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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. FRANCIS X. RYAN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.

Members, may I ask you to please join with me in prayer. I would like to start the prayer today with the gospel according to Matthew, chapter 7:1-5.

Jesus said to His disciples:

"Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooded beam is in your eye? Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

It was interesting, during my walk across the United States in 2014, it was a walk of atonement and gratitude, so let us pray today that each of us will show the compassion to others as we wish compassion to be shown to us; may we forgive others, as we ask others to forgive us; may we treat others with the same respect with which we wish to be treated.

This prayer I offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 21, 2022, will be postponed until printed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

HB 54, PN 3296 (Amended) By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for promulgation of rules and regulations by department.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2367, PN 3295 (Amended) By Rep. METCALFE

An Act providing for duty of Department of Environmental Protection to prohibit the construction or installation of wind turbines that negatively affect military installations, for duties of wind turbine owners and for authorization processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 2481, PN 3294 (Amended) By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for sanction-free procurement.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HB 2632, PN 3176 By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for vendor-designed registration plates.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2702, PN 3283 By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act providing for the highway capital budget project itemization for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to be financed from current revenue or by the incurring of debt.

TRANSPORTATION.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

SB 428, PN 432 By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in dates of elections and primaries and special elections, further providing for general primary and candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 573, PN 1712 By Rep. GROVE

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in district election officers, further providing for appointment of watchers; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots; and, in penalties, further providing for refusal to permit overseers, watchers, attorneys or candidates to act, for

prohibiting duress and intimidation of voters and interference with the free exercises of the elective franchise and for hindering or delaying performance of duty.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 1094, PN 1806 (Amended) By Rep. HENNESSEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for apportioned registration renewal; in commercial drivers, further providing for commercial driver's license; in miscellaneous provisions, repealing provisions relating to snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle and providing for snow and ice; and, in motor carrier safety, repealing provisions relating to findings and declaration of policy and further providing for definitions and for Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

TRANSPORTATION.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE RESOLUTION CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in **HR 203, PN 3107**.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Resolution numbered and entitled, the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HR 203, PN 3107

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing June 19, 2022, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the first naturalization of a Korean-American citizen in 1890.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR

VETO OF HOUSE CONCURRENT REGULATORY REVIEW RESOLUTION

The Speaker laid before the House a communication in writing from the office of His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following House concurrent regulatory review resolution had been vetoed by the Governor:

House Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution No. 1.

Said House concurrent regulatory review resolution having been returned with the following message:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

June 21, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND
THE HONORABLE SENATE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and Section 7(d) of the Regulatory Review Act, I veto and disapprove, and return herewith, House Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution Number 1, which disapproves the Department of Education's Final-Form Regulation 6-349 (relating to charter schools).

I am vetoing, disapproving, and returning this concurrent resolution for two reasons. First, the concurrent resolution is procedurally defective. In adopting the concurrent resolution, the General Assembly failed to comply with the Regulatory Review Act (RRA), which creates the concurrent resolution process as applied to regulations. The RRA provides:

Upon receipt of the commission's order...one or both of the committees may, within 14 calendar days, report to the House of Representatives or Senate a concurrent resolution and notify the agency...If either committee reports a concurrent resolution before the expiration of the 14-day period, the Senate and the House of Representatives shall each have 30 calendar days or ten legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which the concurrent resolution has been reported, to adopt the concurrent resolution.

71 P.S. § 745.7(d). Although the House adopted the concurrent resolution within the statutory timeframe, the Senate failed to adopt it within the 30 calendar days or ten legislative days from the date that the House committee reported the concurrent resolution. Given the Senate's failure to adopt the concurrent resolution in a timely and effective manner, the General Assembly has failed to comply with the RRA. As such, the RRA directs that the General Assembly is deemed to have approved Final-Form Regulation 6-349.

Second, I am vetoing, disapproving, and returning the concurrent resolution because Final-Form Regulation 6-349 is a critical step forward in increasing transparency, equity, quality, and accountability in the implementation of the outdated Charter School Law, which has not been significantly amended since its passage over 20 years ago. After years of failed reform efforts, this regulatory package includes a host of needed reforms, including:

- Providing clear application requirements for entities seeking to open a charter school, regional charter school, or cyber charter school;
- Clarifying ethics requirements for charter and cyber charter school trustees;
- Requiring school districts and charter schools to follow the same fiscal management and auditing standards;
- Streamlining the process for charter schools to request tuition payments; and
- Providing a consistent, common-sense method for charter schools to meet the employee health care requirements in law.

While this regulation represents the most significant charter school reform to date, the work is not done. I urge the members of the General Assembly to pass my comprehensive charter reform legislation, which would modernize the law and create fair, predictable, and equitable funding for charter schools that will save school districts an estimated \$373 million annually.

For the reasons set forth above, I must veto, disapprove, and withhold my signature from House Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution Number 1.

Sincerely,
Tom Wolf
Governor

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
REGULATORY REVIEW RESOLUTION
AND VETO MESSAGE
PLACED ON CALENDAR**

The SPEAKER. In accordance with the Regulatory Review Act, the House concurrent regulatory review resolution and the veto message will be placed on the calendar.

**COMMUNICATION FROM
JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker submits for the record the report of the Joint State Government Commission regarding Election Law in Pennsylvania, Report of the Election Law Advisory Board for the Fiscal Year 2021-22.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the Democratic whip, who indicates that the gentleman, Representative Malcolm KENYATTA, from Philadelphia wishes to be placed on leave for the day. Without objection, the leave of absence is 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—199

Abney	Frankel	Mackenzie, M.	Roae
Armanini	Freeman	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi
Benham	Fritz	Madden	Rothman
Benninghoff	Galloway	Major	Rowe
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mako	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Gillen	Malagari	Ryan
Boback	Gillespie	Maloney	Sainato
Bonner	Gleim	Markosek	Samuelson
Borowicz	Gregory	Marshall	Sanchez
Boyle	Greiner	Masser	Sankey
Bradford	Grove	Matzie	Sappey
Briggs	Guenst	McClinton	Saylor
Brooks	Guzman	McNeill	Schemel

