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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

#### PRAYER

HON. CARRIE LEWIS DeROSSO, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Please bow your heads, everyone.

Dear God, thank You for providing us with another day to serve the residents of our great Commonwealth. Grant us the peace we need to be good teammates, that our contributions to work in public office may make others better and that our experience may be more fruitful because of our participation. Give us the courage to sacrifice for the good of all Pennsylvanians when necessary and the wisdom to do so. Please allow us to work together for the greater good.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 13, 2022, will be postponed until printed.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

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

### MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### PRESENT—201

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rabb

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

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

**HB 1178, PN 3467** (Amended) By Rep. BOBACK

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for State Fire Commissioner and providing for capital and operational grants for municipal fire departments, for capital and operational grants for emergency service training centers and for money for online training for firefighters; in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for award of grants for volunteer fire companies and for award of grants for emergency medical services companies; in emergency management services, providing for tuition and loan assistance for active volunteers and establishing the Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program and the Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program Fund; and, in emergency medical services system, providing for scholarships for recruitment, training and retention.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

**SB 811, PN 996** By Rep. R. BROWN

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, further providing for municipal claims first lien, cities of first class, docketing, judgment and execution, for cities of the first class, recovery of judgment and sale free from claims, for redemption and for rule to show cause, decree, service and notice and providing disposition of property in cities of the second class.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

**SB 1194, PN 1904** (Amended) By Rep. BOBACK

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in military educational programs, establishing the Military College Educational Assistance Program; and making editorial changes.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HR 226, PN 3459** By Rep. BOBACK

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the month of September 2022 as "UD Strong Month" in Pennsylvania.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 228** By Representatives DeLISSIO, DELOZIER, HANBIDGE, KINSEY, FREEMAN, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, FITZGERALD, SCHLEGEL, CULVER, SOLOMON, SCHLOSSBERG, BRADFORD and STURLA

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of statutes and regulations promulgated under Titles 23 and 67 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and the Human Services Code in the past five years currently in effect in this Commonwealth that have exacerbated trauma in children and families and make recommendations of methods to draft statutes and regulations in a trauma-informed manner to mitigate trauma.

Referred to Committee on CHILDREN AND YOUTH, September 14, 2022.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2816** By Representative WHITE

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in seller disclosures, further providing for disclosure form.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, September 14, 2022.

**No. 2817** By Representatives OTTEN, HANBIDGE, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, STURLA, SCHLOSSBERG, SAPPEY, ISAACSON, T. DAVIS, LEE, FRANKEL, KRAJEWSKI, HERRIN, O'MARA, D. WILLIAMS, SANCHEZ, DELLOSO, MALAGARI, A. DAVIS, DALEY, HILL-EVANS, FIEDLER, KINKEAD, SIMS and CONKLIN

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for personal reproductive liberty.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, September 14, 2022.

**No. 2818** By Representatives ECKER, MOUL, CONKLIN and HERSHEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in facilities and supplies, further providing for deposits into account and for surcharge; in access to justice, further providing for distribution of funds; and making related repeals.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 14, 2022.

**No. 2828** By Representatives MEHAFFIE, CONKLIN, COX, DEASY, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, HENNESSEY, JOZWIAK, KINSEY, MILLARD, RYAN, SONNEY and STAATS

An Act designating the interchange of U.S. Route 322 with State Route 2005 on the border of Hummelstown Borough and Derry Township, Dauphin County, as the Officer Michael L. Henry, Jr., Memorial Interchange.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION,  
September 14, 2022.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the following guests of Representative Sanchez: Bruce Dearnley, Barb Dearnley, Mark Whaley, Donna Whaley, Dave Zimmerman, Diane Zimmerman, Wayne Carpenter, and Nancy Carpenter. Welcome to the hall of the House. These guests have all served on the board of Family Promise of Montgomery County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a bridge from homelessness to independence and helping with food insecurity in the local community. Thank you all for your contributions and your dedication to service.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Lambda Kappa Omega, the guests of Representative Parker. Lambda Kappa Omega is a youth division sorority, and they are visiting today to be introduced to the governmental process. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the Pennsylvania House Fellowship, House Archives, and Temple University's Pennsylvania Capital interns for the fall 2022 semester. Boies Hall, a student from Messiah University, is participating in the Pennsylvania House Fellowship Program and has been assigned to the Republican Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee with Representative Boback. Lauren Pash, a student from Simmons University, is participating in the House Archives Internship and is under the supervision of Associate Archivist Jennifer Ott. And Carl Froehlich, a student from Temple, is here as part of Temple's Pennsylvania Capital Semester and has been assigned to the Democratic Local Government Committee with Representative Freeman. I had the pleasure of meeting all three of these fine folks earlier today, and welcome and we hope you enjoy your time here during session, and thank you for volunteering here as well.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the Mercyhurst Women's Rowing Team, who are the guests of Representative Merski. For the third time in program history, the Mercyhurst Women's Rowing Team are the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division II National Champions. I had the privilege of meeting them earlier – the trophy is quite heavy – and I want to congratulate you once again. This was the first time in school history in which both boats won a national championship in the same regatta. And if I remember correctly from our conversations, it was the four and the eight person. So congratulations.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Loren Glossner, who is shadowing Representative Borowicz. Loren is a junior at Lock Haven University, majoring in political science. Welcome. Loren had also shared with me her desire to perhaps go to law school and serve in the military, so I wish her the best.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes Colin Miller, the guest of Representative Andrew Lewis, who is here visiting for the day.

