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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

#### PRAYER

HON. BRIDGET M. KOSIEROWSKI, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good morning. Let us pray:

Please briefly reflect with me the words of St. Peter.

"So be serious and sober-minded so that you will be able to pray. Above all, let your love for one another be intense. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Each of us has received a gift from God, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's good graces."

Throughout his life, St. Peter did precisely that, which is why for all of the many centuries, many centuries since he has been here, walked on the face of this earth, we still remember his fervent faith, his fearless spirit, and zealous love of God.

As one famous Irish blessing puts it so well: "May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you're going, and the insight to know when you've gone too far." May we all do exactly that today and always as we pray to God to stay focused, faithful, and grateful. For the precious gifts of each day given to us, discover a new joy and peace that only God's presence in our lives can give us.

And today, remember the people of Puerto Rico and the natural disaster. Pray for them so that they may recover and be well. 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 20, 2022, will be postponed until printed.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 230** By Representatives KINSEY, BULLOCK, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, McNEILL, SAPPEY, HENNESSEY, MILLARD, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, WARREN, MADDEN, PARKER, DELLOSO, BRADFORD and MALAGARI

A Resolution ensuring greater access to sickle cell disease treatments and designating the Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive and coordinated data collection effort to better understand and quantify the scope and impact of sickle cell disease on patients, communities and states throughout the United States.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, September 21, 2022.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2840** By Representative HOHENSTEIN

An Act designating the portion of State Route 1009, also known as Bridge Street, between State Route 1007, also known as Tacony Street, and State Route 2001, also known as Richmond Street, in the City of Philadelphia as the Joseph A. Ferko Memorial Boulevard.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 21, 2022.

**No. 2841** By Representatives STRUZZI, BERNSTINE, COX, GILLEN, HENNESSEY, JAMES, KINSEY, MILLARD, RYAN, SCHMITT, SMITH and SONNEY

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 44052, carrying State Route 3035 over Yellow Creek in Homer City, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Walter F. Novak Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 21, 2022.

**No. 2842** By Representatives McNEILL, MILLARD, ZABEL, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, SAMUELSON, N. NELSON, HOHENSTEIN, BURGOS, KIM, SANCHEZ, WELBY, DELLOSO, HENNESSEY, T. DAVIS, WARREN, KINSEY, BIZZARRO, ISAACSON, HANBIDGE, ABNEY and NEILSON

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for coverage for prostate cancer screening.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, September 21, 2022.

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

#### SB 129, PN 105

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, September 21, 2022.

#### SB 431, PN 451

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, September 21, 2022.

#### SB 488, PN 1826

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2022.

#### SB 831, PN 1760

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2022.

#### SB 1255, PN 1698

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 21, 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,  
September 20, 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, October 17, 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 Senate recesses the week of October 17, 2022, it reconvene the week of Monday, October 24, 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, October 24, 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.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence.  
The Chair recognizes the Republican whip, who indicates that there are no leaves. The Chair thanks the lady.  
The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the Democratic whip, who also indicates that there are no leaves. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### 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—202

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longiatti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sanchez
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sankey
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sappye
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schnee
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causar	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Covington	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cox	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Innamorato	Moul	Staats
Culver	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Curry	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Daley	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A.	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, T.	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Dawkins	Kaufers	O'Mara	Topper
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
Delloso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
Delozier	Kim	Owlett	Webster
DelRosso	Kinhead	Parker	Welby
DeLuca	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wentling
Diamond	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The SPEAKER. Two hundred and two 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 Elizabeth Bruner and her family. Elizabeth is one of two House scholarship winners for the 2022-23 academic year. She is attending Pennsylvania State University DuBois and lives in Representative Major's legislative district. The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship Program enhances educational opportunities for eligible students who reside here in the Commonwealth. Congratulations, Elizabeth.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome the Hefton family, who are here today for the Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day in Pennsylvania. Brent and Crystal Hefton, along with their five children, Breyleigh, Brodie, Brilynn, Brielle, and Brooklyn, are all the guests of Representative Krueger. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Nick Sproll and Emily Kinniry. They are proud constituents of the 157th District and the guests of Representative Shusterman.

Located in the gallery, the Chair also welcomes the Everett Warriors Baseball Team, who won their first-ever PIAA Class AA State Title with a 1-0 win over Neshannock. Congratulations on your first State title. They are the guests of Representative Topper, who I am sure taught you all of his great baseball skills.

### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. We are about to take up a condolence resolution on the death of a former member of this House. Please move any and all conversations off the rear of the House. The Sergeants at Arms will please clear the aisles. I will ask the Sergeants at Arms to please close the doors of the House.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left, the Chair is honored to welcome the family and members of Representative Harold James's family to be here with us today. They are Representative James's daughters, Shelina James, and Dawn Blyther, and

granddaughter, Breanna James. Also joining the family is Philadelphia Sheriff Rochelle Bilal. Thank you for joining us today.

Members, please take your seats.

The clerk will now read the resolution.

The following resolution was read:

### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Harold James, a former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania who passed away at the age of seventy-nine on April 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of West Philadelphia High School, Mr. James earned associate and bachelor's degrees from Temple University and served this country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army from 1961 to 1964. An Officer with the Philadelphia Police Department from 1965 until his retirement in 1987, after which he served as Sheriff of Philadelphia County, he was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1988. Mr. James served the 186th Legislative District for nine additional consecutive terms and ran successfully in a special election in April 2012 to serve the remainder of the 2011 term. During his tenure, he served as Cochair of the Criminal Justice Task Force and advocated for increased education funding and protection for seniors. Co-host of "The Justice Hour" radio program, he served as Cochair of the Philadelphia Urban Coalition from 1981 until his passing; and;

WHEREAS, A beloved family member, dedicated legislator and avowed community steward, Mr. James generously gave of his heart and time to enhance the quality of life of his family and community, and his loss will be felt by the many individuals who knew, admired and loved him; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Harold James; and extend heartfelt condolences to his son, Jamhar James; daughters, Karen James, Shelina James, Dawn Blyther and Ebony-lin James; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Representatives Jordan A. Harris and Donna Bullock on May 5, 2022, be transmitted to the family of the Honorable Harold James.

Jordan A. Harris, Sponsor  
Donna Bullock, Sponsor  
Bryan Cutler, Speaker of the House  
ATTEST:  
Brooke Wheeler, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the resolution will rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests will also please rise.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Harold James.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted. The Sergeants at Arms will please open the doors of the House.

### REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I had the privilege of serving with Representative James early on in my career, and I will say, he always made me laugh any time that we were in committee meetings together, and I always appreciated that. So thank you very much for sharing him with us. I know that this job can be very demanding sometimes, and for us, it is always very important to have the support of friends and family back home, and I just appreciate your sharing him with us for his time here.

### REMARKS BY MR. HARRIS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris, for some comments regarding Representative James.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the legacy of one of my predecessors, Representative Harold James. Representative James was very well known in the community. I grew up knowing him and his family my whole life. One of his daughters, who could not be here today, Ms. Karen James, was actually the school police officer at my elementary school, so she literally watched me grow up. I am sure she could tell you some interesting stories. And her daughter, Latoya, was in my class, so I have known the James family my whole life, literally.

Representative James was not just a member of this chamber but a member of the Armed Forces, a member of the Philadelphia Police Department. Actually, he was one of the founders of the Guardian Civic League, which is the organization of Black police officers in the city of Philadelphia that fight and fought and continue to fight for equity in the police department for Black and Brown officers. He was a deputy sheriff and did a whole lot of other things in the city of Philadelphia. When I came in, he was also the ward chair of the 36th ward, which I am a committeeperson, and then he became the ward leader of the 36th ward. Listen, Representative James, a former chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, had a long history of civic engagement and community engagement, and his legacy will live on and his life will be missed.

Lastly, I still recall getting calls every now and then from Rep James where he would be like, "You need to introduce a bill to do this. You need to introduce a bill do that," and I would be like, "Um, okay, Rep," and he was like, "When you get home, come see me and I'm going to tell you how to do it." And I have always enjoyed those conversations, and we will miss him.

I am so grateful that two of his daughters and his granddaughter are able to join us today, as well as a former president of the Guardian Civic League herself, a former police officer who served with Rep James, and the sheriff of the city and the County of Philadelphia, Sheriff Rochelle Bilal.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

We will be briefly at ease and invite the gentleman up to the rostrum.

The House will return to order.

And we will now proceed to several retirement speeches. Guests may leave, if they so desire.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. MILLARD

The SPEAKER. And I will invite the good gentleman, Representative Millard, to the rostrum.