Brown, A.	Hamm	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Brown, R.	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Schmitt
Bullock	Harkins	Mercuri	Schnee
Burgos	Harris	Merski	Schroeder
Burns	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Carroll	Helm	Metzgar	Shusterman
Causar	Hennessey	Mihalek	Silvis
Cephas	Herrin	Millard	Sims
Ciresi	Hershey	Miller, B.	Smith
Conklin	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Snyder
Cook	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Solomon
Covington	Howard	Moul	Sonney
Cox	Innamorato	Mullery	Staats
Cruz	Irvin	Mullins	Stambaugh
Culver	Isaacson	Mustello	Stephens
Curry	James	Neilson	Struzzi
Daley	Jones	Nelson, E.	Sturla
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Thomas
Davis, A.	Kail	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Davis, T.	Kaufner	O'Neal	Topper
Dawkins	Kauffman	Oberlander	Twardzik
Day	Keefer	Ortitay	Vitali
Deasy	Kim	Otten	Warner
DeLissio	Kinhead	Owlett	Warren
Delloso	Kinsey	Parker	Webster
Delozier	Kirkland	Pashinski	Welby
DelRosso	Klunk	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Knowles	Pennycuick	Whealand
Diamond	Kosierowski	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Krajewski	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Ecker	Krueger	Polinchock	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kulik	Puskaric	Young
Evans	Labs	Quinn	Zabel
Farry	Lawrence	Rabb	Zimmerman
Fee	Lee	Rader	
Fiedler	Lewis	Rapp	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Longiatti	Rigby	Speaker
Flood			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling Kenyatta Kerwin

The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-nine members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the Butler High School Boys Track Team, winners of the WPIAL Class 3A team track title. The track team, who are the guests of Representative Mustello, claimed 10 of the 11 running events to win this team title for the second year in a row.

The Chair would also like to congratulate Guinness Brown, C.J. Singleton, Ryder Kriley, and Drew Griffith, who won the distance medley relay at the New Balance Nationals over the weekend. Their time ranked seventh all-time among high schools in the United States. Congratulations, Butler High School Track Team, on your many accomplishments.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the guests of Representative Hill-Evans, Inspector Michael Davis; his wife, Holly; and their three sons, Fin, Callan, and Bryan. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Wade Shomper, who captured first place in the PIAA Class AAA Boys Shot Put and Discus events. He won the gold medal in the shot put with a throw of 59 feet 9.75 inches, and the discus event with a throw of 172 feet 8 inches. Wade is the guest of Representative Rothman and is accompanied today by his parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle, and best friend. Congratulations on both State titles.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Toby Peck, the guest of Representative Sappey. Toby is an intern in Representative Sappey's district office. Thank you for working on behalf of the constituents.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Representative Irvin's district office staff: Walter Russell, Sherri Fleck, Louise Biancuzzo, and Aiden Conese. Welcome, and thank you for helping all the constituents.

Also located in gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the district office staff and interns of Representative Sanchez: Morgan Selkirk, Megan Griffin-Shelley, Victoria Fairburn, Ryan Gaffney, and Noah Vinogradov. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery – we certainly have a full gallery today – the Chair is pleased to welcome the special guests of Representatives Kulik and Deasy, the Montour Spartans Baseball Team, who recently captured the 2022 PIAA Class 4A State Championship. This is the first time in the school's history that the baseball team has earned a State title. Congratulations.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the guests of Representative Rozzi, Billie Jean Buckland and Tristan Baker. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Lucas Merdinger and Andrew Green, who are the summer interns for Representative Ciresi. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Chase McAlpine, a guest of Representative Bizzarro. Chase is an intern in Representative Bizzarro's district office. Welcome.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Madeline Beckley, the guest of Representative Patty Kim. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the guest of Representative John Lawrence, Avinash Thakur. He is here today with his mother, Ranjeeta Singh. Welcome.

And also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the Prince Hall Freemasons, who are the oldest recognized and continuously active organization in America founded by African-Americans. They are the guests of Representative Harris. Welcome, and thank you.

Turning to committee and caucus announcements.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a reminder, the Commerce Committee is going to have a voting meeting right now at the break – we will probably start in about 5 minutes – in room G-50, Irvis Office Building. We will be voting on HB 2667, SB 1167, SB 635, and any other business that comes before the committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Commerce Committee will meet at the break in room G-50, Irvis Office Building.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the majority leader, for a Rules Committee announcement.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good morning to everybody.

The Rules Committee will meet immediately upon recess in the majority caucus room; the Rules Committee in the majority caucus room, immediately upon recess. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 11:22, Mr. Speaker, in the majority caucus room.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the good gentleman for the announcement, and very happy that you are so precise since you are the Appropriations chairman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 11:22 in the majority caucus room.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning at 9, the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will have a voting meeting; that is tomorrow, 9 a.m., in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building, to consider HB 2331 and HR 213, as well as any other business that may come before the committee, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the good gentleman.

The Environmental Resources and Energy Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in room G-50, Irvis Office Building.

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 12 o'clock in the majority caucus room; that is 12 o'clock in the majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 1 o'clock.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Hill-Evans, for a caucus announcement.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Democrats will caucus hybrid at 12 o'clock; hybrid, 12 o'clock.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the good lady.

RECESS

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

RECESS EXTENDED

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

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

HB 2357, PN 3233 By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act prohibiting the sale or distribution of kratom products to individuals younger than 18 years of age; providing for duties of Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

RULES.

HB 2372, PN 2783 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in abandoned vehicles and cargos, further providing for reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles and providing for abandoned vehicles at wholesale vehicle auctions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2648, PN 3201 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Office of State Inspector General, further providing for powers, purpose and duties and for criminal charges.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2649, PN 3203 By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for composition of commission, membership, compensation, vacancies and removal and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2679, PN 3252

By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations; and abrogating inconsistent regulations.

RULES.

SB 477, PN 1783

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alteration of territory or corporate entity and dissolution, providing for municipal boundary change; in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for changes in assessed valuation and for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office; and making related repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 563, PN 1588

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, further providing for standards for Class VI buildings.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1186, PN 1544

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration plates, further providing for USA semiquincentennial registration plates and establishing the Semiquincentennial Restricted Account.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1236, PN 1777

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for extensive amendments to the very small meat processor Federal inspection reimbursement grant program; in agriculture and youth development, further providing for definitions and for grants; in Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, further providing for Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Fund; in Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for grant program and for distribution of grant money; and, in Farm-to-School Program, further providing for findings and declarations, for grant program and for applications and review of applications.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 213 By Representatives METCALFE, ARMANINI, BERNSTINE, BOBACK, COOK, HAMM, HENNESSEY, JAMES, PENNYCUICK, PICKETT, RADER, RAPP and RYAN

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to fund measures to protect the power grid of the United States from electromagnetic pulse attacks and solar flare incidents.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 22, 2022.

**HOUSE BILL
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2704 By Representatives D. WILLIAMS, HOWARD, SHUSTERMAN, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, N. NELSON, SAPPEY, OTTEN, BURGOS, CIRESI, INNAMORATO, KIM, GUENST, KINSEY, FRANKEL, FITZGERALD, CEPHAS, O'MARA and DELLOSO

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing for hospital pricing transparency; providing for acquisition of health care facilities; and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Attorney General.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 22, 2022.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 569, PN 1794

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 22, 2022.

SB 1083, PN 1546

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 22, 2022.