Members, please come to order. I will ask members to please take their seats and move any and all conversations off the rear of the House.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. SILVIS

The SPEAKER. At this time I will ask Representative Silvis to approach the rostrum.

Representative Jason Silvis was elected to represent the 55th Legislative District. He is a graduate of Kiski Area High School and studied business at Penn State New Kensington. In 1998 he moved to California to work in the film and television industry. His credits include more than 100 movies, television shows, and commercials as either a stunt performer or a stunt coordinator, and he resides in Washington Township in Westmoreland County.

Representative Silvis, welcome.

Mr. SILVIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will say that we have a lot of creative people in this room today because there were a lot of brilliant ideas on how I should make my entrance. So we had some people who wanted me to ride a wheelie down the aisle. We had people wanting me to jump off the balcony. We even had George Dunbar wanting me to zip line, you know, across the room here. But Eric Nelson probably had the best one: He wanted me to be on fire. But I told him I was already burned once by this place, so I did not want to have that happen again, so.

So due to the redistricting, this will be my last time that I will be addressing you all in this fashion. I will say that the last 2 years have been a great experience and I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve with all of you.

I am extremely thankful for the leadership team and my staff. My staff had made this transformation to this new position as easy as anyone could ever ask: Rachel in Latrobe, Cookie and Jillian in my Apollo office, Taylor here in my Harrisburg office, and my writer, Tracy, who received a lot of late-night phone calls from me and even on the weekends. I would like to thank all of you for all your hard work and dedication to the job and to the people of Pennsylvania.

I would like to thank the Southwest Caucus. The friendships that I will keep after November are priceless.

Parts of my district will be in great hands with Leslie Rossi, Jim Struzzi, and Abby Major. Thank you for the wonderful job that you guys are doing. Keep up the good fight.

Now to my officemate. They only gave me a couple minutes to speak and I do not have enough time to speak about Eric Davanzo. You never know what kind of shenanigans might happen in that office, so I just hope that the next person is up for the experience. But all kidding aside, I could not ask for a better officemate.

I would like to thank all the Westmoreland County Representatives that helped me be successful in my time in office. Carrie DelRosso, George Dunbar, Eric Davanzo, Eric Nelson, Leslie Rossi, and Ryan Warner, thank you.

I would like to give a special thanks to Speaker Cutler, Leader Benninghoff, and Secretary Martina White. Thank you for your help and guidance. And special thanks to Josh Kail, Natalie Mihalek, Marci Mustello, Brian Smith, and Jack Rader.

I would like to thank the residents of the 55th District. It has been an honor of a lifetime representing you. I want to thank you because every day you pushed me to become a better legislator. I hope you are happy with what I was able to accomplish in this first term, because I may be back.

We as legislators, we are all working for the same goal in that we are trying to help and work for the people here in Pennsylvania. I am extremely proud of what we do here in this Capitol. Some days can be frustrating because it is government, but.

I would like to close with another comment about our staff. I really hope that as a government body that we are looking into paying our staff and bringing them up to the level that they deserve. They work for our State. We really need to understand what they put up with on a daily basis. There is no way, under any circumstance, that we could be successful without our hardworking staff. And I would hope that the next term, leadership can look closely at what they can do to help our staff.

Thank you, everybody.

### COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Silvis. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with you. And at this time we will be at ease while we do some photographs and a brief presentation of a ceremonial gavel.

The House will return to order.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. COVINGTON

The SPEAKER. At this time I will ask Representative Martell Covington to come to the rostrum. Representative Covington was elected to represent the 24th Legislative District. Martell is a graduate of Howard University and many additional training programs focused on educational development, social justice, and youth organizing. Prior to his election, he served as a legislative aide to State Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa, where he worked on critical developments for the Pittsburgh region.

Representative Covington, welcome.

Mr. COVINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First I want to thank God for allowing me to be here today with you all.

I never thought that the first time I would be speaking in here would also be the last time, but such is life, you know? I almost decided not to speak today and just leave a speech for public record, but then I thought about how many people back home who have been inspired by my journey and will never have their voices heard in these halls. It is then when I realized that I had to represent. Thank you to my colleagues that made sure that I was up here today in front of you all.

I have not been here long enough to talk about what I have done, but I can talk about where I am from. I was raised in a blended household in a neighborhood in Pittsburgh called Homewood. A place where many people avoid traveling through at all costs. A place that is usually in the news headlines only when something bad happens. However, that place birthed me. It helped shape me. A place that fostered my grit, resolve, and resilience.

My mother worked for the city of Pittsburgh water department reading water meters all over Pittsburgh's hilly terrain. Every day after work, she would come back to Homewood and work with my stepfather on our family's business. My stepfather is a Vietnam war veteran, a former member of the Black Panther

Party, and a formerly incarcerated person. Together they created a community organization whose first mission was to curb the gang violence of the early and mid-nineties. Our living room served as the first office. We hosted healing circles for parents that lost their children to violence, Sunday dinners, and community meetings in that living room. Service to the community is in my blood.