Representative Millard represents the 109th Legislative District of Columbia County. He is the chairman of the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee and serves on the Judiciary Committee. Prior to becoming a Representative, he worked for PPL Electric and served as the director of the Bloomsburg Fair. David has been a firefighter for the last 32 years with the Bloomsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

On a personal note, I will share that my uncle also had worked for PPL, out of the Quarryville substation, and the good gentleman and I have a love of Allis-Chalmers tractors. So hopefully you will have a little bit more time to spend with your tractors here. But we will invite you to the rostrum, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MILLARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Every journey begins with a first step. In a few months, I will take that first step in a new journey, one that will involve more time with family, travel, and who knows what other surprises.

As I retire from this chamber after 19 years, I leave as a better person for having worked with all of you, my esteemed colleagues. The confidence that my constituents placed in me, as yours have in you, has enabled me to have an honor of a lifetime: the opportunity to serve as their voice in State government. That means the opportunity to participate in open debate and vote on legislation that ultimately affects nearly 13 million people. I always tried to put a face on every piece of legislation and question how it would impact that individual. This role is an awesome responsibility that I have never taken lightly. I have deep respect for each of you that I have served with. Even though we may not agree on everything, I see the passion that each of you have for what you believe in, and I have always felt that we are all on the same mission to respectfully represent our districts, but that we simply take different paths to do so.

My time in office has been a grand picture of the American dream. I am living proof that if you work hard, opportunities will present themselves. I grew up a poor kid from a large family whose mother was paralyzed from a stroke after I was born and a father who never took a nickel of welfare but worked two 8-hour jobs for 20 years to support his family. I am the youngest of six, who each worked their way through institutions of higher learning and became career professionals. It took me 12 1/2 years of night school to earn my bachelor's degree. Although neither of my parents lived to see it, it was this work ethic established by my father that I brought to Harrisburg. And it has been my mission to give everyone back home an equal voice in this chamber. I did not come here with a personal agenda, but rather, that of my constituents. As a public servant, promoting a personal agenda has no place in this chamber. I simply listened to the debates and made informed votes.

Every aspect of my tenure has been enriched by many, many people. Each of us knows that we could not possibly do this job without the support of our family and our amazing staff. For this I will always be grateful.

To my wife, Rita, thank you for the late-night dinners and the wardrobe selection and the understanding of rushing in and rushing out for meetings. To my children, brothers, and sisters, thank you for your continuing consideration and understanding of our hectic schedules.

My staff has been incredible, both in service to our constituents and in help to me. My district office team steers the ship in very busy district offices. I love passing onto them the many compliments that I receive about how their knowledge and work truly helps so many people. My district staff of Chris and Bridgett and Sandra, they go above and beyond to provide that top-notch service that all of us want to provide in our respective districts. And my former retired staff member, Trudy, the first one when I took the oath of office, was really a guide for me to know how to deal with the folks back home as, you know, thousands of people every month come in our office for one thing or another. And I have been greatly blessed with Denise Murray's longtime service in my Capitol office; 17 years of working together, we never had an argument. The Harrisburg connection is so vital to cutting red tape in each of our offices, and Denise has done that very well.

In my role as a committee chair, my thanks go to my research and executive staff, Greg and Mel, and Diane Moore, who has been a publicist; as well as my Democratic minority committee members. Mark Longietti and Mary Jo Daley have been excellent to work with on behalf of Pennsylvania tourism. Together we have supported all pathways to economic prosperity in all four corners of our Commonwealth and everything in between, in addition to preserving our history for future generations.

And the back row team, thank you so much for the cooperation that we have had, the cooperative spirit, helping each other, having those conversations during long and protracted debates.

And to my colleagues, Representative Mike Peifer and Senator Mario Scavello, thank you for all the lengthy conversations on every topic, A to Z.

To my fellow NERDs – that is short for northeast Republican delegation – thank you for the working relationships to make the northeast part of this State strong and economically healthy.

To Senator John Gordner, thank you for your leadership and for your role in all that we were able to do together to benefit Columbia County.

To my fellow colleagues, in a few short months, I will be just a memory in this chamber. I simply wish to be remembered as a hard worker. But I am leaving with a warm heart for having had the opportunity to work with each of you. And I invite each of you to join me in a conservative cup of coffee prepared by our friend, Spizz.

I leave knowing that Pennsylvania is in good hands: your hands.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Millard. I will certainly miss our discussions regarding our at-home farm activities, but you can feel free to keep sending me any links that you find to some good tractor deals or engines. I would certainly appreciate that.

We will be temporarily at ease while we do a gavel presentation and some photographs.

The House will return to order.

## FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. RYAN

The SPEAKER. At this time we will invite Representative Frank Ryan to the rostrum.

Representative Ryan represents the 101st Legislative District of Lebanon. He serves on the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, Finance, State Government, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees. Prior to being elected to this office, he served as the director of policy at the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. He began his career by working on Pat Toomey's first campaign to the United States Senate. He then worked on several other political campaigns and earned his real estate license before entering public service and accepting a position at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Frank is a retired Marine Reserve colonel. He was recalled back to duty in December 2004 and served with the Multi-National Force – Iraq until June of 2005. Prior to his initial retirement in 2002, Frank served as the central command special operations officer during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Frank and his wife, Sherrie, have four children and seven grandchildren. Please welcome Representative Frank Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. The Speaker just said he did not know I did all that. When you are 91, it is amazing what you can get done.

You know, it is great to be able to stand up here and look at the painting of my first unit in the back of the chamber. I am the second one in paying attention. Andrew Lewis is the third one in, and if you notice, he is not paying attention. We had that kind of problem with him ever since the very beginning. And Abby Major was there taking care of all of us, trying to keep us under control. And Jared Solomon was providing sound legal advice, trying to tell Baron von Steuben he could not do those things. And Joe Webster was making the very kind comment, "This would be a lot easier if we had an Air Force." So I just wanted to thank you all.

My job is to talk to you for about the next 4 or 5 minutes. I found out a few minutes ago it was 4 or 5 minutes. I was told originally 45 minutes. But when you are 91, things go a little bit downhill pretty quickly. But my job is to talk to you for the next 4 or 5 minutes; your job is to listen. If any of you get done before I do, please raise your hand and we will be able to go on.

You know, many people are not aware of this, but the Speaker of the House gives freshman members performance appraisals – and he was the majority leader at the time – and I would like to read some of the comments that the Speaker, now Speaker read about me. And, Mr. Speaker, this humbles me. Thank you. "Frank fails to meet the low standards that he set for himself."

"Frank is destined to push on doors clearly marked 'pull.' " Thank you. Mr. Speaker, thank you. Clancy has been working to fix that ever since.

But you know, I am really honored today. We have triplets of mine – they are adopted triplets – and I want to say a big shout-out to Gabriel, to Paul, and to Dominic; and to their parents, Mark and Kara, for being here today. I did not know they were going to be here, so it has been a great thing. We sit together in church, and Gabriel reminded me he wanted to go to an Orioles-Angels baseball game and his team won, and he did not hesitate to remind me about that the entire time.

You know, if I could, I would like to be a little serious, if I could. And I originally had not planned on giving any farewell remarks, but in retrospect, I thought it would probably be important because of what I would describe as probably the most challenging period of time I have seen in my life. And as a Marine having been in combat zones, I would tell you, some of the stuff that has happened could not possibly have occurred the way it did if it had not been for the effects and the work of certain people in this chamber, and I wanted to thank them publicly.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I have got to tell you, I am honored to have served as your designee on the PSERS (Public School Employees' Retirement System) Board. But as those of you that are familiar with what has been going on over there, it has been a challenge. We had a DOJ (Department of Justice) investigation that just concluded, and it was 20 hours a day, 7 days a week for probably 18 months. What you do not know is that I was, as chair of the audit committee, I could not speak to anyone about anything except the Speaker, and there were some pretty dark days that I ended up just kind of unwinding and decompressing and talking with the Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, I am forever grateful for what you did. And those of you that do not know Bryan very well, I will tell you, he is a confidant, and it is unusual for someone my age to say I have a mentor that is that much younger than I am. I was in the First Battle of Bull Run when he was even thinking about it. But he has been a godsend.

I also want to thank my wife, Sherrie. My wife, Sherrie, literally did not see me for probably the better part of 2, 2 1/2 years. Her mom was dying at the same time and she was taking care of her mom, and her mom recently just passed away. Sherrie did it without complaining – or if she did, she did not complain to me, let me say it this way. But she was the stalwart for her mom, took care of her mom. And, Honey, I am very proud of you, and I love you dearly. God bless you.

