want to put somebody else overtop of their decision-making. Sometimes voter suppression looks like this bill, HB 2275. Sometimes voter suppression looks like a series of bills that we have seen this week telling Philadelphia voters that their vote did not matter and that the person that they elected to office, we here, the General Assembly, are going to limit their powers, limit their terms, limit their ability to do the job that you, Philadelphia voter, elected them to do.

And for that reason I am encouraging and urging folks, if you believe in democracy, if you believe in votes, the power of the vote, then I ask you for a "no" vote on this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Is the gentleman, Representative Craig Williams, seeking recognition on final passage? You are in order and may proceed.

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

The numbers are sobering. Philadelphia recorded 561 murders last year, the most in history – 501 of those murders involved firearms, 41 of those murder victims were children; 41 Philadelphia children were murdered last year. To date, we have already had 152 murders in Philadelphia.

In 2021 there were 840 carjackings in Philadelphia. A carjacking is stealing someone's car at gunpoint. This year there have already been 420 carjackings in Philadelphia, including a United States Congresswoman. We are on pace to have over 1200 carjackings in Philadelphia this year. In 2021 there were 2,327 shootings, both fatal and nonfatal. As of yesterday, there have been 665 shootings in Philadelphia this year.

And here is the nut we are trying to crack: In 2021, 3,193 prior convicted felons were arrested while in possession of a gun, a crime under Title 18, section 1105, in the Pennsylvania Statutes. Of those 3,193 arrests in 2021, 440 were convicted of illegal gun

possession, less than 14 percent. For context, in 2017 there was a conviction rate of 63 percent. In 2019 the conviction rate was down to 49 percent. And again, last year it was below 14 percent.

As a former Federal prosecutor, and specifically, a gun prosecutor, I know that violent crime is overwhelmingly committed by prior convicted felons. It is already a crime for those felons to possess a gun. Let me repeat that. It is both a Federal and a State crime for a previously convicted felon to be in possession of a firearm, no matter where it was made, no matter whether he made it himself, no matter who gave it to him, and no matter whether he found it on the street. It is a felony. Possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon is another felony.

Convicting them of gun possession crimes often stops violence before it occurs. I have seen it firsthand in convicting violent motorcycle gang members in Colorado and members of a heroin distribution organization in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. The possession of guns by those previously convicted felons is what allowed us to take them off the street with significant sentences.

I believe we have a critical tool by way of this bill. After much negotiation from across the aisle and with the Office of the Attorney General, we have amended HB 2275 to formally create a legislatively constituted local-State task force to prosecute felon-in-possession crimes in Philadelphia. It is time that we give the task force the teeth it needs to prosecute cases in Philadelphia. The task force will operate with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. It will be comprised of officials of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office; the Philadelphia Police Department; State and city local law enforcement agencies, including transit officers and campus police. The Federal agencies of Philadelphia are invited to the task force, including the United States Attorney's Office. The scope of the task force will be limited to prosecuting felons in possession of firearms and illegal transfers, known as straw purchasers. Each law enforcement agency that has a member of the Gun Violence Task Force will notify the task force of any arrest involving those two crimes alone within 48 hours.

The bill also allows the task force to report back to the — I am sorry, requires the task force to report back to the General Assembly annually with the number of gun arrests, indictments, convictions, and sentences imposed so we may evaluate the efficacy of this program.

The people of Philadelphia are suffering and they know they are in danger. We can help them right now. I ask for a "yes" vote on HB 2275.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank the gentleman for sharing statistics about the city that I represent, and actually in his comments, he talked specifically about a part of the city that I currently live in as well as legislate in, and that is Germantown. And, Mr. Speaker, as he shared the statistics that many of us are addressing and dealing with right at this very moment, I think it is also important to recognize that, you know, as he shared that the task force and everything else and everybody who is involved, but one of the things I would ask the gentleman, as well as the current maker of this piece of legislation, is that they reach across the aisle and talk to every single one of us that represent the city

of Philadelphia, and I am saying city of Philadelphia specifically because the gentleman talked about the statistics that are taking place.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that many of us that represent parts of Philadelphia, specifically Germantown, have been working with local law enforcement, have been working with the District Attorney's Office, have been working with grassroots organizations, have been working with clergy — and this is all hands on deck, this is all hands on deck, all of us coming together, Mr. Speaker, to try to work with and address the gun violence.