SB 1124, PN 1464

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 22, 2022.

SENATE MESSAGE

**RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

In the Senate,
June 22, 2022

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 27, 2022, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 27, 2022, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

SENATE MESSAGE

**HOUSE AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 709, PN 1761**.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 403, PN 394

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration and titling of boats, further providing for period of registration.

SB 709, PN 1761

An Act providing for cytomegalovirus education and newborn screening.

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1222, PN 1646**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in insurance holding companies, further providing for definitions, for acquisition of control of or merger or consolidation with domestic insurer and for registration of insurers, providing for group capital calculation exemptions, further providing for standards and management of an insurer within an insurance holding company system, for group-wide supervision for international insurance groups and for confidential treatment and providing for compliance with group capital calculation and liquidity stress test requirements.

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 1988, PN 3147**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in recordings by law enforcement officers, further providing for definitions; in employees, further providing for definitions; and providing for automatic certification by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 861, PN 1072**, entitled:

An Act making the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a party to the Recognition Of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Roae, is indicating he is withdrawing amendments 4877 and 4878. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 1047, PN 1775**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in State Armory Board, providing for definitions, further providing for composition and general functions, for erection of armories and for management of armories, providing for management of buildings and structures located at Fort Indiantown Gap and further providing for purchase or lease of ground for armories, for donation of land by political subdivisions, for donation of property and services by political subdivisions, for sale of unusable armories and land, sale or lease of timber and mineral rights, for payment of armory rentals by Commonwealth, for rental of armories, for property in armories of units in Federal service, for State Treasury Armory Fund and for maintenance, construction and repairs.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 849, PN 1043**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' preference, further providing for definitions; and, in voluntary veterans' preference in private employment, further providing for definitions.

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

Mrs. **PENNYCUICK** offered the following amendment No. **A04958**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out "honorable" and inserting
dishonorable

Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out "honorable" and inserting

dishonorable

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

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

Mrs. **PENNYCUICK**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment, A04958, is a technical amendment to clarify the criteria relating to an individual who has been discharged from service under certain and specific types of characters of discharge.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The House will be temporarily at ease while staff discusses the amendments.

The House will return to order.

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. We will be temporarily over that Senate bill.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2057, PN 2424**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions, for form of records, for delivery of document, for functions of Department of State, for processing of documents by Department of State, for court to pass upon rejection of documents by Department of State, for statement of correction and for tax clearance of certain fundamental transactions, providing for annual report and further providing for short title and application of subchapter and for fee schedule; in entities generally, further providing for requirements for names generally, for required name changes by senior associations and for registration of name of nonregistered foreign association and providing for ratification of defective entity actions; in entity transactions, further providing for definitions, for relationship of chapter to other provisions of law, for nature of transactions, for excluded entities and transactions, for approval by business corporation, for interest exchange authorized, for statement of conversion and effectiveness, for approval of division, for division without interest holder approval, for effect of division, for allocation of liabilities in division and for domestication authorized and providing for administrative dissolution or cancellation; in foreign associations, further providing for governing law, for activities not constituting doing business, for noncomplying name of foreign association, for required withdrawal on certain transactions and for termination of registration; in corporations, further providing for application and effect of subchapter, for standard of care and justifiable reliance, for personal liability of directors, for notation of dissent, for exercise of powers generally, for alternative standard, for limitation on standing and for actions by shareholders or members to enforce a secondary right and providing for renunciation of business opportunities; in general provisions relating to business corporations, further providing for application of subpart and for definitions and repealing provisions relating to annual report information; in incorporation, further providing for articles of incorporation; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for general powers, for adoption, amendment and contents of bylaws, for persons bound by bylaws, for registered office, for corporate records and inspection by members, for bylaws and other powers in emergency and for informational rights of a director, providing for forum selection provisions and further providing for

authorized shares, for stock rights and options, for transfer of securities and restrictions, for power of corporation to acquire its own shares, for liability for unlawful dividends and other distributions and for application and effect of subchapter; in officers, directors and shareholders, further providing for manner of giving notice, for place and notice of meetings of shareholders, for use of conference telephone or other electronic technology, for conduct of shareholders meeting, for alternative provisions, for standard of care and justifiable reliance, for personal liability of directors, for notation of dissent, for exercise of powers generally, for alternative standard, for limitation on standing and for inconsistent articles ineffective, providing for renunciation of business opportunities, further providing for board of directors, for qualifications of directors, for term of office of directors, for selection of directors, for quorum of and action by directors, for interested directors or officers and quorum, for compensation of directors, for executive and other committees of the board and for officers, providing for officer's standard of care and justifiable reliance and for personal liability of officers and further providing for mandatory indemnification, for duration and extent of coverage, for time of holding meetings of shareholders, for quorum, for quorum, for voting rights of shareholders, for determination of shareholders of record, for voting lists, for consent of members in lieu of meeting, for derivative action, for eligible shareholder plaintiffs and security for costs and for special litigation committee; in fundamental changes, further providing for proposal of fundamental transactions, for amendment of articles authorized, for proposal of amendments for adoption of amendments, for voluntary transfer of corporate assets and for survival of remedies and rights after dissolution; in nonstock corporations, further providing for election of an existing business corporation to become a nonstock corporation and for termination of nonstock corporation status; in registered corporations, further providing for call of special meetings of shareholders, for adjournment of meetings of shareholders, for consent of shareholders in lieu of meeting, and for notice of shareholder meetings, providing for qualifications of directors, and further providing for application and effect of subchapter, for definitions, for business combination, for application and effect of subchapter, for definitions, for voting rights of shares acquired in a control-share, for procedure for establishing voting rights of control shares, for application and effect of subchapter and for definitions; in benefit corporations, further providing for standard of conduct for directors, for benefit director and for standard of conduct for officers; in general provisions relating to nonprofit corporations, further providing for definitions and repealing provisions relating to annual report; in incorporation, further providing for articles of incorporation; in corporate powers duties and safeguards, further providing for adoption, amendment and contents of bylaws, for persons bound by bylaws, for registered office, for corporate records and inspection by members, for bylaws and other powers in emergency and for informational rights of a director, providing for forum selection provisions, and further providing for authority to take and hold trust property; in officers, directors and members, further providing for manner of giving notice, for place and notice of meetings of members, for use of conference telephone or other electronic technology, for conduct of members meeting, for alternative provisions, for standard of care and justifiable reliance, for personal liability of directors, for notation of dissent, for exercise of powers generally, for alternative standard and for limitation on standing, providing for renunciation of corporate opportunities, further providing for board of directors, for term of office of directors, for selection of directors, for quorum of and action by directors, for interested directors or officers and quorum, for compensation of directors, for executive and other committees of the board and for officers, providing for officer's standard of care and justifiable reliance and for personal liability of officers and further providing for mandatory indemnification, for duration and extent of coverage, for time of holding meetings of members, for quorum, for voting rights of members, for determination of members of record, for consent of members in lieu of meeting, for derivative action, for eligible member plaintiffs and security for costs and for special litigation committee; in amendments, sale of assets and dissolution, further providing for amendment of articles authorized, for proposal of amendments and for survival of remedies and rights after dissolution; in electric cooperative corporations, further providing for merger, consolidation, division or sale of assets; in general partnerships, further providing for short title and application of chapter, for partner's rights and duties and for rights to information; in limited partnerships, further providing for short title and application of chapter, for signing of filed documents, for registered office, for limited partner rights to information, for general partner rights to information, for derivative