I attended a historically Black college, Howard University. It was at Howard that I gained a deeper interest in government, but more importantly, a deeper understanding of myself, learning that as a Howard Bison, nothing is too great for me. As well as to think globally but act locally. Acting locally brought me back to Pittsburgh and to my family's community organization, where I worked until Leader Costa gave me a call.

I know that this is just a chapter and my book is still being written, but I must express gratitude for all those that helped me get to this point.

Thank you to my parents. All those lessons, hard work, and sacrifice paid off. You set a standard that led me to the legislature. Thank you for all your prayers.

To my fiancée, thank you for trusting me and joining me on this journey. Thank you for your love and support. Your words of wisdom and encouragement have stoked my mind and soothed my soul, and we will continue to change this world together.

To my 94-year-old grandmother, who played a major role in raising me: Hey, Grandma, I hope you were able to find the channel that we are on right now and you are watching this on TV. My grandma was born during the Great Depression and has been blessed to see her grandson be her State Representative. No matter how difficult this has been, that is something that no one can take away from her or from me.

To my siblings, no matter how old I get, they still call me baby brother. Baby bro did all right. I know our father is shining down and he is proud.

To my best friends, my brothers who have stood with me, kneeled with me, laughed, and cried. We did it.

To my younger siblings, nieces, nephews, and all the young people that know me as Brother Martell or Coach Martell, I have and will continue to do this for you.

To my district staff – who may be watching this or they may be on some calls or doing rent rebates, I do not know – but thank you all for coming in and making an immediate impact: Anette, Lindsey, Michelle, and John.

To my legislative assistant, Victoria, thank you for making this crazy transition as smooth as it could be.

And to all the residents and constituents of the 24th Legislative District, the old and the new.

To my Allegheny County delegation, thank you for supporting and guiding me through. I value all the counsel you have given and will cherish your words of support.

Chair Miller, thank you for everything you have done for me this year. You had my back every step of the way. You and Chair Davis, my guy, you saw it before anybody else did.

Rep Abney, my officemate, continue to hold it down.

To my Philly fam, thank you for making me feel at home, making me feel like home.

To gentlemen's row – Rep Harkins, Rep Merski, and Rep Conklin – thank you for showing me the ropes. Scotty, I am going to miss you, man. I knew that there was a real-life Michael Scott out there somewhere, and it is to my surprise that he was also in Pennsylvania, and to my delight, he was in the legislature



and would sit right next to me. For anybody that is confused, that is a reference from the show "The Office."

Madam Sister Leader, thank you. Thank you for being a beacon, a guiding light. I am grateful for your encouragement and support throughout this chapter of my life.

Whip Harris, thank you for all your advice on day one. You saw me and always made sure I felt a part of. And thank you for making sure we always ate. Ate good.

To Democratic Leader Senator Costa, thank you for bringing me to the dance. Thank you for giving me a shot and teaching me what it meant to truly be a statesman. Your example and lessons will stay with me forever.

And thanks to all of you that warmly welcomed me. From the northeast to the southeast, northwest, southwest, and central on both sides of the aisle, your advice, conversation, a joke and a smile, or just pointing me in a direction of the nearest bathroom anywhere in this building. I will be eternally grateful for your graciousness, your generosity, allyship, and friendship. Your friendship.

As I depart, I leave you all with a quotation from Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It." I know my high school literature teacher is so happy right now.

All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances,  
And one man in his time plays many parts.

I have played my part. And I will play my next part with the same honesty, respect, excellence, and pride that I have brought to this role. This is not goodbye, though. This is more of a see you later.

Thank you for this time, and thank God for this opportunity. Be blessed and remain inspired. Thank you.

### COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Representative Covington, it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with you, and we will be briefly at ease while we do a ceremonial gavel presentation.

The House will please return to order.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. SCHNEE

The SPEAKER. At this time we will ask Representative Robert Schnee, who was elected to represent the 116th Legislative District, to approach the rostrum.

After graduating from Hazleton High School, he began working at Hazleton City Water Authority, from which he retired in 2021. Robert has also served on the Luzerne County Council and the Hazleton School Board. He resides in Sugarloaf Township with his wife, Jamie.

Robert, welcome.

Mr. SCHNEE. Well, I promised Jack Rader that I would be short, but.

First of all, I would like to thank my family – God first for being here today – my family and my mother and father. I lost my mother when she was 60 years old; my father when he was 78. I come from a hardworking family. My mother worked in the

ladies garment industry. My father worked in the factory also. They taught me the values of family and being a good person. Those values I carry to today. I could not have asked for a better mother and father. I played sports when I was younger. I played football, baseball, and basketball. They were never missed. They never missed a practice or a football, basketball, or baseball game. So thank you upstairs to my mother and father for being the best parents I could ever ask for.

I had two sisters. They were always there for me, Amelia and Mary Ann.

My wife – that we just celebrated our 30th anniversary this year – my wife, Jamie, if she could stand up. I think I got the better end of that deal. But again, she is not only my wife, she is my best friend. She has always been there for me, especially down here during my short term. There are not too many people that could just go in the car and come down here. I mean, she has everything pressed. She has everything in the car packed coming down here and also leaving. So again, I am blessed to have a beautiful and a wife that is my best friend.