However, Mr. Speaker, I would say that if the maker of this particular bill is truly interested, truly interested in stopping the crime in Philadelphia, then I say then let us all come together, let us create a summit. Mr. Speaker, we can come up for a special, a special session, but let us include, let us include those folks from Philadelphia who are living through the gun violence that is taking place. Let us include those folks from Philadelphia who are working day in and day at night just to address the gun violence, Mr. Speaker. Let us include the clergy that is working with us in Philadelphia, Mr. Speaker. So let us include everybody, not just a select few to address this. But more importantly, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the maker of the bill, again, reach across the aisle. We have a chairman of the Philadelphia delegation that represents a part of Philadelphia — make sure that he, as well as the leadership of the Philadelphia delegation, is at that table. And again, if you want to talk specifically about specific communities, then let us include those members who are part of that specific community, that community that the gentleman spoke about.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just ask that the members of this august body take into consideration my comments. And as we vote on this particular piece of legislation, I ask that the members to vote "no," but I also ask, Mr. Speaker, that we have a conversation if we are really serious about addressing the gun violence that is taking place, especially in the city of Philadelphia.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing no one else seeking recognition— Oh, I apologize. I did not see you, Representative White. Representative White, you are recognized on final passage.

Ms. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to clarify a few points, one of which is that I have yet to receive a letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding this legislation in terms of the opposition that was just described here on the floor. And I would like to repeat that my colleague from Delaware County and I have worked diligently to ensure that the Attorney General's Office was included in the discussions around this legislation, as well as the House Democrats.

And what I am seeing, though, is a pattern. Philadelphia's district attorney is not prosecuting crimes well enough to help prevent what is taking place in the city of Philadelphia in terms of homicides. As you had just heard, we reached a tragic milestone when we recorded 561 homicides for the year, shattering records and shattering the lives of families throughout the city. This is a 13-percent increase in murder on top of over 2300 shootings. Philadelphia is on a similar trajectory this year. And this proposal brings to bear the responsibility of this legislature to take action by the utilization of the Attorney General's Office, their resources, and personnel.

When local officials refuse to act, we must. That is why we passed Act 58 previously. It was created as a bipartisan pilot program to determine if concurrent jurisdiction efforts could help stem the rising tide of violence and crime committed with firearms in Philadelphia. Act 58 was passed by overwhelming bipartisan majorities and was signed into law by our Governor.

Criminals using firearms to commit crimes continue to rise in Philadelphia, with carjackings at the highest levels in years, and this is impacting families all across the city of Philadelphia, no matter what neighborhood you are from. While there are less officers on the street, there have been an increase in arrests but the charges brought against these criminals has declined. These criminals are being released to wreak havoc again on our streets instead of being prosecuted at the local level. Charges are being declined or downgraded.

We have introduced HB 2275 to help bring to bear the State-level resources and tools to assist in this crisis of violence plaguing the city. This bill has been authored, again, with the input of the Attorney General's Office, and it even includes a sunset provision for 2025.

I ask the same bipartisan majority that supported this effort in 2019 to join us again today.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.
Seeing no one else seeking recognition.

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—151

Armanini	Gillen	Marshall	Ryan
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Masser	Sainato
Bernstine	Gleim	Matzie	Sanchez
Bizzarro	Gregory	Mehaffie	Sankey
Boback	Greiner	Mentzer	Sappery
Bonner	Grove	Mercuri	Saylor
Boyle	Guenst	Metzgar	Schemel
Bradford	Guzman	Mihalek	Schmitt
Brooks	Hamm	Millard	Schnee
Brown, R.	Heffley	Miller, B.	Schroeder
Burgos	Helm	Mizgorski	Schweyer
Burns	Hennessey	Moul	Shusterman
Carroll	Hershey	Mullery	Silvis
Causar	Hickernell	Mullins	Smith
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Mustello	Snyder
Cook	Irvin	Neilson	Sonney
Cox	James	Nelson, E.	Staats
Cruz	Jones	Nelson, N.	Stambaugh
Culver	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Stephens