action, for security for costs and for special litigation committee; in limited liability companies, further providing for formation of limited liability company and certificate of organization, for registered office, for rights to information, for derivative action, for security for costs, for special litigation committee, for standard of conduct for members and for standard of conduct for managers and officers; in limited liability companies, further providing for application and effect of subchapter; in business trusts, further providing for registered office; in general provisions, further providing for definitions and for execution of documents; in fictitious names, further providing for definitions, for registration, for contracts entered into by entity using unregistered fictitious name and for effect of registration; in corporate and other association names, repealing provisions relating to register established, to certain additions to register, to decennial filings required, to effect of failure to make filings, to late filings and to voluntary termination of registration by corporations and other associations; and making editorial changes.

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

Mr. PISCIOTTANO offered the following amendment
No. A04995:

Amend Bill, page 15, line 15, by striking out "~~30~~ 0" and inserting 7

Amend Bill, page 15, lines 16 and 17, by striking out all of said lines and inserting
(iii) Annual report not delivered to the bureau electronically..... 30

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

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

Mr. PISCIOTTANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to offer amendment 4995. My amendment addresses the fee corporations will pay to file annual reports with the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations in the Department of State. The underlying bill currently sets the filing fees to zero dollars. Presently corporations are required to file every 10 years, at the cost of \$70. The underlying bill changes that requirement to an annual filing, but leaves the fee requirements at zero. My amendment sets the fees at \$7 per filing for those submitted electronically, and \$30 for those submitted on paper.

Based on current BCCO filings, half are submitted electronically and half by paper. The Department of State estimates that the change to annual reports will bring in an anticipated 750,000 additional filings every year, and each report that is submitted on paper will need to be opened, scanned, and manually entered by BCCO staff. The goal of the higher filing fees for nonelectronic filings is to cover extra staff time, processing reports, and to ensure that these reports are processed in a timely fashion. As corporations move more to electronic filing, most will pay the \$7 fee, which is in line with the current \$70 fee paid every 10 years.

It is important to recognize, Mr. Speaker, on this bill that the bureau of corporations and charities is funded solely by fees. They receive no funding from the General Fund. If we do not adequately institute the right fee structure on this bill, we are going to ultimately be passing on these costs to the taxpayer, which they currently do not cover.

The Department of State and the administration are opposed to the bill without these kinds of fees being included in the

language. So I would ask the members for their support on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to please vote "no" on the good gentleman's amendment. Currently corporations pay \$70 every 10 years. Under this amendment, if they file by paper, they would have to pay \$300 rather than \$70. So I do not like a big increase like that so I would urge a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—88

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

NAYS—111

Armanini	Greiner	Mehaffie	Rowe
Benninghoff	Grove	Mentzer	Ryan
Bernstine	Hamm	Mercuri	Sankey
Boback	Heffley	Metcalfe	Saylor
Bonner	Helm	Metzgar	Schemel
Borowicz	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schmitt
Brooks	Hershey	Millard	Schnee
Brown, R.	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Schroeder
Causar	Irvin	Mizgorski	Silvis
Cook	James	Moul	Smith

Cox	Jones	Mustello	Sonney
Culver	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Staats
Davanzo	Kail	O'Neal	Stambaugh
Day	Kaufner	Oberlander	Stephens
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	Struzzi
DelRosso	Keefer	Owlett	Thomas
Diamond	Klunk	Peifer	Tomlinson
Dunbar	Knowles	Pennycuick	Topper
Ecker	Labs	Pickett	Twardzik
Emrick	Lawrence	Polinchock	Warner
Farry	Lewis	Puskaric	Wentling
Fee	Mackenzie, M.	Quinn	Wheeland
Flood	Mackenzie, R.	Rader	White
Fritz	Major	Rapp	Williams, C.
Gaydos	Mako	Rigby	Zimmerman
Gillen	Maloney	Roae	
Gillespie	Marshall	Rossi	Cutler,
Gleim	Masser	Rothman	Speaker
Gregory			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. ROAE offered the following amendment No. **A03460**:

Amend Bill, page 15, line 17, by striking out "500" and inserting 7

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to withdraw this amendment and run A03461.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman for withdrawing 3460.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. Does he wish to offer 3461?

Mr. ROAE. I am sorry. I am having trouble hearing here.

The SPEAKER. No problem at all.

Members, please come to order.

Does the gentleman wish to offer amendment 3461 instead of 3460?

Mr. ROAE. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **ROAE** offered the following amendment No. **A03461**:

Amend Bill, page 15, line 15, by striking out "~~30~~0" and inserting
7
Amend Bill, page 15, line 17, by striking out "~~50~~0" and inserting
7

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

The **SPEAKER**. And now the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Roae, on the amendment.

Mr. **ROAE**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would make the fee \$7 every year, so over a 10-year period, it would be \$70, which is the same price that they are paying now. So I would urge the members to vote "yes" on the amendment. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Sturla, on the amendment.

Mr. **STURLA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the amendment rise for brief interrogation?

Mr. **ROAE**. Yes.

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman indicates he will.

You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. **STURLA**. Mr. Speaker, if a corporation decides they want to pay the \$70 in one lump sum instead of the processing fees that would be involved with their own bookkeeping to do a \$7 payment 10 times, are they able to do that?

Mr. **ROAE**. The corporations would be required to file every year. Currently they are only required to file every 10 years. Currently every 10 years, they pay \$70 when they file, and they do not have to do it again for 10 years. Under this legislation with this amendment, they would have to pay \$7 every year when they file.

Mr. **STURLA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I may comment?

The **SPEAKER**. If you have concluded your interrogation, you are in order and may speak on the bill, sir.

Mr. **STURLA**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am not exactly sure how much it costs a corporation to process a \$7 check, but I imagine it far exceeds \$7. This seems to me to be a very onerous way to go about collecting an eventual \$70 and making people jump through these kinds of hoops. It is like getting a check in the mail for a \$1.69 or something. This really does not make a whole lot of sense in my mind from a business standpoint.