I would like to thank the great people of the 116th District that entrusted me with their voice and to do what is right for them and their families. To give me the opportunity to be in a hall like this, it is such a humbling and honored experience. From somebody that came from a working family to be in a place like this – every day I come up those front steps, I am honored and humbled. And you just look around here, and how can you not be? This is a tremendous building, and every one of the 203 people that come out here, I hope you have the same feeling when you walk in this, that you should feel honored that people entrusted you with their vote to do the right thing.

So my staff down here, Amy. She does a fantastic job. She is going to have a baby in 2 weeks. Amy, please stand up. So Amy, as we touched on staff, she does a great job, a fantastic job for myself and Aaron Kaufer. And not only that, she will even be a better mother because she has that in her. She has a big heart. Thank you, Amy.

For my staff back home, I have Melia Molinaro. She served the last 12 years there. She served when Tarah Toohil was the State Representative and during my term. I cannot say enough words about Melia. Melia is truly outstanding. I mean, just not with the staff, but with the people coming in. Most of the people in my district coming in are older people that have their hands out that are making less than \$20,000 a year. So my staff down there, with Melia as the head, not only does the paperwork to try to help these people out, but also goes beyond with, like, trying to be a family member to them. Telling them, counseling them to try to, like, everything is going to be all right to these older people, that everything is going to be all right.

And also down there I have Petey and Lucas, both younger and with a lot of energy, and they treat the people the same way, like it was their mother or father or their grandparents coming in. That is how they are treated by my staff down there. So when people talk about staff and what they should get paid, they should get paid. But they do not do it because – they do it for the love of their job, because they definitely are not doing it for the pay. They are doing it for the love of job, that they are helping people in the most need during that day.

I would also like to thank a bunch of friends that have been supportive of me during years that I have ran, and two in particular, Aaron Kaufer and Senator John Yudichak, who have mentored me the last couple of years and have always been there for me. So thank you, Aaron. And thank you, John.

And again, it has just been a great experience that I will never forget in my life. And then hopefully someday I will be back here, because I cherish every second that I am in this hall.

And to the 203 family members out there, I love you, and we might have our disagreements, but we are 203 people of a family here, and thank you for everything.

The SPEAKER. Very well said, Representative Schnee. While your wife comes up to the rostrum for some pictures, I would just like to comment to all three speakers. You highlighted the importance of staff, family, and community and the opportunities that we all have to serve, not just the residents of each of our individual districts, but the opportunity to serve here together to solve problems, and that is something that we should all cherish, so thank you for drawing our attention to that.

We will be temporarily at ease.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The House will return to order.

At this time we will turn to committee and caucus announcements.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker will recognize the gentleman, Representative Stan Saylor, for a committee announcement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room at 11:45.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room at 11:45.

### LABOR AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. COX. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Labor and Industry Committee will meet immediately during the break here, and we will meet in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Labor and Industry Committee will meet immediately at the break in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the good gentleman.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

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

Democrats will caucus at 12:30, hybrid.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 1:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

### RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:45 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

#### HB 1693, PN 3460

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

#### HB 2632, PN 3461

By Rep. SAYLOR

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

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

#### HB 2425, PN 3468 (Amended)

By Rep. DAY

An Act providing for communication duties between the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services with certain agencies and the Department of Aging relating to abuse of adults and older adults.

#### AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

#### HB 2538, PN 3021

By Rep. DAY

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, further providing for powers and duties of secretary.

#### AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

**SB 1027, PN 1743**

By Rep. COX

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for minors serving in volunteer emergency service organizations.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

**CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2686, PN 3449**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for Collaborative Care Model and Primary Care Behavioral Health Model Implementation Program; and making an appropriation.

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

Mr. **FARRY** offered the following amendment No. **A05547**:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by striking out "INCLUDES" and inserting  
may include  
Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by inserting after  
"PSYCHOLOGIST,"  
psychiatrist.

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

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

Mr. **FARRY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. It deletes the word "INCLUDES." It changes that to "may include," and adds the word "psychiatrist" to the bill. So it is an agreed-to amendment by the author. I ask for an affirmative vote.

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—1**

Rabb

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

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2499**, **PN 3448**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for insurance data security; in reserve liabilities, repealing provisions relating to small company exemption and providing for adoption of exemption standards of NAIC Valuation Manual; and establishing 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 1419**, **PN 3146**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration, further providing for State recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; in county correctional institutions, further providing for county recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for healthy birth for incarcerated women and providing for restrictive housing prohibited for pregnant or postpartum incarcerated individuals and detainees, for cavity search and inspection restrictions, for training and education requirement, for family consideration in placement and visitation, for feminine hygiene and incontinence products and for postpartum recovery.

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

Mrs. **MIZGORSKI** offered the following amendment No. **A05506**:

Amend Bill, page 23, line 2, by inserting after "RESTRAINTS" excluding handcuffs.

Amend Bill, page 24, line 27, by inserting a bracket before "IMMEDIATELY"

Amend Bill, page 24, line 27, by inserting after "IMMEDIATELY"

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Amend Bill, page 32, lines 13 through 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(1) A minor dependent child under 18 years of age shall be able to visit in person the minor dependent child's parent at least once per week subject to department policy and facility space, staffing and administrative capacity.

(2) The visits shall not impact visitation privileges under 37 Pa. Code § 93.3 (relating to inmate visiting privileges).

(3) Additional visits may be permitted through virtual means, subject to department policy and facility space, staffing and administrative capacity.