I have to also thank Jamie Miller, because while I was doing the PSERS thing – literally, and I was incredibly active in my district, was not able to be – Jamie took charge. We kept the office, Jamie kept the office open during the entire pandemic, and her philosophy was, with the number of people that need help on unemployment, I cannot shut it down. Jamie, we are proud of you. You have done a remarkable job. I am honored to know you, and you have been a godsend. Thank you so much.

Also in our district office there is Nancie Coover. Nancie actually worked with my wife, Sherrie, and so now there was – by the way, for the rest of you that might ever consider doing this, I would encourage you, you would want to call that an error in judgment on my part, because now if I do anything inappropriate at home, Nancie gets a call from my wife, who tells Jamie, and then I hear about it here. So nothing worse than bringing work home into it as well. So I just want to tell you that. Nancie, we are happy that you are here as well.

We also have, Lily Guthrie is here and Donna Pinkham, who have been instrumental in getting the message out and coordinating the office in Harrisburg, and I cannot thank them enough for the great work they did.

There are a couple other folks that I want to mention. And Jill Vecchio and Susan Boyle, if you get a chance, please say thank you. I asked both if they would be my designees. Jill said to me, "How many hours do you think it will be, because I don't have a lot of time?" And I told her and Jim Mann and Rod Corey "probably 3 to 4 hours a month." Well, we had a DOJ investigation shortly thereafter, and I would tell you, it was 8 to 10 hours a day, and I literally mean – and I am not kidding, by the way. Somebody questioned that one time and then they started looking at the phone logs. When Jill was on vacation, you got calls. All the legislation and the reforms that we, hopefully, will be able to get done next session were done by Susan Boyle, and her research has been tremendous. And I cannot thank you enough, Jill. You have been an absolute godsend.

If I could, you know, there is only one thing that I would like to kind of leave everybody with, if I could. And, Mr. Speaker, I would like to leave the rest of my remarks for the record, if I could. I was asked specifically not to speak about quantitative easing.

We are a deliberative body. And there have been some things that have come about that are tense, and the tension is intended to be done here, but I will have to tell you that in the time at PSERS, I was incredibly proud of the fact that I had a great working relationship with Representative Matt Bradford, the chair of the Democrat Appropriations Committee. His staff – Pat Shaughnessy, Anne Baloga – were a godsend. It will be an unwritten chapter of that story of how three of us on the board prevented some less-than-optimal results to take place. I was talking – and, Matt, I hope you do not mind me if I said this – Matt said, he said, I am certain there is not a social issue you and I agree on, but we, I think we have established a healthy trust for one another. And I have tremendous respect for you in that regard.

In my first term, I had the tremendous pleasure of sitting next to Sid Kavulich. I was honored to call Sid a friend. And he and Mike Carroll and I, we had a good dialogue together, and I cherish that time together tremendously. Well, at my age, the bathroom is in the back, and sometimes, if you are in the center, it requires moving, and so Sid used to tell me he would charge me 10 cents per trip. And so I went down to the Fulton Bank and I was able to get 5,000 rolls of dimes and I went through those in the first session of the first term.

But when you look at the working relationship that we all had – and I value a lot of the time of my, for the first 4 years I sat on the Democrat side, and the friendships that I have picked up on the Democrat side were very important. And I would say the same thing for those that have worked closely with the Republican side. Regina Young and I are working on a bill together. The fact that we might disagree in this chamber does not mean we have to hate one another when we leave here. I would hope that if there is any one thing that we can do to further the cause and the benefits for all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is that we remember that. I count on my hands the wonderful friendships of so many people.

And if I could just ask you, if things get really tense, I would like you to know the story that I tell every fifth grade class that comes to visit me, and it relates to the painting up front, so that

you will see it, and I would ask you to interpret that painting into the 21st century. I tell everybody that that little boy in the red coat is me and I was born in 1769. And I am texting to my friends that they are reading the Declaration of Independence – and the kids are eating this up, after I taught them how to dab – and then I said, my sister was standing behind me helping me with Siri and spell-check, because God knows Siri hates me. The reason I know that is historically accurate is my mom was taking a selfie. Does it not look like that is what is happening? And my dad pulled out the sword and said, "Frank, would you put away that cell phone," and it so emotionally scarred me for life, it took me 200 more years to reinvent the cell phone.

So I go away and this teacher called me up and she said, "Frank, you remind people of a grandfatherly type person, and I will tell you, they believed you. Could you come in and tell them you were only kidding?" So I went into the classroom and I said, "Boys and girls, your teacher told me to come in and tell you that this story was just a joke – but you and I know the truth." So there is an entire fifth grade class thinking I was born in 1769.

Thank you for the memories. God bless you all.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Ryan. I have to confess, I will miss your wit and your humor. I also have to confess that despite all the years of serving here with you, I still do not know your true age.

We will be briefly at ease.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The House will please return to order.

### REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

A very short 6 years ago, I made the prediction that we had 2 to 4 years to turn the financial affairs of the Commonwealth and the nation around and if we did not, I predict that the Commonwealth will become insolvent within 12 years.

I have become convinced that the public is not willing to provide the political will to prevent problems and would prefer that government fix disasters rather than prevent crisis. In the military, we call it the feeling of personal invulnerability such that others will get hurt economically; we will not.

The pandemic and the response to the pandemic have left the global economy in a precarious position and the die is cast on our economic fate. My parting request is that the legislature continue to lead the effort to provide the framework for effective financial controls and responsible spending. May our government have the structure in place to survive the downturn. The consistency of the optimism of solid economic growth following the reopening are echoed in virtually every economic corner of the world.

Just as then Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan made mention of "irrational exuberance" of asset values followed by major market declines in 1996, the mere mention of something other than massive economic recovery is met with jeers and criticism from a cancel culture society.

But just as Greenspan discussed in his book "The Age of Turbulence," the economic swings since the 1970s seem to swing more severely with each succeeding downturn.

The current economic climate is ripe for a reset, a reset for which most are unwilling to consider and are equally unwilling to prepare for.

Our national debt is \$28 trillion and climbing rapidly to \$31 trillion after the most recent stimulus bills being signed into law. Interest rates for 7 to 30 year maturities are rising rapidly, whereas the velocity of money is plummeting to its lowest level in history.

In but one more measure of concern is the amount of negative interest rate debt worldwide in 2021. Such negative interest rate debt stands at over \$19 trillion worldwide.

In my lifetime, I have been witness to some fairly catastrophic events. While in Eastern Europe, I witnessed the aftereffects of the fall of the Soviet Union. I served in Iraq and briefly in Afghanistan.

In our own nation, I have seen the dot-com bubble bursting in 2001, the collapse of the housing market in 2008, and now the pandemic of 2020.

There have been panics throughout the history of the world. In the United States, there have been the panics of 1819, 1837, 1857, 1873, 1893, 1929, as well as the most recent financial calamities.

The panic of 2020 and its aftermath in 2021 are different. We must understand those differences and deal with the entire spectrum of economic consequences and not just with those that make us feel complacent and comfortable.

In the panic of 2020, the economy had been so strong in its underlying fundamentals that the triggering event, a pandemic, should be easy to overcome because of that underlying strength. The economic difficulty, though, is that we, and we alone, hold the key to whether the cure is worse than the disease.

Rather than government spending and monetary policy helping our economy, it is entirely possible that the perceived rational theories of fiscal policy and monetary policy may have negative effects when irrationally applied. Temporarily stimulating measures of such policies may have a valuable effect when smoothing economic cycles, but when a society becomes dependent upon such stimulating policies, the cliff is merely getting higher from which we will inevitably fall. Deflationary spirals and economic reset – read potential depression – are possibilities which must be examined in order to be avoided.

Our economy has become dependent upon the irrational behavior of the Federal government's spending beyond its means, and a Federal Reserve intent upon manipulating interest rates.

Only by rationally reining in fiscal and monetary policies will our economy avoid the perfect storm.

For instance, a declining velocity of money means people are hoarding cash and not spending it, and that is despite horrible, very short-term interest rates of near zero.

In an article by an analyst at the Federal Reserve, two reasons were given for this decline in the velocity of money: "And why then would people suddenly decide to hoard money instead of spend it? A possible answer lies in the combination of two issues: 1. A glooming economy after the financial crisis. 2. The dramatic decrease in interest rates that has forced investors to readjust their portfolios toward liquid money and away from interest-bearing assets such as government bonds. In this regard, the unconventional monetary policy has reinforced the recession by stimulating the private sector's money demand through pursuing an excessively low interest rate policy (i.e., the zero-interest rate policy)."