If a corporation cannot afford a \$70 check as opposed to seven \$10 checks, they have more serious problems than whether or not they are paying the \$70 or not. I would encourage a "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. **PISCIOTTANO**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I said on my previous amendment, we do not feel that the \$7 fee for paper filings is adequate to cover the Department of State's costs. Ultimately, we will be passing those costs on to the taxpayer, but seven and seven is better than zero and zero, so we are happy to support the amendment, and I would ask my colleagues to support the amendment. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

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

The electronic board is accurate.

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

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

The electronic board is accurate.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—1

Sturla

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling Kenyatta Kerwin

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.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 849 CONTINUED

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT 04958 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. Turning back to page 13, we will once again pull up SB 849, PN 1043, and Representative Pennycuick's amendment 4958, for consideration, which has previously been read by the clerk.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman, Representative Pennycuick, still had the floor. Does she wish to make any additional remarks? She has concluded. The Chair thanks the lady.

Does the gentleman, Representative Webster, wish to speak on the amendment?

Representative Webster, you are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. WEBSTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the record, there are two amendments. I am going to speak on the first amendment individually – I think that is our rules – and then the second one I think may be a little more complicated.

I am concerned about this amendment and even a little bit unsure about how to, you know, should I vote in favor or against, because it starts changing some language around veterans programs. Typically, we have four categories: You leave the military with an honorable discharge, a less than honorable, an other, or a dishonorable discharge. And this amendment obscures that in some ways that I am concerned about, and so I wanted to address the chamber for that regard.

So two sides of that. There are a number of issues in our world today that impact the community at large in the United States and our veterans population, and sometimes they can result in a dishonorable discharge. Among our veterans groups, there is a large concern today around drug addiction and dependency issues. You could misbehave, get a dishonorable discharge, and then as a veteran, you are not able to get the help you need

because of your dependency and those kinds of things. I think there are a number of categories here where this nonstandard language in this amendment obscures those kinds of things and probably is not for the benefit of our veterans overall.

I have been assured by the Representative from Montgomery County that the intent here is to expand veterans benefits. So I feel like I am rolling a little bit. I want to expand veterans benefits – that we should all do – but I do want us to be very concerned, and maybe we need to reconsider another time some of the language that is in this amendment.

So having said that, maybe I talked myself out of the previous position. I really want to see this correct before I vote "yes" in favor of this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—113

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

NAYS—86

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Bradford	Fiedler	Lee	Samuelson
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Sanchez
Brown, A.	Frankel	Madden	Sappey
Bullock	Freeman	Malagari	Schlossberg
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Burns	Guzman	Matzie	Shusterman
Carroll	Hanbidge	McClinton	Sims
Cephas	Harkins	McNeill	Snyder
Ciresi	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Conklin	Herrin	Miller, D.	Sturla
Covington	Hohenstein	Mullery	Vitali
Cruz	Howard	Mullins	Warren
Curry	Innamorato	Nelson, N.	Webster
Daley	Isaacson	O'Mara	Welby
Davis, A.	Kim	Otten	Williams, D.
Davis, T.	Kinkead	Parker	Young
Dawkins	Kinsey	Pashinski	Zabel
Deasy	Kirkland		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling Kenyatta Kerwin

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?

Mrs. **PENNYCUICK** offered the following amendment No. **A04988**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out the bracket before "service"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out "] veteran" and inserting

killed on active duty or a veteran

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mrs. **PENNYCUICK**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment, A04988, is a technical amendment to clarify the definition of a "Surviving spouse" as "An unmarried spouse of a deceased service member **KILLED ON ACTIVE DUTY**...."

I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

Mr. **WEBSTER**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker of the bill stand for interrogation on this one?

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman indicates she will. You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. **WEBSTER**. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

As I read this amendment – and we spoke on the side – I am concerned that while this expands veterans benefits, it leaves out

numerous categories of our Guard and Reserve members from this benefit for a widowed spouse. So my question, you know, is, sort of, can you confirm that the intent is to include all of our serving military members?

Mrs. **PENNYCUICK**. So there are two categories under "Surviving spouse." A surviving spouse of an active duty service member is called a surviving spouse if the spouse dies on active duty. They are not called veteran. In the veteran community, a veteran in the National Guard and Reserves is considered after 20 years of service in either the National Guard or the Reserves. Here in Pennsylvania, we recognize the surviving spouses of a veteran only after they have served their initial 6-year contract. After that initial 6-year contract, then the surviving spouse would be recognized as a surviving spouse.

So we have actually expanded; from the Federal of 20 years, we have dropped it down to 6.

Mr. **WEBSTER**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and you may speak on the amendment, sir.

Mr. **WEBSTER**. Thank you. And I guess this is really just for the record. I am going to vote in favor of this amendment. It expands veterans' benefits, but it leaves out large categories of our serving military members, and for that reason I do want to express my concerns that it is not inclusive. Our Guardsmen and our Reservists, our enlisted personnel with 2 and 3 years of service, may not be covered by this benefit, and their spouses deserve to be included.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the 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. **OVERLANDER**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Benninghoff	Galloway	Major	Rowe
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mako	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Gillen	Malagari	Ryan
Boback	Gillespie	Maloney	Sainato
Bonner	Gleim	Markosek	Samuelson
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Bullock	Harkins	Mercuri	Schnee
Burgos	Harris	Merski	Schroeder
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Ciresi	Hershey	Miller, B.	Smith
Conklin	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Snyder
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling Kenyatta Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2480, PN 3156**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for Commonwealth grant accountability and transparency.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **GROVE** offered the following amendment No. **A04949**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 11, by striking out "Scope and purpose." and inserting

Purpose, scope and construction.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "specifically"

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 27 and 28

(c) Construction.—Nothing in this article shall be construed to alter or restrict any regulatory authority of a Commonwealth agency.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 22, by striking out the period after "grant" and inserting

, unless the General Assembly has provided an exception to allow a Commonwealth grant to serve as the match for another grant.

Amend Bill, page 17, line 17, by striking out "On or before July 1, 2022, the" and inserting

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Amend Bill, page 17, line 22, by striking out "effective on or after July 1, 2022"

Amend Bill, page 19, line 27, by striking out "On or before July 1, 2022, the" and inserting

The

Amend Bill, page 20, line 5, by inserting after "award"

, provided that the term length of competitive grants may be altered with approval of the Secretary of the Budget

Amend Bill, page 27, lines 13 through 19, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 30, line 21, by striking out ", on or before July 1, 2022,"

Amend Bill, page 34, lines 16 and 17, by striking out "of fiscal years beginning on or after ~~December 26, 2014~~ JULY 1, 2022"

Amend Bill, page 35, line 19, by striking out "2023" and inserting

2024

Amend Bill, page 36, line 7, by striking out "On or before July 1, 2022, the" and inserting

The

Amend Bill, page 41, line 18, by striking out "60" and inserting 180

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment provides technical amendments to the bill – some updates on timeline changes, dates, increasing the effective date – and then includes some amendments my colleague across the aisle had brought in to improve the bill.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

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

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman, Representative Bradford, had amendments 4796, 4797, 4798, and 4799, which were all incorporated into the prior amendment that just passed, and he will, therefore, be withdrawing them. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2357, PN 3233**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the sale or distribution of kratom products to individuals younger than 18 years of age; providing for duties of Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

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 2679, PN 3252**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations; and abrogating inconsistent regulations.