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

The SPEAKER. And on that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Mizgorski.

Mrs. MIZGORSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to amendment. This amendment makes visitation rights under the bill clearer and permits correctional officers to utilize handcuffs as restraints to ensure safety, and I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rabb

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?

Ms. **KINKEAD** offered the following amendment No. **A04331**:

Amend Bill, page 35, by inserting between lines 4 and 5

(c) Waiver of copays and fees.—The department or the Department of Human Services shall waive all copays and fees related to prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum care and recovery for incarcerated or detained individuals regardless of their ability to pay or financial means.

Amend Bill, page 35, line 5, by striking out "(C)" and inserting (d)

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. And on that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Kinkead.

Ms. KINKEAD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I take this amendment for the gentlelady from Montgomery County who could not be here today.

The peripartum period is defined as "pregnancy and the 12 months after delivery," and it is a critical time for health-care access for birthing people and infants. Prenatal and postpartum visits provide essential preventative services and an—

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman, please suspend. I apologize.

Members, please come to order. The good lady is trying to explain her amendment for this bill. Please remove any and all conversations off the rear of the House.

You are in order and may proceed, ma'am.

Ms. KINKEAD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Prenatal and postpartum visits provide essential preventative services and an opportunity for early diagnosis and management of pregnancy complications. However, the cost of health care is

a well-recognized barrier to utilization of recommended services, and an inability to afford copayments is a well-recognized reason for pregnant persons to fail to seek peripartum care. Those who delay or forgo medical care due to financial hardship are more likely to report worse health, both physical and mental. Prenatal care helps decrease risks during pregnancy and increases the chance of a safe and healthy delivery. Babies born to mothers who lack prenatal care have triple the chance of being born at a low birth weight, and newborns with low birth weights are five times more likely to die than—

### POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady will please suspend. I apologize.

For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Vitali, rise?

Mr. VITALI. I would just request that the amendment be put on the screen. We cannot – I cannot see it on my own PC (personal computer).

The SPEAKER. The House will be temporarily at ease while we verify the voting schedule.

The House will return to order.

I believe that the gentleman, Representative Vitali, is indicating he now has it on his computer? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Kinkead, I apologize. You are in order and may proceed.

Ms. KINKEAD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Fully one-quarter of pregnant people will suffer complications due to pregnancy, labor, delivery, or during the postpartum period. As many as 60 percent of all pregnancy-related deaths could be prevented if pregnant people had better access to health care or received better quality of care.

The United States has a catastrophic maternal mortality crisis. As the global maternal mortality ratio has decreased 35 percent from 2000 to 2017, the United States rate skyrocketed by 52 percent in the same period. In Pennsylvania, there was a 21.4-percent increase in pregnancy-related deaths from 2013 to 2018. Black people accounted for 23 percent of pregnancy-related deaths while accounting for only 14 percent of births during the same period. Nearly half of the women that experienced pregnancy-associated death from 2013 to 2018 did not receive adequate prenatal care.

The number of incarcerated women was nearly five times higher in 2020 than in 1980. Between 1980 and 2020, the number of incarcerated women increased by more than 475 percent. Black and Brown women made up a majority of that increase. Five percent of Pennsylvania women who are incarcerated are pregnant at intake. Incarcerated women frequently have greater risk factors for poor pregnancy outcomes. Prior to incarceration, these pregnant individuals were more likely to have limited access to health care, limited means of payment, and poor quality of care that could be accessed. Compared to the general population, incarcerated women are at a higher risk for having premature delivery and low-birth-weight infants.

Improving coverage and affordability of recommended health care for peripartum persons is a decades-long policy goal beginning with the Pregnancy Discrimination Act in the 1970s and the expansion of Medicaid eligibility for pregnant and

postpartum women in the 1980s. More recently, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act included a preventive services provision that requires coverage for some prenatal services without cost-sharing for those with private insurance, and multiple other provisions sought to broadly expand coverage and affordability for all birthing people of reproductive age. These policies are benefiting that group overall with improved insurance coverage and reduced cost-related barriers to care, especially among those living on low incomes. We have the opportunity now to take these facts and apply them to a group of pregnant persons that have been neglected for far too long: pregnant persons living in incarceration.

This bill, by limiting the use of cavity searches, restraints, and restrictive housing for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals, is a great bill that provides otherwise uncodified and massively necessary protections for those who are part of one of the most uniquely vulnerable incarcerated populations. This amendment, A4331, takes those protections a step further by eliminating the final barrier to care while in incarceration: costly copays and fees related to prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care. This amendment does nothing more than ensure that these individuals do not forgo necessary medical care and procedures – some of which are not just life-enhancing, but actually, lifesaving – because they are afraid that they will not be able to pay for them.

This amendment is fundamentally about saving lives and should be supported by every person in this chamber if we actually want to do what we say this bill is doing – helping vulnerable pregnant persons.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. MIZGORSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As the mother of three young adult children, I fully understand the importance of prenatal and postnatal care, but this bill is called Dignity for Incarcerated Women, and so we are focusing on those individuals who are incarcerated. The Department of Corrections does not charge copays for prenatal, labor, and postpartum care, so the amendment is not necessary, and I would ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rabb

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 as amended?

Ms. **KINKEAD** offered the following amendment No. **A04332**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 24, by striking out "AND" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 1, line 24, by striking out the period after "RECOVERY" and inserting  
and for copays and fees related to prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum recovery.