The implications of these two potential causal factors are that the Federal Reserve is in fact perpetuating the financial crisis and not solving it. The historic low velocity of money which the Federal Reserve has reported for over 13 years reflects people hoarding money and not spending it. The implications of this massive hoarding of cash are unknown.

Not to be outdone, the Federal government, to stimulate demand, has been using deficit spending but, once again, to extremely limited effect.

Expansionary fiscal and monetary policy therefore have had little to no real effect on the economy because all other participants in the market are offsetting these expansionary efforts as reflected in the declining velocity of money.

Now is the time to challenge conventional wisdom of the efficacy of fiscal and monetary policy before the results of poorly thought out fiscal and monetary policies lead us to our proverbial day of reckoning, a day for which we are not prepared.

May we all be statesman willing to tackle complex problems rather than politicians merely seeking reelection.

Thank you for the allowing me to serve and for your friendship. I remain humbly in your service and at your disposal to serve.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MS. DeROSSO

The SPEAKER. We will invite Representative Carrie Lewis DeRosso up to the rostrum. Representative Lewis DeRosso represents the 33d Legislative District of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. She currently serves on the House Aging and Older Adult Services, Gaming Oversight, Human Services, and Urban Affairs Committees. Carrie was born in Scranton before moving to Allegheny County to attend the University of Pittsburgh. She has served on Oakmont's borough council for 3 years. She currently runs her own public affairs and marketing company, and has three children, Vincent, Domenic, and Mia. Welcome.

Ms. DeROSSO. Thank you, Speaker Cutler.

Unlike Representative Ryan, I am starting a timer.

I just want to thank everyone. This is not a farewell speech for me, this is a thank-you speech, because this is an amazing opportunity. This was a challenge that was given to me in 2020 and it has presented an opportunity like no one can even imagine.

I want to first and foremost thank my staff; incredible women working in my office here. Sharon Shifflet actually puts up with my crazy schedule, so I would like to personally thank her. I would like to thank my writer, Michelle Swab, and my staff back at home, Jade Vrabel and Debbie Pfeiffer, who is my district office manager who has been with me from the start. And they are – you are only as good as your staff. They are the most important people that help the district, PA District 33.

I would like to thank my first freshman class members, Rep. Darisha Parker and Rep Young, Regina, my girls from the first start. Make Philadelphia a better place. That is what you girls are for.

I would like to thank my other freshman friend, Mike Armanini. I do not see Mike. I do not know if he is here. Mike has been my go-to freshman friend and I am proud to call him a friend. He is the guy that always sits with me, talks about my kids, because when I have to miss a football game or a baseball game, he reminds me that my son is the fourth batter or the cleaner, and that is who I have made in life.

I would like to thank Representative Mustello for always making sure that my button is pushed, even if I am off in another chamber. So thank you, Marci. Thank you very much.

Of course, I want to thank Representatives Kail and O'Neal for trying to block me in caucus. They were not successful, unfortunately. And also, you know, Representative Kail for trying to haze me in my freshman year, which was not successful as well.

I would like to also thank Representative Ecker for telling me to calm down sometimes. Works.

And most importantly, the Southwest Caucus. I grew up in Scranton, but I am from Allegheny County now and I am proud to say that, you know, from a statewide girl, that I am very proud to be part of that Southwest Caucus – even though we are rabble-rousers every once in a while. But also what holds a place in my heart is the northeast, and Representative Kaufer who tried

to tell me that, you know, just because I am from the northeast and living in the southwest, that I need to be calm. So thanks, Rep Kaufer, for that.

Most importantly, Leader Benninghoff, thanks for being so helpful, walking me through some of these things as a freshman.

Whip Oberlander, a friend, role model, someone who tells me, "You know, Carrie, just make sure that you understand." And I am, I am so proud to be part of that Republican Caucus. Most importantly, I am also proud to be a part of the whole caucus.

I know Leader McClinton is not here, but I am proud to say that winning my race brought the first woman Democratic leader into this House, and I think we all should be very proud of that fact.

Lastly, two more people. Rep Masser for giving me the worst parking space in the place, most tightest spot for an SUV (sport utility vehicle). Thank you for making me a better driver. Rep Rothman for believing in me, and that is why I am here.

Also, I have to say this. The last person I need to thank is your ex-minority leader, Dermody. Told me to wait my turn. Gave me the challenge and the opportunity that I am here now. And although, you know, we are partisan, it is also important to remember that we need to respect each other going forward. I am very, very thankful for being here.

The last thing I just want to leave before I am done is I want to thank the constituents of Pennsylvania House District 33 for believing in me and putting me in that seat; 13,000 doors during a pandemic, those people believed in me.

So again, this was not a farewell; this is a thank you. Have a good day.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much for those many thanks. I think that we all could learn from you in terms of, one, thanking all of those around us who make us better, and two, thanking the constituents who we try to serve every day, and three, recognizing that every challenge is an opportunity as well.

So we will be briefly at ease.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The House will please return to order.

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

**HB 2174, PN 2544**

By Rep. DELOZIER

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

**HB 2400, PN 3512 (Amended)**

By Rep. DELOZIER

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 supervision, providing for Keystone STARS Program; and, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for fees, providing for Keystone STARS Program and further providing for definition.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.



**SB 522, PN 1935** (Amended) By Rep. DELOZIER

An Act providing for blood lead assessment and testing of certain children and pregnant women by health care providers; imposing duties on the Department of Health; and requiring certain health insurance policies to cover blood lead tests.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HR 228, PN 3466** By Rep. DELOZIER

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

The SPEAKER. Turning to committee and caucus announcements.

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

### LABOR AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of Chairman Cox, he asked me to announce that the Labor and Industry Committee will meet immediately at the break in room 60, East Wing, to consider SB 319, SB 1083, and any other business that may come before the committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Labor and Industry Committee will meet immediately at the break in room 60, East Wing.

### GAME AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. GILLESPIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the break, the House Game and Fisheries Committee will meet in room 205, Ryan Office, to consider SB 431.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Game and Fisheries Committee will meet in room 205, Ryan Office Building.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Seeing no other committee announcements, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dunbar, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12:30 in the majority caucus room; that is 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 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.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes Chris Beadling. Chris is from Bucks County and is the current president of the more than 39,000 Realtors in Pennsylvania. He is the guest of Representative Todd Polinchock.

### BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

**HB 34, PN 3506**

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, providing for ballot securement.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 1178, PN 3467**

By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 1671, PN 3055** By Rep. SAYLOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 2287, PN 3514** (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enacting the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; making related repeals; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 2425, PN 3505** By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 2538, PN 3021** By Rep. SAYLOR

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 2682, PN 3260** By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, providing for small diverse business.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 2783, PN 3456** By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Industrial Development Program, further providing for job creation and providing for terms and repayment of loans.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**SB 736, PN 1938** (Amended) By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for use of farm vehicle plates; consolidating the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, further providing for regulations and for emergency controls and electrical disconnects; and making a related repeal.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**SB 319, PN 327** By Rep. COX

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.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

**SB 431, PN 451** By Rep. GILLESPIE

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for authorized license-issuing agents.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

**SB 1083, PN 1940** (Amended) By Rep. COX

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employers and employees, successors-in-interest and appeals; in compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation; and, in shared-work program, further providing for shared-work plan requirements, for effective period of shared-work plan and for participating employer responsibilities.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 231** By Representatives O'NEAL, MALONEY, MILLARD, RYAN, ROSSI, OWLETT and GILLEN

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to make the investigation and disciplinary process of lawyers more transparent.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 21, 2022.

**HOUSE BILL  
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

**No. 2843** By Representatives D. WILLIAMS, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, ROTHMAN, O'MARA, GUZMAN, SANCHEZ, CEPHAS, COVINGTON and SOLOMON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in postsecondary institution sexual harassment and sexual violence policy and online reporting system, further providing for policy for postsecondary institution sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 21, 2022.

## SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1178, PN 3467**, entitled:

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.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

Mr. STRUZZI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand today in support of HB 1178. As many of you know, in the previous sessions, I sponsored firefighter tuition assistance bills. This session it was HB 612. HB 612 has been incorporated into HB 1178. HB 1178 is essentially enabling legislation for the fireworks tax funding distribution contained in Act 74 of 2022.