Davanzo	Kail	O'Neal	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Kaufner	Oberlander	Sturla
Day	Kauffman	Ortitay	Thomas
Delloso	Keefe	Owlett	Tomlinson
Delozier	Kerwin	Pashinski	Topper
DelRosso	Klunk	Peifer	Twardzik
Diamond	Knowles	Pennycuick	Warner
Dowling	Kosierowski	Pickett	Warren
Driscoll	Krueger	Pisciottano	Webster
Dunbar	Labs	Polinchock	Welby
Ecker	Lawrence	Quinn	Wentling
Emrick	Lewis	Rader	Wheeland
Evans	Longietti	Rapp	White
Farry	Mackenzie, M.	Rigby	Williams, C.
Fee	Mackenzie, R.	Roae	Williams, D.
Flood	Major	Rossi	Zabel
Freeman	Mako	Rothman	
Fritz	Malagari	Rowe	Cutler,
Galloway	Markosek	Rozzi	Speaker
Gaydos			

NAYS—49

Abney	Deasy	Isaacson	Metcalfe
Benham	DeLissio	Kenyatta	Otten
Borowicz	DeLuca	Kim	Parker
Briggs	Fiedler	Kinsey	Puskaric
Brown, A.	Fitzgerald	Kirkland	Rabb
Bullock	Frankel	Krajewski	Samuelson
Cephas	Hanbidge	Kulik	Schlossberg
Conklin	Harkins	Madden	Sims
Covington	Harris	Maloney	Solomon
Curry	Herrin	McClinton	Vitali
Daley	Howard	McNeill	Young
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Merski	Zimmerman
Dawkins			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Kinhead	Lee	Miller, D.
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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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Austin DAVIS, has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, the leave will be so granted.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

HOUSE CONCURRENT REGULATORY REVIEW RESOLUTION NO. 1

Mr. SONNEY called up **House Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution No. 1**, entitled:

Disapproving the Department of Education regulations (#6-349) on charter schools and cyber charter schools.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. And on that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Sonney.

Mr. SONNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on March 30, 2022, the Education Committee successfully voted on House Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution, disapproving Regulation No. 6-349, largely due to the following reasons. The department failed to attempt to reach a consensus on the final-form regulations among all parties. The Pennsylvania Department of Education did not hold any additional meetings or otherwise engage with the school entities as they were recommended to do so. PDE also failed to meaningfully respond to the objections raised on the proposed regulations by numerous stakeholders, including the IRRC (Independent Regulatory Review Commission), as well as myself as the majority chairman of the House Education Committee.

These regulations are contrary to the intent of the law, lack any guidance for authorizers, and impose unreasonable requirements on charter and cyber charter schools that could provide the department with a basis for not authorizing, renewing, or revoking a charter or cyber charter if their operations vary from the final-form regulations. Therefore, I ask for a positive vote on House Concurrent Resolution 1.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Longietti, on the resolution.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the resolution.

You know, we have a Charter School Law in Pennsylvania that has been on the books for 25 years, and the only substantive revision to that law was 20 years ago when the cyber charter schools were authorized. And I think everybody in this General Assembly, practically everyone, believes that there are reforms that are needed.

Now, the resolution that we have in front of us today deals with regulations that the Department of Education promulgated and went through the regulatory process. And they really are not the reforms that I would desire but what they do do, they are well within the authority of the department and they provide clarity. They make it clear what provisions of the law mean. And in many cases, they are based upon their codifications of decisions made by the Charter School Appeal Board.

And so here we are, the department spent well over 2 years revising and promulgating these regulations. They accepted thousands of public comments, which they reviewed. They made additional revisions based upon those comments. The Independent Regulatory Review Commission met. It found that these regulations are in the public interest. And so here we are as a General Assembly and now we are going to be a roadblock, potentially, and say not only can we not reform the Charter School Law that we all or virtually all of us believe needs to be reformed, but we cannot even allow regulations to be finalized that provide clarity.