Amend Bill, page 35, by inserting between lines 20 and 21 § 5913. Copays and fees related to prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum recovery.

The department or Department of Human Services shall waive all copays and fees related to prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum, care and recovery for incarcerated or detained individuals regardless of their ability to pay or financial means. The department shall advise an incarcerated or detained individual, at the time of intake, of the waiver of copays and fees related to prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum, care and recovery.

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

The SPEAKER. And on that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Kinkead.

Ms. KINKEAD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment A4332 is giving each of you another opportunity to support all of the important and necessary aspects of A4331, but with the additional requirement that pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals be informed that the care provided for in the underlying legislation is available to them at no cost during their intake. Again, no one should be denied life-enhancing or lifesaving care because they cannot afford it or do not know that they are able to access it for free.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mrs. MIZGORSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is not an agreed-to amendment. I would appreciate a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rabb

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 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 2800**, **PN 3436**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters.

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 1287**, **PN 1814**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, providing for floor space.

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 391**, **PN 366**, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of April 25, 1933 (P.L.74, No.49), entitled "An act relating to baseball and football on Sunday; prohibiting baseball and football on Sunday during certain hours, and also during certain other hours unless the electors of a municipality are in favor of the same and, in certain cases, a license has first been secured from the municipal authorities; providing for referendums to ascertain the will of the electors, and for the enactment and repeal of licensing ordinances and resolutions in accordance therewith; providing penalties; and repealing inconsistent laws."

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 2637**, **PN 3182**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 41606, carrying State Route 3011, also known as Branch Road, over Spring Creek in Lemont, Centre County, as the Private John W. Coble Memorial Bridge.

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1693**, **PN 3460**, entitled:

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

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 now recognizes the gentleman, Representative Bonner, on final passage.

Mr. BONNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Seventy percent of all adults over the age of 65 will spend time in a nursing home in Pennsylvania. The average cost to the Pennsylvania citizen in a nursing home is now \$130,000 per year. These costs are typically paid by the resident or their spouse until their life savings are exhausted, and then Medicaid will provide assistance at that point in time.

However, the law governing the Medicaid program does not require a family to spend all of their assets before they can become eligible for Medicaid assistance. With proper legal guidance, the home can be protected for the marital couple when one of them goes into a nursing home. Also, gifts of the parents' estate can be made to disabled children or children who live with their parents and provide comfort and care to them. Also, the retirement assets of the at-home spouse do not have to be spent on nursing home care so that IRAs (individual retirement accounts) and pensions and social security payments of the at-home spouse are protected under the law. And approximately one-half of the entire marital estate can be retained by the at-home spouse and does not need to be spent on nursing home care before Medicaid eligibility kicks in.

However, very few people who are entering our nursing homes are aware of the laws that protect them from spending all of their assets before they become eligible for Medicaid assistance. But they are not seeking advice from legal counsel to implement this planning, and the nursing homes are not telling them of its availability. Very few employees at the nursing homes are aware of these laws that protect the sheltering of assets of residents who are going into nursing homes and their families, or they do not feel it is their responsibility to tell the families of these laws that would protect their assets.

HB 1693 will help address the problem of people not knowing what their legal rights are in the Medicaid program and that they do not have to spend all of their assets to the point of bankruptcy before they become eligible for Medicaid assistance.



HB 1693 will require nursing home facilities to provide a resident with written notice that the resident has a right to seek legal counsel and be advised of the sheltering laws that are in place to protect their assets and yet still become eligible for Medicaid assistance.

This legislation will greatly assist families in understanding the maze of laws that are in effect relative to the Medicaid program, and it will allow families to preserve some of their hard-earned lifelong savings that they have accumulated and can pass on to their children and their grandchildren. The final chapter of life is very difficult and stressful. Our Medicaid program recognizes the stressful time and does not require people to spend all of their assets and go bankrupt before they can obtain assistance under this law.

Your support of this legislation is most appreciated, particularly by those who would otherwise lose their life savings at the end stage of life. I ask for your support of this legislation. 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—201

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Roae
Armanini	Frankel	Longietti	Rossi
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rothman
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Ryan
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Sainato
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Samuelson
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Sanchez
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sankey
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sappey
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Saylor
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Schemel
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schlossberg
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schmitt
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schnee
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Shusterman
Causer	Helm	Metcalfe	Silvis
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Smith
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Snyder

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rabb

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.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Returning to visitor recognition.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes Freddie Briggs and Osama Al-Qasem, who are the guests of Representative Schroeder and Representative Malagari. Osama and Freddie, from PDC Machines, drove to Harrisburg today in their hydrogen fuel cell vehicle and presented at the House Environmental Resources and Energy's public hearing. Their topic was hydrogen's potential as an energy source. Welcome.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2632, PN 3461**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a few comments on my HB 2632.

I would ask for your support in thinking outside of the box. Many of us talk about revenue generation, and that is what this bill does. It raises revenue without raising taxes or fees on our citizens. It allows PennDOT to use those dollars that will go back into the Motor License Fund in order to do infrastructure projects in all of our areas.