HB 1178 provides much-needed funding and resources for our volunteer fire companies, for our emergency responders, at a time when it is very difficult for them, on the tail end of the pandemic, to make ends meet, to attract new firefighters. So I would encourage you all to vote in support of HB 1178 and help our volunteer fire companies, our first responders, provide the community safety they have always provided. Thank you.

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

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also rise in support of HB 1178. This legislation contains important provisions from a bill that I introduced earlier this year to provide much-needed funding to assist our first-responder community. The bill also incorporates other necessary programs to further bolster the fire and EMS (emergency medical services) provider community. Together these programs, as constituted under this bill, continue the hard work that we started back in 2018 to implement the many great recommendations contained in the Senate Resolution 6 report of that same year. I am proud, we all should be proud of the work and effort that has been put into helping our first responders with their funding, staffing, and training needs.

Mr. Speaker, our first responders should not have to make hoagies or sell spaghetti dinners to provide the necessary equipment or recruit others to help keep Pennsylvanians safe. They should be training, responding to calls, and most of all, fully on the ready 24 hours a day, 7 days week, and 365 days a year.

With that, I, too, want to thank both Chairman Boback and the members of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee for their work and for sending this very good piece of legislation to the floor for consideration.

I ask for your affirmative vote, and it is my sincere hope that the Senate joins us in this continued and necessary effort.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Not to reiterate what the two previous speakers mentioned, you know, simply put, this is a dedicated funding stream for our fire and EMS providers, both career and volunteer. It will help with funding training, capital purchases, and the recruitment and retention of members. It is great that we are going to have these millions of dollars annually pumped into our emergency services. It is sorely needed, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. KNOWLES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with any luck, this may be the last time you will have to listen to me speak on the floor.

Thank you for your kindness.

I stand in strong support of HB 1178. The portion of the bill deals with allowing fire and EMS companies to collect the combined grant amount in perpetuity after merging or consolidating.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chair, the chairwoman of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee for moving this bill, as well as her staff. I want to thank Representatives Farry, Labs, Polinchock, Rigby, and Culver, because this is an omnibus bill which was – Frank really worked. He took the lead on it working with, working with the Senate.

And just in closing, Mr. Speaker, some of us that are on our way out the door have been very strong advocates of the fire service, and that includes Frank Farry, who is hopefully going to be able to continue in another capacity. But I want to remind you that we are dealing with a silent, serious crisis. This crisis that you are facing in the near future is as big as any crisis that you are going to have to face.

In 1970 – I said this before – in 1970 there were 300,000 volunteer firefighters. In 1985 there were 150,000 firefighters. And today we are less than 38,000 firefighters. That, Mr. Speaker, is a potential crisis.

So I would ask that all of you who are here continue to advocate and continue to help our volunteers, although the responsibility of emergency services lies with local governments. Number one, we need to continue to remind them that it is their responsibility and that they need to support our volunteers. And number two, we need to do what we can within this General Assembly to help them. Thank you very much.

I ask for an affirmative vote for HB 1178.

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—202

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

## CALENDAR

## RESOLUTIONS

Mr. STEPHENS called up **HR 226, PN 3459**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

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

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to provide a little bit of background and urge the members' support of HR 226, which I introduced along with my good friend, the gentlelady from Hatboro in Montgomery County, and the good gentleman from Abington in Montgomery County, and I certainly appreciate their support in joining me in introducing this resolution.

You know, in September of 2021, an EF2 tornado ripped an 8-mile long, 400-yard wide path through Upper Dublin Township and part of Horsham Township. In just 14 minutes, it left incredible devastation. There were 130-mile-an-hour winds, and then 5 hours of rain that followed. The storm claimed 1 life; caused millions of dollars in damages to more than 1500 public, private, and institutional properties; displaced more than 115 families, some of whom are still not back in their homes today; required the relocation of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department and administrative offices, whose buildings still are uninhabitable; required the reassignment of students from the Fort Washington Elementary School to other schools in the Upper Dublin School District; and interrupted local business operations and caused permanent changes to the landscape in Upper Dublin Township in Montgomery County.

But, Mr. Speaker, this is not only a story about tragedy. The rebuilding effort that commenced thereafter was truly remarkable. Friends helping friends; neighbors helping neighbors. Faith-based organizations, businesses, volunteers — everybody came together, everybody pitched a hand. People from outside the area poured into the area to help those who had been displaced and were homeless or needed meals, needed help because of the lack of power and other utilities. The generosity and unselfish attitude of all those who came together was really tremendous, and frankly, allowed the township to turn the page in terms of restoration as quickly as it did.

So this resolution, while it does commemorate the ruin that occurred in Upper Dublin Township and Horsham Township back in 2021, it is also recognition of the tremendous response and outpouring of support to storm survivors. And most importantly, it is about the resilience, unity, and spirit of Upper Dublin Township residents in a time of serious adversity.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all the members to support this resolution, and I would hope for a unanimous vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Sanchez.

Mr. SANCHEZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, rise in support of HR 226, and I thank my colleagues from Montgomery County for bringing this forth, the gentleman from Horsham and the lady from Hatboro.

Mr. Speaker, to add to the gentleman's comments, which he eloquently laid out the catastrophe and the rebuilding, our community endured a traumatic event, and instead of lying down and accepting defeat, though, we got back up. It was amazing to see our neighbors come together and do everything they could to rebuild each other's lives and our community after the weather events, including that tornado related to Hurricane Ida.

The people of Upper Dublin demonstrated their resilience, grit, and determination to heal our community – work that goes on to this day. They showed us that even in the face of adversity, you can always prevail if you refuse to give up. This is evidence that Upper Dublin is strong. If we can come together and overcome this catastrophe, we can overcome anything. That is what it means to be "UD Strong."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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Mr. ORTITAY called up **HR 130, PN 3489**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report comparing the Department of Transportation's practices in maintaining and completing infrastructure projects to other similar states.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. **ORTITAY** offered the following amendment  
No. **A05636**:

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "other" similar  
Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 9 through 15, by striking out all of said lines and inserting  
**WHEREAS**, Despite having one of the highest liquid fuels taxes in the country, increasing driver fees and transportation maintenance and construction remain an issue in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation in number of State and local bridges with deck areas in poor condition and faces an \$8.1 billion shortfall for critical infrastructure maintenance; therefore be it

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "other" similar

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 8, by inserting after "bridges" of states that operate similar highway systems responsibilities

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

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

Mr. ORTITAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is some changes requested by PennDOT for the study itself, and has some other technical changes as well. I would respectfully ask for an affirmative vote.

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.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Ortitay, calls up HR 130, PN 3517, which will now be read by the clerk.

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

(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—0

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

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 118, PN 89**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sexual offenses and tier system.

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 2638, PN 3183**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, providing for period for application review.

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 1123, PN 1916**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for flashing or revolving yellow and white lights.

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 1199, PN 1764**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.818, No.133), known as the Port of Pittsburgh Commission Act, further providing for definitions and for commission and governing body; and making editorial changes.

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 1201, PN 1769**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for coverage for refill of prescription eye drops.

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Longietti, had amendment 5478, which the Chair has been informed the gentleman wishes to withdraw that amendment.

The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2425, PN 3505**, entitled:

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.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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

Ms. FLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It has been a great privilege to work on behalf of my constituent, Diana Raph, in honor of her late husband, Robert. As many of us have heard from individuals in our districts, and perhaps even experienced ourselves with loved ones, the processes in place to access services and facilities as we age are often cumbersome and confusing.

The Departments of Health and Human Services have a process in place for receiving complaints about skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes, respectively.

The Department of Aging, through the local area agencies on aging, investigates reports of suspected abuse; however, for many consumers, this overlap makes it difficult to differentiate to whom they should be contacting with their problem. This bill closes that communication loop by requiring the Departments of Health and Human Services to refer any abuse allegations reported to them to the correct agency for investigation.

I appreciate the collaborative approach our stakeholders and House members took to improve this bill. It is my hope that by moving forward on this important piece of legislation that all reports of abuse are investigated, even if they are first reported to the incorrect agency.

With that, I ask my colleagues to please vote "yes" on the Robert Raph Act.

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 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—0**

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



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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2538, PN 3021**, entitled:

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.

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 Representative.

Ms. DeLROSSO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My bill continues the work that this body began in 2011 to maximize the amount of money generated by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Our lottery remains the only State lottery to designate all its proceeds to senior programs.

The General Assembly has incrementally reduced their required profit margin from 30 percent to 20 percent over the past decade, which in turn generates higher profits. Since the last reduction in 2019, the lottery has recorded its top two sales in profits this year, while also recording the two lowest profit margins in its 50-year history.