So specifically, the regulations provide for a model charter school application. They tell applicants at a minimum what you have to put in your application. It brings clarity. They also bring clarity to the enrollment process. We know that sometimes there are slots that need to go through random selection because there are more applicants. How many slots are we talking about? How does that process work? That is what these regulations spell out.

They confirm that the members of the governing board for the charter schools are subject to the Ethics Act, that they have to file

a statement of financial interest. That provision is already in law, but too many of them are not filing their statements of financial interests so we put it in regulations, making it clear and putting them on notice. That is clarity.

They provide clarity on the fiscal management. They subject the charter schools – clarifying law – that they have to have an audit where generally accepted auditing principles are applied. That is taxpayer money after all.

They also make clear the redirection process when there is a dispute between the charter school and the resident school district on whether or not that student is actually attending so that the tuition money should be sent. There are a ton of those disputes all the time. These regulations make it clear that the charter school has to bill the resident school district at least 10 business days in advance so that there is time to work out those problems and we do not just send those over to the Department of Ed and clog everything up.

And finally, they bring clarity. There is a provision in law already that says that the charter school must provide health insurance to their employees that is comparable to what school districts provide, but it does not, when you have a cyber charter school and you are taking people from so many different school districts, what school district are we talking about, it makes it clear, it says wherever the administrative office is for the charter school. Clarity.

So as stated, it has been 25 years since the Charter School Law has been enacted. It is in much need of reform, yet the legislature has consistently failed to provide for any meaningful reform in that time. While the proposed regulations represent a first step towards reform, much more work needs to be done.

However, the legislature should not put up a roadblock to impede this first step. Therefore, I call on my colleagues to reject House Concurrent Resolution No. 1. Vote "no." Allow these regulations that were filed in the public interest to be finalized.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(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 following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—107

Armanini	Greiner	Marshall	Rossi
Benninghoff	Grove	Masser	Rothman
Bernstine	Hamm	Mentzer	Rowe
Bonner	Heffley	Mercuri	Ryan
Borowicz	Helm	Metcalfe	Sankey
Brown, R.	Hennessey	Metzgar	Saylor
Causar	Hershey	Mihalek	Schemel
Cook	Hickernell	Millard	Schmitt
Cox	Irvin	Miller, B.	Schroeder

Culver	James	Mizgorski	Silvis
Davanzo	Jones	Moul	Smith
Day	Jozwiak	Mustello	Sonney
DeLozier	Kail	Nelson, E.	Staats
DelRosso	Kaufer	O'Neal	Stambaugh
Diamond	Kauffman	Oberlander	Struzzi
Dowling	Keefer	Ortitay	Thomas
Dunbar	Kerwin	Owlett	Tomlinson
Ecker	Klunk	Peifer	Topper
Emrick	Knowles	Pennycuick	Twardzik
Farry	Labs	Pickett	Warner
Fee	Lawrence	Polinchock	Wentling
Flood	Lewis	Puskaric	Wheeland
Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Quinn	White
Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Rader	Zimmerman
Gillen	Major	Rapp	
Gillespie	Mako	Rigby	Cutler,
Gleim	Maloney	Roae	Speaker
Gregory			

NAYS—92

Abney	DeLissio	Kirkland	Rabb
Benham	Delloso	Kosierowski	Rozzi
Bizzarro	DeLuca	Krajewski	Sainato
Boback	Driscoll	Krueger	Samuelson
Boyle	Evans	Kulik	Sanchez
Bradford	Fiedler	Longietti	Sappey
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Davis, T.	Kenyatta	Parker	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Kinsey	Pisciottano	Zabel

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Davis, A.	Kinkead	Lee	Miller, D.
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The majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now be turning to housekeeping, followed by – for the information of the members, we will be doing rule 17 speeches, but most of those members have waived off. Those who have not, please come forward and we will get to you as soon as we have completed the regular housekeeping.

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentlewoman, Whip Oberlander, rise?

Ms. OBERLANDER. To correct the record.
The SPEAKER. You are in order and may proceed.
Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have several corrections.

The first is on HB 2169. The gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Brooks, was recorded in the positive. He would like to be recorded in the negative.