We also need to take a look at the fact that the final approval for all of these license plates is in PennDOT's hands. They certainly can decide on reflectivity, on whether law enforcement's needs, as well as the interest of the public, are being served by these particular license plates. It does require the vendor to manufacture these license plates within the current system, which is done by our Department of Corrections. And the contract also will establish a fee system to allow the State to make dollars that will, again, go back into our projects in our local area.

The cost of the program will be borne by the revenues generated by it, so the department will be made whole and the vendor will also continue the service to our State.

So I would ask that we would take a second to think outside the box, look for revenue-generating ideas for our Motor License Fund, and I would ask the body to please support HB 2632 so that we can move forward with that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have before us a bill that the Pennsylvania State Police and PennDOT oppose. And, Mr. Speaker, they oppose it because this bill will result in a proliferation of license plates of a color that you cannot even imagine. But maybe you can imagine. Maybe I can help you imagine what the colors would be: every color under the sun, Mr. Speaker.

My friend from Huntingdon County with the grim gray license plate. My friend from Blair County with the boring blue license plate. But it gets better, Mr. Speaker. We could have the flaming fuchsia like the gentlelady from Delaware County. We could have the canary yellow like the gentlelady from Lehigh County. We could have the peachy peach like the gentlelady from Allegheny County. And we could have the summer salmon like the lady from Philadelphia County.

Mr. Speaker, we will have license plates of every color imaginable and law enforcement will have no idea what State this plate is from. And, Mr. Speaker, if we are all about law and order, let us have a little law and order. There is nothing more orderly than the license plate system that we have. This is complete disorder with respect to license plates, and so let us get back to our law-and-order mantra and let us deliver license plates that we all know what they look like.

Mr. Speaker, for those that want to have a variety of license plates, PennDOT has scores of different license plates right now, and they come in different varieties. But, Mr. Speaker, we do not have a flaming fuchsia license plate and we do not need one, and we do not have a peachy peach license plate and we do not need one.

So, Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the effort to add some money to the Motor License Fund. I would offer that it is a very modest approach with respect to adding those dollars, and I would prefer to have the colors of the rainbow reflected in our outfits and not so much in our license plates.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Seeing no other members seeking recognition, we will return to the prime sponsor for the second time.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know that it is very easy to say no. No, that is not a good idea. No, we do not need any more of this. No, we do not need to do this. But the bottom line is that we do need to generate funds. Other States have done this program successfully, many other law enforcement. I am very close to the law enforcement community and know very well their job, as well as the fact, in speaking to them, how it is that they are on the roads. The ability to identify license plates is something that many bigger States have been able to accomplish, and I have great confidence that the law enforcement men and women in Pennsylvania would also be able to accomplish that.

As for a proliferation of license plates, as was mentioned, PennDOT also right now has scores of license plates, and we have been able to adapt. This is a way to generate funds. This is a way to turn around and say that people who use a service pay for that service, and it has zero impact on the rest of Pennsylvanians. I am not giving up my license plate, but somebody else may choose to do a different type of license plate. They should have that option. We should be able to earn the funds and we should be able to put more than \$10 million into the Motor License Fund that we could be using in our local areas.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask for a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady 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—118

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

NAYS—83

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Rabb

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

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 64, PN 1776**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements, for Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund and for Land Trust Reimbursement Program.

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 1237, PN 1654**, entitled:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. While I still have the members' attention, I would like to remind all of the members that next week's charity softball game will be occurring. Just a polite reminder to make sure you bring the appropriate attire and equipment as needed.

There will be no further votes this afternoon. We will be doing some housekeeping. I will ask all the rule 17 speakers, if you wish, to proceed to the well of the House. We will recognize you upon completion of the housekeeping.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

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

- HB 391;
- HB 1419;
- HB 2499;
- HB 2637;
- HB 2686;
- HB 2800;
- SB 64;
- SB 1237; and
- SB 1287.

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 34;  
 HB 117;  
 HB 143;  
 HB 1578;  
 HB 1671;  
 HB 2484;  
 HB 2806; and  
 SB 1173.

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 681, PN 1187**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting enforcement of covenants not to compete in health care practitioner employment agreements.

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

**BILL TABLED**

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 681 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 681 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 PRO TEMPORE  
(ZACHARY MAKO) PRESIDING****STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker calls up Representative Ryan to speak on Ovarian Cancer Month.

Mr. RYAN. Members and Mr. Speaker, thank you so much for the opportunity to recognize "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month." It seems unusual that I would specifically be the one

addressing this issue, but any man would tell you how important it is for us to understand the risks that our daughters, our wives, our mothers, our grandmothers, and our relatives could go through with the risk of ovarian cancer. And it is clearly frequently not understood, and so September is the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

For those that may not be aware, ovarian cancer encompasses cancer of the ovaries, fallopian tubes, and the primary peritoneum, and that is the tissue that lines the abdominal wall and covers the abdominal organs. Taken together, this group is the fifth leading cause of cancer death in women in the United States.

These cancers often go undetected until later in life, until they have reached the advanced stages. And the purpose of our awareness month is that we can encourage early detection and ask the wonderful women in our lives to make sure that they take care of themselves and get the medical care, and for us to be supportive of those wonderful women in our lives that they receive the care that they need. Ovarian cancer is rare. About 1 in 78 women will get it; however, approximately 19,000 women will die annually from ovarian cancer.