This bill will allow the lottery to continue to sell more high price point tickets by extending the reduced profit margin until 2029. This flexibility will generate more money for the Lottery Fund and the senior programs that it pays for.

I am proud to say that this measure has the support of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Aging, AARP, and the association of area aging. I humbly ask you all to join me in voting "yes" on this legislation. Thank you.

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.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2682, PN 3260**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, providing for small diverse business.

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES**

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman, Representative Bullock, has amendment 5641, which would need a suspension of the rules.

Does the Representative wish to seek suspension of the rules? You are in order and may proceed to make the motion.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of amendment 5641 to allow for more opportunities for veteran-owned businesses by increasing the percentage of veteran-owned businesses for consideration. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Rowe, on the motion to suspend.

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

We rehashed this issue already yesterday. The intent of the bill as drafted is to restore small diverse business owner status to our veteran-owned businesses, and this amendment would undo the intent of that.

So I would ask for a "no" vote on the suspension.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Rothman, on the motion to suspend. The gentleman waives off on the motion to suspend.

Seeing no one else seeking recognition, we will now recognize the maker of the motion for the second time, Representative Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, there is a need to support and assist veteran-owned business enterprises here in the Commonwealth seeking to do business with our State. That is why the DVBE program (disabled veteran business enterprise) was established under DGS (Department of General Services) and was provided the guaranteed contract minimum participation rate of 3 percent—

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady will suspend.

I believe you are getting into the underlying issue of the amendment and not the motion to suspend.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman— The gentleman, Representative Rowe, waives off. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair is happy to recognize the lady for the second time on the suspension, but not the underlying merits of the amendment. We would only get to that if and when the suspension vote is successful.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We should suspend the rules because this would allow DGS to provide for more contracts for veteran business enterprises. We should immediately suspend the rules to elevate the support for veteran-owned businesses in the Commonwealth, and that we are proposing increasing the guaranteed minimum participation rate for veteran business enterprises to 6 percent, and that is why we should immediately suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Do either of the leaders wish to speak? Waives off.

The gentleman, Leader Benninghoff, is recognized on the motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members not to suspend the rules. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—89**

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

**NAYS—113**

Armanini	Gregory	Masser	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Mehaffie	Ryan
Bernstine	Grove	Mentzer	Sankey
Boback	Hamm	Mercuri	Saylor
Bonner	Heffley	Metcalfe	Schemel
Borowicz	Helm	Metzgar	Schmitt
Brooks	Hennessey	Mihalek	Schnee

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Polinchock, on final passage.

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a veteran myself, I am always proud to support legislation that gives back to those who have selflessly served. This is why when my officemate and colleague, Dave Rowe, asked if I would be interested in co-prime sponsoring HB 2682, I jumped at the chance.

This legislation would restore statutory benefits previously afforded to our veterans and require that all Commonwealth departments and agencies, including the Department of General Services, recognize all veteran-owned businesses as small diverse businesses.

Prior to recent policy, veteran-owned businesses were considered small diverse businesses. This classification was taken away from our businesses without any hearing or input from this body. Due to the policy change, our veteran-owned businesses are required to seek a separate small diverse verification to be considered a small diverse business.

Under current policy, a veteran-owned business could only receive this designation if the veteran provides that he or she is also part of another designation. Prior to the policy change, a

study released by the Department of General Services highlighted continuous struggles that veterans face, as opposed to nonveterans, in the area of businesses.

Despite the study, which includes already low participation rates, the administration chose to move forward with the implementation of the policy anyway, adding to the existing struggles that veteran-owned businesses face when trying to successfully start and run a small business.

I believe that this is our obligatory duty to help the brave men and women who have fearlessly answered the call to serve our great country. To take away benefits and opportunities enjoyed by our veteran-owned businesses is simply inconceivable to me and should be rectified immediately. Please join me in supporting our veterans and vote "yes" on HB 2682.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. ROTHMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have spent almost 10 years in the Marine Corps. I am the son and a grandson of a veteran. My family has fought in war since the Revolutionary War. And I have been thinking about this since our debate yesterday. President George W. Bush appointed me to the National Veterans Business Development Corporation, so I have literally talked to thousands of veterans.

At the time, the Federal set-aside for veterans and disabled veterans, percentages in the Federal level, only one department in the entire Federal government was meeting that and that was the Veterans' Administration. A couple of years ago, a report was done by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that we were not meeting anywhere close to the veteran set-asides for our businesses. But what I was thinking about this morning is that I have never met a single veteran – and if there is one in this room, they can tell me – not a single one that ever enlisted in the military because of some kind of benefit they were going to receive. Not one put on a uniform and risked their life, signed a blank check that "I would give my life for my country for all of you" for some benefit, for some pecuniary benefit.

Now, look, I know we have great programs – the GI (government issue) benefits, the VA home loans. We have all kinds of great things for our veterans, but that is not why we serve. This is about showing our gratitude to these veterans.

To paraphrase President Lincoln, the way we treat our veterans is being watched by the generations that we are going to have to ask to serve in the future. That is why we do this. What happened when the current administration arbitrarily, without any consultation with this body, the legislature, or for that matter, probably his own Department of Veterans Affairs, removed veterans from this category is egregious.

Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to show our gratitude to veterans who are not asking for this, but show the gratitude by supporting this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. ROWE. Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, prior to September of 2015, veteran-owned businesses in Pennsylvania were considered small diverse businesses under the Department of General Services Small

Diverse Business Program. This program aids aspiring entrepreneurs if they start small businesses, create jobs, and invest in their communities by providing them with the ability to compete for prime contracting opportunities within the Commonwealth.

In September of 2015, however, the Governor issued an Executive order that stripped veteran-owned businesses of their small diverse business status, leaving countless of small business-owning veterans across the Commonwealth in a lurch as their State contracts were yanked away without warning.

One veteran-owned small business in my district alone stands to lose out on two contracts totaling over \$5 million, and he is just one veteran out of countless across the Commonwealth who were equally blindsided by this unilateral policy change.

It is a tragic truth, Mr. Speaker, all too well known that veterans in this country are struggling – struggling with homelessness, struggling with mental health issues, struggling with the hurdles that come with readjusting to civilian life. Such struggles are gruesomely manifested by the shocking statistics that showed that in 2019, the suicide rate among veterans was double that of nonveterans.

So, Mr. Speaker, today we have an obligation and an opportunity to give back to those men and women who fearlessly answered the call of duty to serve our country and to facilitate for them the opportunity to create jobs, economic growth, and to give back to their communities the same way they have given so much for our country.

I would ask for your affirmative vote in support of our small business-owning veterans across the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Abney	Frankel	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Armanini	Freeman	Madden	Rowe
Benham	Fritz	Major	Rozzi
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mako	Ryan
Bernstine	Gaydos	Malagari	Sainato
Bizzarro	Gillen	Maloney	Samuelson
Boback	Gillespie	Markosek	Sanchez
Bonner	Gleim	Marshall	Sankey
Borowicz	Gregory	Masser	Sappey
Boyle	Greiner	Matzie	Saylor

Bradford	Grove	McNeill	Schemel
Briggs	Guenst	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Brooks	Guzman	Mentzer	Schmitt
Brown, A.	Hamm	Mercuri	Schnee
Brown, R.	Hanbidge	Merski	Schroeder
Burgos	Harkins	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Burns	Heffley	Metzgar	Shusterman
Carroll	Helm	Mihalek	Silvis
Causar	Hennessey	Millard	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Miller, B.	Smith
Conklin	Hershey	Miller, D.	Snyder
Cook	Hickernell	Mizgorski	Solomon
Covington	Howard	Moul	Sonney
Cox	Innamorato	Mullery	Staats
Cruz	Irvin	Mullins	Stambaugh
Culver	James	Mustello	Stephens
Curry	Jones	Neilson	Struzzi
Daley	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Sturla
Davanzo	Kail	Nelson, N.	Thomas
Davis, A.	Kaufer	O'Mara	Tomlinson
Davis, T.	Kauffman	O'Neal	Topper
Day	Keefer	Oberlander	Twardzik
Deasy	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
DeLissio	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
Delloso	Kim	Owlett	Webster
Delozier	Kinthead	Pashinski	Welby
DelRosso	Kirkland	Peifer	Wentling
DeLuca	Klunk	Pennycuick	Wheeland
Diamond	Knowles	Pickett	White
Dowling	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Krueger	Polinchock	Williams, D.
Ecker	Kulik	Puskaric	Young
Emrick	Labs	Quinn	Zabel
Evans	Lawrence	Rader	Zimmerman
Farry	Lee	Rapp	
Fee	Lewis	Rigby	Cutler, Speaker
Fitzgerald	Longietti	Roae	
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi	

NAYS—13

Bullock	Harris	Kinsey	Parker
Cephas	Hohenstein	Krajewski	Rabb
Dawkins	Isaacson	McClinton	Vitali
Fiedler			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2783, PN 3456**, entitled

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Industrial Development Program, further providing for job creation and providing for terms and repayment of loans.