And on the motion for special order of business, the gentlelady of Allegheny County, Representative Carrie Lewis DelRosso, was recorded in the negative. She would like to be recorded in the positive.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady, and those remarks will be spread upon the record.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. HEFFLEY

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does Representative Heffley rise?

Mr. HEFFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make an announcement to welcome our first granddaughter, Logan Marie Blose. She was born on Monday, April 18, at 8.9 pounds 21 inches, and my wife and I are delighted. And my daughter and the baby and my son-in-law are doing fine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair as well as the chamber join in congratulating you, sir.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 37, PN 1019**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for learners' permits and for examination of applicant for driver's license; in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications, providing for prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications devices and imposing penalties; and, in operation of vehicles miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 37 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.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 71, PN 47**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 71 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.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 527, PN 2594**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public improvements, utilities and services, providing for public notice, public meeting and consent requirements.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 527 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.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 659, PN 1536**, entitled:

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

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 659 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.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1497, PN 1828**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed service and for rights of municipalities preserved.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1497 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, those members remaining on the list to speak on rule 17 are Representative Schroeder, Representative Merski, Representative Kinsey, and Representative Malagari. If there is anybody else that we thought had passed up on that opportunity but has not, please approach the rostrum and the Chair.

STATEMENT BY MR. KINSEY

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now recognize the gentleman, Representative Kinsey, on rule 17, and we will post the clock here momentarily, sir.

Mr. KINSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for this opportunity to speak on a topic that is impacting the lives of tens of millions of Pennsylvanians – Pennsylvanians who are parents, siblings, family members, and friends. Regardless of our political beliefs, regardless of the color of our skin, regardless of what part of the State we choose to live in, we are all impacted by gun violence in some way, shape, or fashion.

Just yesterday this Capitol was visited by citizens – some young, some older; some from urban areas, some from suburban areas, and some from rural areas – many folks representing a variety of ethnic backgrounds who all want one thing, and that one thing is our help. Mr. Speaker, they want this body to enact meaningful gun legislation, meaningful gun legislation that they and many of us believe can help save lives. Mr. Speaker, it has been over 3 years since this body has even discussed meaningful gun legislation. And let me be clear, what we are asking is not a violation of anyone's constitutional rights. We are asking that this body engages in a conversation to discuss those bills that have been sitting in committee for well over the past 3 years. Let us make sure that we allow the voice of the people we serve to be heard.

Mr. Speaker, now is the time. We are seeing an all-time high of gun violence occur all across this Commonwealth. Last year over 1600 individuals lost their lives due to gun violence. In the

city of the first class alone, we saw over 550 individuals lose their lives due to gun violence in 2021, and unfortunately, that city is on track to surpass that number by the end of 2022. I, along with many of my colleagues, have worked tirelessly to address this issue. Mr. Speaker, we need help. Our communities need our help. The people of this Commonwealth need our help. Let us stop playing politics and help the people by passing meaningful gun laws. Now is the time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (JOHN A. LAWRENCE) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. JOZWIAK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The next speaker on rule 17 will be Representative Jozwiak, who has comments with regard to a State championship team.

Mr. JOZWIAK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am very pleased today to be joined on the House floor by the Schuylkill Valley High School Girls Swimming Team, who have demonstrated their athletic excellence at one of the highest levels. The Schuylkill Valley High School Girls Swimming and Diving Team is being honored upon winning first place in the Class AA girls team rankings during the 2021-2022 PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships. And to their great credit, the Panthers won their first-ever State title in program history by amassing 177 points under the expert guidance of head coach Kyle Campbell and assistant coaches Kara Feeney, Justin Eisenhofer, and Michelle Rowles. The team was comprised of Megan Ehrnfeltd, Katie Eisenhofer, Annie Gao, Emily Gao, Jenna Kirby, Aryanna Kulp, Paige McKim, and Megan Raifsnider.

In addition, the girls swim team is being honored upon capturing first place in the Class AA girls 200-yard freestyle relay event during the 2021-2022 PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships. And to their hard work, the Panthers won the State title with a time of 1:37:32. The 200-yard freestyle relay team was comprised of Emily Gao, Annie Gao, Katie Eisenhofer, and Megan Ehrnfeltd.