It is important for women to have honest, open conversations with their doctors to detect potential symptoms early. Early detection significantly increases the cure rate. If it is detected in the early stages, the survival rate is extraordinarily high.

So I would ask you to please join with me in honoring the women in our lives and women of our country and making sure that they receive the appropriate medical care, and that we recognize the importance of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks Representative Ryan for speaking on ovarian cancer month.

**STATEMENT BY MR. WILLIAMS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker will now turn to Representative Dan Williams to speak about the values of the unions.

Mr. Leader, are you ready to speak? The Speaker recognizes Representative Dan Williams.

Mr. D. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In this building, we get tied up a lot in numbers and percentages and complex details, and far too often we forget that the things that we do actually impact real people. People count on us to be their voice. People expect us to represent them in every sense of the word. These are in fact working families, families of every type. They are health-care workers, retail workers, construction workers, steelworkers, and their lives are changed by the choices that we make in this building.

Like so many communities in Pennsylvania, my hometown of Coatesville was built on American steel. Union jobs paying good wages, paying enough to raise a family and carve out a piece of the American dream. No matter what that dream looked like – perhaps a home, two cars, a vacation; perhaps a trip down to the shore every now and then, an occasional dinner out – this became a path to a better tomorrow and a brighter future. Workers being paid enough to support the businesses in the community who created jobs and gave back to the people, not just to hedge funds. Companies betting on themselves and betting on workers always win because they are focused on long-term growth, not just quarterly profits that satisfy Wall Street.



I believe in our workers. I believe in our communities. I believe in the union jobs that built our economy from the ground up and the middle out, where worker pay was spent right there at home and lifted all of us. Like bees who put down pollen where they pick up nectar, everyone wins. We invest in good union jobs and protect the workers from being exploited by companies that cheat the system, and when we do, we go forward by embracing our past.

I have a bill awaiting action right now, HB 658, the protecting the right to organize act, or the PRO act. My bill would update the Labor Relations Act and make sure the companies cheating workers and communities face real penalties. My bill would make sure mediation and arbitration are available for unions and companies when they negotiate to make sure that good faith actually rules the day.

Finally, and most importantly, my bill would make sure all workers who benefit from union protection are supporting the union that fights for them. It is all about how we make sure the people's voice is heard and the results are respected. It does not matter if we are talking about workers voting to join a union or voters choosing a lawmaker or a councilperson or a President, we need to do everything we can to make it easy and convenient for them to be heard. We need to make sure votes are cast freely and fairly and without fear of intimidation. We need to make sure that votes are counted quickly and accurately, and we need to honor the results – win or lose.

We have a chance, in the few session days that we have left, to defend democracy at every level. We have a chance to pass bills to protect workers that drive our economy. We have a chance to pass bills to help people who run our elections so we can put the lies behind us and restore the public's faith in this democracy. The only question that remains is, do we have the will to do what is right for the people who are counting on us?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks Representative Dan Williams for speaking on the value of unions.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MRS. MIZGORSKI**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker would like to recognize Representative Lori Mizgorski for brief comments.

Mrs. MIZGORSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to wish my father-in-law, Henry Mizgorski, a happy 89th birthday and thank him for his service to our country, community, and our family. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks Representative Mizgorski.

#### **STATEMENT BY MR. BENNINGHOFF**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Representative Benninghoff, to speak on Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do appreciate the time.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We once again take the time, over the course of the next 30 days or so, to remember not only those that we have lost due to suicide, but to realize that there are so many more that we can save if they are recognized, talked to, and encouraged.

Suicide and suicidal thoughts are not something limited to one geographical location, one demographic, or even political party. It is something that, sadly, affects many people and many families.

The recent, highly publicized suicide of Bed Bath & Beyond's CEO (chief executive officer), a wealthy and powerful businessman, shows that literally anyone, even those appearing to have a great life, successful life, can struggle with despair, loss of hope, and think that suicide is the only way out.

As a former county coroner, I saw suicides all too often and the significant traumatization to the families that they affected that they left behind. People would have literally done anything to help this person that felt that they were lost, if they only knew.

So today and the rest of the month, we want people to reach out, speak up, and let it be a reminder to those we love to create deep, meaningful relationships with those around us. Check on your neighbors, be a resource, and be there to help or just listen for those going through troubled times. Similarly, we want those that are hurting to know that if they are in deep despair, they are not alone. There are people that care.

This month is a time to remember the loved ones and the family and friends we have lost and to be there to provide that loving support for others around us, or just a listening ear for someone we might not know as well but we obviously know is hurting.

Suicide is not the answer; life is good. It might be hard at times, but it is good and it is worth living. And we want to remind people that the Suicide Prevention Hotline number is 988. Please use it. Someone will be there to listen, provide you support, or pay a visit, if need be.

Sadly, too many times with social media, we see people who do not know where to reach. We see the despair. We want them to be able to overcome these difficult times, find some techniques, whether through clergy, family, or friends. Most of all, we just need to be there for people, reach out and tell them that you care about them and that life is worth living.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We appreciate your time to bring this awareness program forward and remind people again of that number. So if they have any problems, dial 988, Suicide Hotline. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks the majority leader, Representative Benninghoff, for speaking on Suicide Prevention Month.

#### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker recognizes Representative Todd Stephens, who moves that the House do now adjourn until Monday, September 19, 2022, at 12 m., e.d.t., or unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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