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

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND
RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES**

HB 2667, PN 3226

By Rep. ROAE

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions.

COMMERCE.

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

SB 635, PN 1125

By Rep. ROAE

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property assessed clean energy program, further providing for purpose, for definitions, for establishment of a program, for notice to lien holder required for participation, for scope of work, for lien and for collection of assessments.

COMMERCE.

SB 1167, PN 1808 (Amended)

By Rep. ROAE

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

COMMERCE.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1236, PN 1777**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for extensive amendments to the very small meat processor Federal inspection reimbursement grant program; in agriculture and youth development, further providing for definitions and for grants; in Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, further providing for Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Fund; in Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for grant program and for distribution of grant money; and, in Farm-to-School Program, further providing for findings and declarations, for grant program and for applications and review of applications.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling Kenyatta Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 563, PN 1588**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, further providing for standards for Class VI buildings.

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.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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NOT VOTING—0

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 477, PN 1783**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alteration of territory or corporate entity and dissolution, providing for municipal boundary change; in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for changes in assessed valuation and for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office; and making related repeals.

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.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2648, PN 3201**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Office of State Inspector General, further providing for powers, purpose and duties and for criminal charges.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Lawrence.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the bill before the House today, HB 2648, addresses the issue of rampant unemployment compensation fraud here in the Commonwealth. The scale of the problem is difficult, frankly, to fathom. A May 15 Washington Post article stated that Pennsylvania has paid out \$8 billion in fraudulent payments. I would submit that that is a shocking number.

Just last week the Attorney General's Office charged eight Philadelphia municipal workers, alleging that they claimed more than \$300,000 in pandemic-related unemployment funds. This is a start, but in light of an ocean of unemployment compensation fraud, it is, frankly, a drop in the bucket. In fact, the Department of Labor and Industry has reported that they have over 35,000 outstanding fraud cases more than a month old.

I got the idea for this legislation after Federal officials announced the appointment of a special prosecutor for COVID fraud. After working through the idea a bit with staff, I refined the idea to specifically authorize the Office of Inspector General to appoint agents to investigate and prosecute this type of fraud. The Inspector General's Office has expertise in this type of action. They currently pursue welfare fraud and other State programs.

I certainly would appreciate support of this legislation to get serious about unemployment compensation fraud in this State.

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.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling Kenyatta Kerwin

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 2649, PN 3203**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for composition of commission, membership, compensation, vacancies and removal and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 2649. At the outset, I would note that this is opposed by the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers. The administration strongly opposes and believes it is unconstitutional with relation to the separation of powers clause of the Constitution. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation opposes, quoting, "The Regulatory Review Act already allows for a very thorough legislative process and comment and to do more would be essentially giving executive" branch "function" to the legislative branch in violation of the...Constitution." DEP has commented that this would allow IRRC (Independent Regulatory Review Commission) to veto rulemaking. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council opposes: this would allow IRRC, a "politically appointed body," to block rulemaking. Sierra Club opposes: this would alter checks and balances. The Clean Air Council opposes: "...would give the legislative majority veto power over agency rulemaking...." Clean Water Action opposes. Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania oppose.

You know, Mr. Speaker, this is just a power grab. This bill is just a power grab on the part of the majority party, and if the Speaker will give me just a little bit of indulgence, let me just give you a little background with regard to regulatory process, and then bring it back to how this bill would really destroy that.

Mr. Speaker, again, for the benefit of the younger members, regulations are very detailed and they are enacted pursuant to laws. Generally, a department – and I will focus in on the Department of Environmental Protection, because that is what I know – generally, the Department of Environmental Protection

will propose regulations and they will present them to the Environmental Quality Board, who properly has jurisdiction over the promulgation of regulations.

The Environmental Quality Board is a 20-person board with legislative input. Myself, Chairman Metcalfe, Senator Yaw, and others are on that board. Once it is presented to the Environmental Quality Board, there is a very detailed analysis of the regulation. In-depth analysis is done, public comment is taken, public hearings are held, and then adjustments to these regulations are made based on these comments and based on this analysis, and finally, it is brought back before this 20-person body for approval.

After that, this legislature has the authority, through the concurrent resolution process, to block these regulations, so it is entirely within our authority to block, in a bipartisan way, should we do that. It is then reviewed by the Attorney General's Office for formal legality. It is reviewed by IRRC to ensure it is in the public interest. And then finally, it is enacted.

What this bill would do, what the maker's power grab would do would be to sidestep all of this research, all of this public comment, all of this analysis, all of this work, all of this 2-year process could just be sidestepped by making IRRC a political body governed by the majority party, and they could block and permanently end the regulatory process, and that would cause great damage to regulations, particularly environmental regulations which we consider today.

It is called the Independent Regulatory Review Commission for a reason. This really would subvert the process. It is a bad idea, and I ask for a "no" vote. 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 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—110

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	Kaufner	Oberlander	Struzzi
DelRosso	Kauffman	Ortitay	Thomas
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Tomlinson
Dunbar	Klunk	Peifer	Topper
Ecker	Knowles	Pennycuick	Twardzik
Emrick	Labs	Pickett	Warner
Farry	Lawrence	Polinchock	Wentling
Fee	Lewis	Puskaric	Wheeland
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rader	White
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rapp	Williams, C.
Gaydos	Major	Rigby	Zimmerman
Gillen	Mako	Roae	
Gillespie	Maloney	Rossi	Cutler,
Gleim	Marshall	Rothman	Speaker

NAYS—89

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling	Kenyatta	Kerwin
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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 2372, PN 2783**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in abandoned vehicles and cargos, further providing for reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles and providing for abandoned vehicles at wholesale vehicle auctions.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Schmitt.

Mr. SCHMITT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Wholesale auto dealers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania often find themselves in possession of abandoned vehicles, sometimes in possession of hundreds of abandoned vehicles. In that situation, wholesale auto dealers have mere possession of those vehicles with no legal or equitable title to those vehicles and no legal rights in them. Those abandoned vehicles remain legally titled to someone other than the wholesale auto dealer and are legally the property of that titleholder. At present, Mr. Speaker, there is no reliable legal process in the Commonwealth for wholesale auto dealers to obtain legal title or legal authority to dispose of abandoned vehicles. They can go to the court of common pleas and file a petition, but judges often will deny that relief because they do not have legal title and no legal authority.