The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania takes great pleasure in recognizing the outstanding achievements realized by the youth of this nation in a spirit of personal sacrifice, commitment to a common goal, and unity of purpose. Their team dedication is to be commended, and I am pleased to give that recognition in the House of Representatives chamber. The House of Representatives pays tribute to the members and coach of the Schuylkill Valley High School Girls Swimming Team, as well as all those who assisted them, upon their well-deserved recognition and championship win; acknowledges their investment of skill and effort in competing on a level which demands perfection; and extends best wishes for every future success and personal fulfillment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MERSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Our next rule 17 speaker will be Representative Merski, who is going to address the House with regard to educators.

Mr. MERSKI. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and thank you.

Before being elected into the General Assembly, I spent almost two decades as a teacher. I am extremely proud of those years, thinking about the students and families that I got to know and hopefully the impact on the students' futures. I still care deeply about Erie's schools, students, and educators, and schools, students, and educators all across the Commonwealth.

It is said that teaching is a profession that creates all other professions, and this is true. Our communities would have no engineers, no innovators, no advocates without the support of teachers. A teacher not only imparts knowledge, but can spark curiosity about a new topic or an interest in lifelong learning. I am sure we can each remember a teacher in our lives who made a difference, maybe taking the extra time to explain a challenging concept or believing in us when our confidence was lagging.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and I am encouraging my colleagues to join me in thanking a teacher. This is a week we celebrate only once a year to recognize the life-changing impact our teachers have every day. I want to thank my fellow educators for the work that they do – the hard work, the commitment, the long hours, and the time creating a positive learning environment.

Now, I hate to see this profession that I love become the target of partisan attacks, and that schools and teachers are the focus of policies not meant to improve our education communities but to politicize them. Rather than focusing on divisive policies that distract from teaching and make our educators work harder, we should be working to highlight the incredible work being achieved in our schools every day, celebrating teaching and learning; amplifying the tremendous work our teachers, administrators, and critical support staff make; and investing in our schools and communities to ensure that every student, regardless of ZIP (Zoning Improvement Plan) Code, has the tools they need to thrive. This approach to supporting our schools would be more meaningful and effective than debating high school athletics and a nonexistent curriculum.

We have made meaningful progress over the past few years by implementing the school funding formula that drives more money into our districts, and creating new initiatives like Level Up. But some Pennsylvania schools are still struggling, struggling for resources, some like the schools in Erie. In some Pennsylvania schools, they do not have access to libraries. In others, there are no school nurses or school counselors. And in others, students and teachers go to class in toxic classrooms or buildings that are over 100 years old and have not been renovated in decades. In other schools, they have state-of-the-art science labs, new athletic fields, and robust course offerings. Simply put, in some schools, every kid starts the year with a new MacBook, and in other schools, students are forced to share a math book.

The good news is that more can be done, and we are going to do more. We can work to level the educational playing field without relying on school boards to hike property taxes. Pennsylvania has billions in unspent Federal COVID dollars and billions in excess tax money collected from Pennsylvania taxpayers. These dollars could be directed to schools to create

better learning opportunities for students in Erie and all around the State, to create safer classrooms for students and teachers, and to lessen our State's outdated reliance on local property taxes to fund our schools.

Mr. Speaker, I care deeply about Erie's schools and educators and the schools, students, teachers, and communities across the Commonwealth, and I call on my colleagues to join me in fighting to do more. Whether you are from Forest County or Centre County or Monroe County, I think our neighbors agree: There is no more important investment than the investment we make in our children. So next week when we are all thanking our teachers for the phenomenal work that they do every day, let us do more. Let us stop the political gamesmanship and support the critical work they do in our communities by investing in education.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MRS. SCHROEDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Bucks, Representative Schroeder, who will be speaking with regard to a disease awareness week.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As we approach Mental Health Awareness Month in May and recognize Tardive Dyskinesia, TD, Awareness Week during the first full week of May, May 1 through the 7, it is critical that supporting people living with mental health conditions remains a focus. As 2022 marks the fifth year recognizing "TD Awareness Week," we want to strengthen our efforts together as leading voices of support for the approximately 600,000 people in the U.S. affected by TD.