HB 2372 provides a reliable legal process to allow wholesale auto dealers to dispose of abandoned vehicles in their possession, and does so without the necessity of the wholesale auto dealer incurring legal fees, court costs, and the risk that the court will refuse to allow the wholesale auto dealer to dispose of what is, in the end, the property of another. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I do understand the intent and the desire to make it easier for the auto auction folks to have access to a title for a vehicle, but we issue titles for a reason. It proves ownership of the vehicle, and, Mr. Speaker, there are a range of scenarios where there could be an entity that would want this exact same latitude – towers come to mind, parking authorities come to mind, salvage yards come to mind, storage facilities come to mind. Those folks, like auto auction dealers, currently can do two things. If they want the vehicle off their property, call the local or State Police; quite simple. If they want to take ownership of the vehicle, then they go to court, to the court common pleas, and get a court order. That happens with regularity. It does not happen in every instance, because there is a possible scenario where the entity seeking the court order has not taken the steps necessary to satisfy the court.

So, Mr. Speaker, PennDOT and the State Police have concerns with this bill. I share those concerns. We issue titles for a reason. We should not step out of our lane with respect to making these titles so readily available that questions the proper ownership of people that are the owner of that vehicle. I ask for a "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing nobody else seeking recognition, the Chair will recognize the gentleman, the prime sponsor, Representative Schmitt, for the second time.

Mr. SCHMITT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is no one in this chamber that I have more regard for than the chairman from Luzerne County, but I think he is mistaken when he says the Pennsylvania State Police have problems with this bill. The Pennsylvania State Police, as far as I know, are neutral on the bill, Mr. Speaker.

The other thing I want to point out is that if this was just a situation where wholesale auto dealers could transfer possession to the State Police or to someone else to dispose of the vehicle, it would be an easy fix. The problem is, the wholesale auto dealers have no legal right to transfer possession to any third party – the State Police, Pope Francis; it does not matter. They cannot give that car to somebody because it violates the property rights of the legal owner of the vehicle, and that is why this bill is necessary, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the 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—109

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

NAYS—90

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling	Kenyatta	Kerwin
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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 **SB 1186, PN 1544**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration plates, further providing for USA semiquincentennial registration plates and establishing the Semiquincentennial Restricted Account.

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—199

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Dowling	Kenyatta	Kerwin
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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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. WARREN

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

The gentleman, Representative Warren, is recognized. Why are you seeking recognition?

Mr. WARREN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to give notice of my intent to call up House Discharge Resolution 6, a resolution that would discharge the Committee on Judiciary from further consideration of HB 235, a bill that would provide for universal background checks, on Tuesday, June 28, or any day thereafter. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members – I want to have everybody's attention – we will only be recessing instead of adjourning at the end of session, and that is because with it being budget season, if we would need to come back, we would come back much quicker. However, as I hope by now all the members have noticed, session for tomorrow and Friday have been canceled.

We do have some housekeeping to do yet; however, there will be no further votes. I knew if I opened with "no further votes" I would have lost everybody's attention at that point. The Chair thanks the gentleman, Representative Schlossberg, and we are going to do some housekeeping. If you are on the rule 17 list, you can proceed to the well of the House and we will commence recognitions for those as soon as we are done doing the housekeeping.

For the information of the members, and for planning purposes, absent a recall sooner, it is the intent to return here on Monday at noon, at our normal scheduled time.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 1988;
HB 2057;
HB 2357;
HB 2480;
HB 2679;
SB 849;
SB 861;
SB 1047; and
SB 1222.

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 711;
SB 155;
SB 573;
SB 764;
SB 1105;
SB 1159;
SB 1283;
SB 1284;

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 1691;
HB 2346; and
SB 503.

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

BILLS TABLED

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

HB 1691;
HB 2346; and
SB 503.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1596**, **PN 2178**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct and integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of electors, for method of elections and secrecy in voting and for election and registration laws and providing for election audits and for the election and qualifications of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1596 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1596 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 922, PN 911**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for compensable injuries, subrogation and proration.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 922 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 922 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

The SPEAKER. The House will be temporarily at ease.

The House will return to order.

STATEMENT BY MR. DAVIS

The SPEAKER. We will now proceed to rule 17 speeches and recognize the gentleman, Representative Austin Davis, to speak under rule 17 on inflation.

Mr. DAVIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we know that hardworking Pennsylvanians are hurting right now. Inflation has driven prices of everyday necessities like groceries, through the roof, while global events out of our control are pushing gas prices to levels we have never seen before. As we head into the summer months, people are struggling to fill up their tanks and are being forced to make hard decisions about what they can and cannot afford and where they can and cannot visit. This is a very stressful time for consumers across our Commonwealth.

But, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you who is not feeling as stressed out right now, and that is the corporations who are gouging consumers for every penny they can. It is the food companies hurting consumers through "shrinkflation," which is shrinking the size of their products but charging the same price for less. It is the gas giants who are seeing record profits while hardworking Pennsylvanians watch gas prices continue to rise. While these corporations reward their shareholders with more and more profits, elderly Pennsylvanians are being forced back into the workforce because their Social Security and retirement savings cannot make ends meet anymore. So many of them, in fact, that our State now ranks third in the nation for older adults going back into the workforce. This is not sustainable, Mr. Speaker, and it certainly is not right.

Just as an example, let us look at oil prices. The last time we saw oil and gas prices like this was in 2008. In 2008, adjusted for inflation, a barrel of oil cost \$187 and a gallon of gas cost \$4.37. Yet today a barrel of oil costs \$110 and a gallon of gas is \$5.03. Mr. Speaker, that is \$77 less per barrel of oil, but 66 cents more per gallon of gas. Where is that extra money going? It is going to line the pockets of giant oil corporations that have seen their profits soar by over 300 percent over the last year. Mr. Speaker, ExxonMobil's CEO (chief executive officer) has admitted that they break even at just \$35 per barrel. That is when they start making a profit. Today they are making \$75 per barrel over their starting profit point, and yet Pennsylvanians are still paying over \$5 per gallon of gas.

It is not right, Mr. Speaker, but there are steps we can take to lower the pressure on the people we represent. My colleague, Representative Nick Pisciotto, from Allegheny County has introduced the Stop Price Fixing Act to provide immediate relief to Pennsylvanians. The Stop Price Fixing Act will empower our Attorney General to prosecute individuals and businesses that are responsible for colluding and holding their prices at unreasonably high levels.