Some people living with a mental health condition may also experience TD, a condition that includes uncontrollable movements affecting the face, torso, and/or other body parts. TD may develop after a few months of taking certain medications, antipsychotics, to treat bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder. The uncontrollable movements of TD can have a negative impact on those living with the condition. TD movements can also impact daily tasks such as eating, sleeping, drinking, and even leaving the house. Acknowledging and recognizing the symptoms of TD are important to get the necessary support and potential treatment.

I would like to thank the members for their efforts to raise awareness of Mental Health Awareness Month and TD Awareness Week.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MR. MALAGARI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes Representative Malagari, who is going to be speaking with regards to National Infertility Awareness Week. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak about something that is very near and dear to me and very personal.

So this week, April 24 through April 30, is National Infertility Awareness Week. Yesterday myself and my colleagues,

Representative O'Mara and Representative Innamorato, met with dozens of Pennsylvanians who, like us, like myself, believe in the right to start a family. Each of us came to the Capitol this week because we want to make Pennsylvania better. And during National Infertility Awareness Week, we felt compelled to tell our stories – personal, heartbreaking stories.

Everyone deserves a family; every Pennsylvanian deserves a family. And unbelievably, in 2022 for some Pennsylvanians, the barriers to start a family are almost insurmountable: the uncertainty, the stress, the emotions, the physical and medical strain, and the thousands of dollars of expenses caused by Pennsylvania's shortcoming regarding health insurance coverage. These are not abstract barriers; they are real, and they affect 1.5 million people in Pennsylvania alone.

I am one of those 1.5 million, and I spoke with several more of them just yesterday. What we spoke about was our hope – our hope to start our families, our hope that our next treatment would be successful, and our hope that the Commonwealth will pay attention to our stories like our neighboring States did. The city of Pittsburgh and the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and West Virginia all support families, and it costs less than a cup of coffee.

National Infertility Awareness Week aims to highlight how common this issue is, how many people are impacted, and that nobody is alone or should feel stigmatized. Household names such as Kourtney Kardashian, Chrissy Teigen, Michelle Obama, and Gordon Ramsay, have all told their stories. And this is important because you know these names, and you probably know somebody close to you or in your community who has experienced these same struggles. It is not rare and is not isolated to women or one particular race or socioeconomic status. Infertility does not discriminate.

Our country's fertility rate has reached a record low, and as many as one in eight couples of reproductive age are affected by this. And I guarantee you know someone who is experiencing the emotional, physical, and financial pain of infertility. So please, be there for them; be a friend to them. I thank you for your time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MS. DeLISSIO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Representative DeLissio, who will be speaking with regard to Trauma Awareness Day.

The lady is in order and may proceed.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time ever, the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is recognizing the month of May 2022 as "Trauma Awareness Month," and specifically May 25, 2022, as "Trauma Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

This is an opportunity for all individuals and leaders in Pennsylvania to realize that trauma exists, has widespread effects, to recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma, and to respond proactively and prevent retraumatization in order to allow healing. Pennsylvania is a pioneering State for becoming healing-centered. Community healing will only occur when historical harms done to individuals because of ongoing social injustices are acknowledged and when policies are trauma-informed.

Mr. Speaker, in December 2021 the Children and Youth Committee, of which I am the minority chair and Representative Delozier is the majority chair, hosted an informational meeting on adverse childhood experiences – also known as ACEs – trauma-informed care, and trauma-informed policy. And we do believe that this was a first in the Pennsylvania House.

I subsequently held a town hall in my own district in January on those three topics, and in May will be introducing a resolution so that the Joint State Government Commission can look at the laws under certain titles that we have introduced over the last 5 years to determine if those laws have exacerbated trauma or ameliorated trauma. Trauma costs our society a lot of money if it goes unaddressed. We should be about passing policy that mitigates trauma and our very first steps there is to become trauma-aware.

So, Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to share with my colleagues that May for the first time is being recognized as "Trauma Awareness Month," and we will be celebrating on May 25. We will be in session that day, Trauma Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the lady.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker is in receipt of a motion from the lady from York County, Representative Klunk, who does now move that this House shall adjourn until Monday, May 23, 2022, at 12 m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 7:28 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.