This is a bipartisan piece of legislation, Mr. Speaker, and I urge my colleagues across the aisle to support this bill and allow us to vote on it. This is an immediate step we can take right now to help hardworking Pennsylvanians lower their bills and keep money in their pockets. Protecting consumers, not corporations, is how we should allow our economy to function here in Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker. And with that, I yield back.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. GROVE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Grove, to speak under rule 17 on inflation.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to highlight the difficulties facing our Pennsylvanians, with our national economy impacting every Pennsylvanian across this entire State. The current demand-side inflationary crisis has led to Pennsylvanians paying more money to heat their homes, fuel their cars, turn on the lights, and buy groceries and other basic necessities of life.

The root cause of this is easily identifiable. It is a result of the false promise of government dependence. For far too long and too often between the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and well into 2021, the Federal government injected money into the economy at a record clip. While one can have a legitimate debate that this was necessary at the very start of an unprecedented impact to our economy in early 2020, Washington, DC, Democrats quickly pounced on the opportunity to implement their vision by sustaining these efforts long past when it was necessary. The effect of these decisions has been damaging and is something we are experiencing today.

For far too long, Pennsylvanians were incentivized by these payouts to stay out of the labor market, and changing conditions caused too many to retire early or leave the labor market entirely. It led to a situation where too few were working to support too many, leaving unearned money in the pockets of people who had nothing to do but spend it, but not enough people working to produce the goods and materials needed to spend it on.

And what has been the proposed solution to the problem? More of the same bailouts and government assistance. While people in Pennsylvania continue to advocate for more direct checks to Pennsylvanians for no other reason than direct money to Pennsylvanians has increased the cost of living, President Biden today said he also supports a Federal gas tax holiday. These ideas are not just a continuing downward spiral for our economy; they are literally a race to the bottom of a continuously failing economic model that leads to harder living for everyone.

These are not long-term solutions. These are merely ideas to paper over today's problems so the public does not see they are being fleeced by an agenda that would only continue to cost them more, make it more difficult to make ends meet, and create more government dependence. It creates a system where if you want to be able to afford to live, you would need to keep electing people who will continue to give you direct assistance. I would hate to call that kind of future government model self-serving, but I do not know what else to call it.

What is the counter to this? What is the solution? We cannot look to short-term stopgaps; we need long-term solutions. We need to make Pennsylvania more competitive in our tax and regulatory climate – something that today our House has already delivered on. That will drive real growth, real investment, and most importantly, good jobs that will help solidify our communities. We need to incentivize the production and transmission of in-State domestic energy products to increase supply. We have passed bills to do that. Ultimately, we need to stop getting lost in the talking points of short-term solutions. We need to remember being pro-family, pro-worker, and pro-jobs, means being pro-growth. It means making the decisions here in the Capitol that drive investment, not bailout. It means making the decisions to be prudent and save, not to spend just because

we have money. It means making the tough decisions to plan for next year's growth, despite being able to make easy decisions that help this year's elections. With forward-thinking, long-term solutions, we can grow our economy, grow our Commonwealth, and break the cycle of government dependence that started not too long ago.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Leader McClinton under rule 17, on gun violence.

As a general reminder to the members, members of leadership are given a little bit of additional latitude beyond the 5 minutes in order to wrap up their comments.

Leader McClinton, you are in order and may proceed.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, yet another week has passed and the Pennsylvania House of Representatives has not done anything to address the epidemic of gun violence that is plaguing and devastating our entire nation. Since the Republican majority first began to bury the Democratic efforts of considering lifesaving, widely supported gun safety measures, 85 people across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have lost their lives to gun violence, and 29 people across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been injured in gunfire. Every day that we in this chamber do not do anything simply results in more blood being shed senselessly in all of our neighborhoods.

Despite what some believe, this is not only a problem that we see in our larger cities in Pennsylvania. Gun violence has been devastating communities in every part of our Commonwealth, both rural and suburban, as well as urban communities; Democratic communities, Republican communities; Black communities, White communities, Latino communities, Asian communities. We are not one or insular in who has been victimized as a result. No matter where you are from or whom you represent, the threat to our children, to our parents, to our grandparents, to our veterans is more real now than it has ever been.

In the last 2 weeks the Pennsylvania House Democratic Caucus has shown tremendous leadership from the minority party while we debate efforts to force votes on sensible gun safety measures. Let us take a look at the measures that we have tried to get a vote on on the floor of this House: a red flag bill that would make sure that family members are able to let law enforcement know that a person who is in crisis can be disarmed temporarily; another bill that would raise the minimum age to purchasing/owning assault rifles to 21 years old; another bill that would give local elected officials the ability to enact their own gun laws to protect their very own communities in every corner of the Commonwealth; another bill that will require that all guns be safely stored when they are not in use; another bill that will prohibit the sale of military-style assault weapons, which we all know are weapons of war; and of course, just today, a few moments ago, one of my Democratic colleagues announced his intent to force a vote on a bill that would provide for universal background checks.

Yet despite our best efforts in the minority, our friends across the aisle, our colleagues in the majority party, have defeated every single effort to enact sensible gun safety measures. In fact,

not only have they been defeated, but instead, there has not even been a debate, not even a discussion where we can decide let us come to a table, let us talk about what could work, let us put up proposals that we can all support together. Nevertheless, while this seems very hopeless when I drive back down the turnpike to my community, which continues to be devastated by this bloodshed and I do not have anything good to report on about what we have done to keep guns out of the hands of wrong people, I am going to be hopeful. I am going to be positive. And I am going to, most importantly, be determined, because even when we look at the news, Washington, DC – which is known to not work in a bipartisan manner, which is known to not work across the aisle – in Washington, DC, in the United States Capitol, we are seeing Republicans and Democrats able to sit down, negotiate, and compromise – compromise on measures that will save lives. If they are doing this in Washington, DC, I know that we can do it here in Harrisburg, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

And to that end, Mr. Speaker, as we continue on in budget negotiations and simply recess with the House, I invite every single one of my colleagues to let us have meaningful discussions. The majority leader, the chairman, and the majority for the Judiciary Committee, the rank-and-file members, what are the ideas that can work? How can we save lives? How can we prevent bloodshed? There are people dying. What is it that we are equipped to do so that we can ensure that we are not up here playing politics, that we are not up here beholden to any organizations or groups, but to make sure that we are in fact doing everything within our power while we have access to this power, while we have abilities to vote on legislation, that we are doing everything within our power to prevent the epidemic of gun violence spreading any further across the Commonwealth.

And with that being said, the door is open. Let us put our politics aside, let us sit down, let us work on this issue, because I want to tell my constituents; of course, my neighbors in the 191st District; and my colleagues in my caucus, that this is the year, during this budget discussion, that we were able to pass something that was able to not just change lives, but to save lives.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will be at recess.

The House will return to order; I apologize.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 915, PN 1757**.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 915, PN 1757

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2021-2022; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance, redevelopment assistance projects, flood control projects and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects leased or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

RECESS CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The House will be in recess.