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—202

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

Fee	Labs	Rabb	
Fiedler	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Fitzgerald	Lee	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 34, PN 3506**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, providing for ballot securement.

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—202

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longiotti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sanchez
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sankey

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1671, PN 3055**, entitled:

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

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 Brett Miller.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, HB 1671, which I have entitled "pension fund fee transparency legislation." Mr. Speaker, the most important word in that title is the word "transparency." With our most recent budget allocating nearly \$5 billion, or 14 percent, of our entire General Fund budget to our two pension systems, SERS (State Employees' Retirement System) and PSERS (Public School Employees' Retirement System), and with SERS and PSERS having a combined defined benefit investment portfolio of over \$112 billion, and with over 757,000 active and retired members and a looming \$57 billion unfunded liability, we have an obligation to the beneficiaries and the taxpayers alike to ensure that transparent policies are in place so we can all know exactly the status of the health of our pension systems.

Mr. Speaker, with the goal of increasing transparency to plan members and taxpayers, this legislation is designed to give a complete picture of the fees, costs, and expenses associated with investments in our Commonwealth's public pension systems. And it will also expand access to SERS and PSERS board proceedings, including their committee meetings, investment materials utilized, as well as increasing performance fee reporting, particularly fees associated with carried interest.

In addition, the bill models the reporting standards outlined in the Institutional Limited Partners Association Fee Transparency Initiative, which is already being used by 20 States across the United States, the District of Columbia, plus a number of large municipal pension systems.

HB 1671 will bring SERS and PSERS pension codes up to this national transparency standard, with the goal of making sure excessive fees are not going to money managers instead of going to plan beneficiaries. By implementing these transparency policies, our pension systems will see savings of millions of dollars annually. One such example of this is PSERS, which by implementing some of these very policies, will see \$250 million in savings due to adjusting their asset allocations based on a careful analysis of fees. These savings will mean more money staying in the funds, more security for our beneficiaries, and less pressure on the taxpayers to pay additional taxes to meet the pension obligation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill, while promoting robust transparency, keeps intact existing contracts and provides for maintenance of confidential information. Further, the bill maintains the current practice of investors and the respective pension system boards to confidentially negotiate and enter into contracts.

This bill is about the principle that both the taxpayer and the pension plan beneficiaries have a fundamental right to know the fees that are being paid to manage the pension systems. If we do not know what the fees are, then how can we truly know how well the investments have performed? Furthermore, not knowing the true costs associated with these investments places us at a disadvantage when negotiating new contracts.

Mr. Speaker, these are public assets. Asset managers should not have a de facto upper hand in pricing over asset holders. It is time to end the current system and provide a level playing field

between asset managers and asset holders. The time of our State's pension systems being underresourced because of high-cost arrangements made with money managers needs to end.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that Pennsylvania should have a pension system that is transparent, accountable, and one that is financially strong. We want to ensure the financial health and solvency of the funds by exposing potentially high and unnecessary management fees and ensuring that the management fees are appropriate and reasonable. We want a pension system that puts the needs of the public and the pension plan beneficiaries first. HB 1671, through requiring the nationally recognized fee reporting standards and transparency measures, will help accomplish this.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the pension plan beneficiaries who rely on these funds, and on behalf of the taxpayers who must pay for them, I urge the members to vote "yes" for transparency and "yes" on HB 1671.

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—195

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

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

NAYS—7

Davanzo	Mercuri	Nelson, E.	Rothman
Dunbar	Mihalek	Ortitay	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDERATION UNDER RULE 24**

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, there is one remaining bill on our House calendar.

I have not heard that many boos since the softball game last night.

However, HB 2287, PN 3514, was amended in the Appropriations Committee at approximately 12:10. We would need a motion to proceed in order to wrap up consideration of today's House calendar, and I believe the gentleman, Representative Craig Williams, is seeking recognition to make such a motion.

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

As indicated, this bill was amended in Appropriations today and requires a motion to proceed on third consideration, and I so move.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Representative Williams, has made the motion to proceed to the immediate consideration of HB 2287, PN 3514.

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

The SPEAKER. On the motion, the Chair recognizes Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We support the motion.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes Leader Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We concur and would like to support the motion as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Abney	Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Lee	Roae
Benham	Frankel	Lewis	Rossi
Benninghoff	Freeman	Longietti	Rothman
Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bizzarro	Galloway	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Boback	Gaydos	Madden	Ryan
Bonner	Gillen	Major	Sainato
Borowicz	Gillespie	Mako	Sanchez
Boyle	Gleim	Malagari	Sankey
Bradford	Gregory	Maloney	Sappey
Briggs	Greiner	Markosek	Saylor
Brooks	Grove	Marshall	Schemel
Brown, A.	Guenst	Masser	Schlossberg
Brown, R.	Guzman	Matzie	Schmitt
Bullock	Hamm	McClinton	Schnee
Burgos	Hanbidge	McNeill	Schroeder
Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Carroll	Harris	Mentzer	Shusterman
Causar	Heffley	Mercuri	Silvis
Cephas	Helm	Merski	Sims
Ciresi	Hennessey	Metcalfe	Smith
Conklin	Herrin	Mihalek	Snyder
Cook	Hershey	Millard	Solomon
Covington	Hickernell	Miller, D.	Sonney
Cox	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Staats
Cruz	Howard	Moul	Stambaugh
Culver	Innamorato	Mullins	Stevens
Curry	Irvin	Mustello	Struzzi
Daley	Isaacson	Neilson	Sturla
Davanzo	James	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Davis, A.	Jones	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Davis, T.	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Topper
Dawkins	Kail	O'Neal	Twardzik
Day	Kaufer	Oberlander	Vitali
Deasy	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
DeLissio	Keefer	Otten	Warren
Delloso	Kenyatta	Owlett	Webster
Delozier	Kerwin	Parker	Welby
DelRosso	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling

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

NAYS—4

Metzgar	Miller, B.	Mullery	Samuelson
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2287, PN 3514**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enacting the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; making related repeals; and making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

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

As a United States Marine colonel who served for nearly three decades, I can tell you that deployment is very hard on families. After 20 years of warfare, the operational tempo of our military has caused a particular strain on families as member after member goes on deployment after deployment. I went on two deployments. Today's service member can go on five, six, seven different deployments in the course of his or her career.

The toll on the family is unimaginable. Divorce rates and child custody issues continue to be on the rise. I have seen it firsthand. As a Marine Corps major, I ran the largest legal assistance center in the Marine Corps, and family law issues dominated our docket. For decades we have seen a bias in family law against deployed military members and custody and visitation arrangements. The argument against them is they volunteered for deployment and military service, and therefore, waive parental rights. That is why I have introduced HB 2287, which is necessary to ensure that parental rights of our fighting men and women are safeguarded while they are keeping us safe.



To that end, the Uniform Law Commission, in concert with the Department of Defense, has put forward the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act to address the wide variability in the way States handle child custody issues around military deployment.

The Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act has the following features that serve children of military families. It encourages and facilitates mutual agreement between parents to a custody arrangement during deployment. It sets an expedited procedure for the temporary custody order during deployment. It declares that no permanent custody order can be entered during, before a deployment without the service member's consent. It guards against the possibility that courts will use past or possible future deployment as a negative factor in determining custody by service members without serious consideration of whether the child's best interest was or would be compromised by such deployment. And finally, it will ensure visitation rights are protected during the deployment by allowing video and phone calls to be a part of any temporary custody order so children are able to hear and see their deployed uniformed military parents.

As mentioned, this legislation was developed with the United States Department of Defense and is supported by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section, and I ask for your support on HB 2287.

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—202

Abney	Flood	Lewis	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Longiatti	Roae
Benham	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sanchez
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sankey
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sappey
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schnee

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

**STATEMENT BY MR. HARRIS**

The SPEAKER. Prior to doing housekeeping and rule 17 speeches, the Democratic leader has requested to be recognized for a brief statement. But I will ask that the rule 17 speakers please proceed to the well of the House so that we can immediately do that as we conclude housekeeping.

Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before we leave today, I wanted to stand to correct the record on a comment that was made earlier today.

Today, earlier, a comment was made in a speech about how and why Representative Joanna McClinton was made the minority leader of our caucus, and I wanted to stand and correct the record to let folks know that I have known Representative McClinton almost my whole life.

She graduated high school a year earlier than she was supposed to when she graduated from Grace Temple Christian Academy. Representative McClinton went on to study at La Salle University, where she graduated with a degree in political science and leadership. Leader McClinton went on to Villanova Law

School, where she graduated with her law degree. During that time, she interned at the district attorney's office, and she interned as a housing attorney as well. After doing that, she went and she worked at the public defender's office for 7 years, and was a public defender before moving to work over in the State Senate.

Mr. Speaker, Leader McClinton, because of all of these things, in 2018 was elected by this caucus to be the first woman and first African-American to be the Democratic Caucus chair, and then in the following session in 2020, this caucus decided that Representative Joanna McClinton should be elevated to be leader of our caucus and become the first woman, the first African-American to serve in that role.

So I wanted to correct the record to let it be known that Leader McClinton is bright, she is brilliant, she has always been that, and no one else should take credit for her being leader of this caucus than the members here who supported her, who continue to support her, and have given her their confidence so that she could be our leader. That is the only election that made Joanna McClinton the first woman, the first African-American to be leader in our caucus.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Moving to housekeeping.

### BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 2638;  
SB 118;  
SB 1123;  
SB 1199; and  
SB 1201.

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:

SB 225;  
SB 562;  
SB 786;  
SB 807;  
SB 1152; and  
SB 1208.

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 SB 1043 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 TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that SB 1043 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.

### CALENDAR CONTINUED

### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2286, PN 2674**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in zoning, further providing for ordinance provisions.

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

### BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 2286 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 2286 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1218, PN 1278**, entitled:

An Act granting authority to sports organizations relating to mask wearing during sporting events.

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

### BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1218 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 1218 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 929, PN 924**, entitled:

An Act designating a roundabout at Pennsylvania Route 34, Spring Road, Pennsylvania Route 850, Valley Road, and Pisgah State Road in Carroll Township, Perry County, as the Shane E. Troutman Memorial Roundabout.

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

### BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 929 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 929 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. Moving to rule 17 speeches.

### STATEMENT BY MR. GUZMAN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Guzman, who wishes to speak on the Hispanic Heritage Month.

You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. GUZMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Today, on the 21st day of September, a day immortalized by Earth, Wind & Fire; a day on the 21st of September from my favorite baseball player of all time, Roberto Clemente, the great Pittsburgh Pirate; today I stand united along with 1.5 million Latinos across all 203 legislative districts. Today I rise in support of those individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise because I recognize that this body needs to do more. As I said, we are numbering over 1.5 million Latinos across all 203 legislative districts, and yet year after year, time and time again, this body has refused to run a simple resolution recognizing the Hispanic Heritage Month of this great country and of the Hispanic-Americans who have done so much for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I think of my father, Mr. Speaker, who came to this country at the age of 19 not knowing a lick of English, who traveled through Mexico, through Los Angeles, who ended up in New York City – who did not know a lick of English, by the way – and less than a generation later, his son is one of 203 Representatives.

I think of my mother, a Puerto Rican woman, who comes from a family of garment workers who worked in the city of Brooklyn, who, through that garment working job, was able to provide my mother a middle-class household and be able to raise our family out of the depths of poverty. I also think about the 1.5 million people that we represent and what this body is doing to adequately represent all of those constituents across all 203 legislative districts.

You know, Mr. Speaker, sometimes it feels like this body wants to segment this growing Latino community into, you know, they are only Democrats. Well, let me point out, Mr. Speaker, that the majority party, there are five members of the majority party that have substantial Hispanic populations. Those members are in the 116th Legislative District; that gentleman represents over 27 percent Latino residents. In the 101st Legislative District, that gentleman represents 21 percent Latinos. In the 189th District, that gentlewoman represents 15.7 percent Latinos. In the 13th Legislative District, that gentleman represents 14 percent Latinos. And finally, in the 176th Legislative District, that gentleman represents over 13 percent Latinos in their respective districts.

Mr. Speaker, these are not inconsequential numbers, Mr. Speaker; these are numbers that can impact any election across any given 203 legislative districts. And so my challenge to this body is this: Mr. Speaker, what are each of you doing to engage the Latino community within your respective districts? What are you doing to make sure that they know about the bills that you are passing, that they know about the community events that you are going to, that they know about the programs that you support and the grants that you write letters of support to? On that note, do you write letters of support for those Hispanic organizations that live within your respective districts?

Mr. Speaker, I rise today of course in celebration, but I rise also in frustration. I rise in frustration because it should not take so much from this body to be able to pass a Hispanic heritage resolution. It should not take so much to do it, but yet here we are again. And so my message to all of you is this: I am not going away, and for the 1.5 million Latinos across the Commonwealth, Mr. Speaker, we are not going away either. And so whoever wants to win statewide across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, you need to come and talk to the Latino community. You need to come and ask us for your vote. You need to make sure that you have your literature translated into Spanish and all your stuff translated so that my folks can understand what you want to do for our community.

Mr. Speaker, as I end my comments today, I just think of, again, my mother and my father, and I thank them profusely for instilling in me the values that we hold dear as Latinos – the values of family, religion, self-perseverance, and also liberty and justice for all.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

### **THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (ZACHARY MAKO) PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative Guzman for speaking on Hispanic Heritage Month.

### **STATEMENT BY MRS. BULLOCK**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Bullock to speak on Underground Railroad Month.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the resolution introduced by my colleagues, Representative Christina Sappey, Representative Chris Rabb, and myself, to recognize "Underground Railroad Month" here in Pennsylvania. This month folks across this State will tell and listen to the stories of Black folks who have been enslaved in this country, and the stories of those who risked their lives to dismantle the institution of slavery. This month communities across Pennsylvania will commemorate the bravery of freedom seekers and conductors and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to this democracy.

As the first State north of the Mason-Dixon Line – the first free State north of the Mason-Dixon Line – Pennsylvania played a critical role in the Underground Railroad, with many freedom entry points from Erie to Easton, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. From Mother Bethel AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church in Philadelphia to the Underground Railroad Center in Blairsville, Indiana County, you can find that the Underground Railroad is embedded in Pennsylvania's rich history and culture. But even in this context, Pennsylvania did not become a free State overnight. The remnants of slavery remained for many years.

Pennsylvania began to gradually eliminate slavery in 1780, but the existing 6,000 enslaved people in this Commonwealth remained enslaved and their registered children would remain enslaved until they were 28 years old. For decades they were subjected to still being sold or bought within the Commonwealth's borders.

This month I ask my colleagues and Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth to take a moment and learn about our State's role in the Underground Railroad. Visit historical landmarks and the

various Underground Railroad centers throughout our State, and support Black tourism, patronize Black-led organizations and institutions and businesses throughout our Commonwealth. And more importantly, learn about the work of organizations such as the American Anti-Slavery Society, the Free Produce Society of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Free Produce Association of Friends, the PA Hall Association, the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, the Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting of Progressive Friends, Germantown Quaker Petition Against Slavery, and the Vigilant Committee of Philadelphia, who have worked tirelessly towards abolition within this Commonwealth.

I would like to thank the members for your support of this resolution, and particularly for my colleagues, Representatives Sappey and Rabb, for working so diligently together on this resolution to improve it so that we may commemorate this very solemn and important moment in our Commonwealth's history.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative Bullock for speaking on Underground Railroad Month.

### **STATEMENT BY MS. DeLISSIO**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes Representative DeLissio to speak on Ostomy Awareness Day.

Ms. DeLISSIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the following citation:

"Whereas, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is recognizing October 1, 2022, as Ostomy Awareness Day in this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, An ostomy is a type of surgery that creates an opening or stoma in the abdomen that allows for the removal of bodily waste when a person has lost the normal function of digestive or urinary systems due to birth defects, colorectal cancer, bladder cancer, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and other medical conditions. They are also necessary in cases of severe abdominal or pelvic trauma resulting from accidents or from injuries sustained during military service. The bodily waste passes through the stoma into an ostomy pouch on the outside of the body, or in the case of continent diversion surgeries, an internally surgically created reservoir; and

Whereas, Approximately seven hundred twenty-five thousand to one million Americans have an ostomy, with approximately one hundred thousand new ostomy procedures performed each year. Ostomy or continent diversion surgery can occur at any age and does not lower life expectancy. Largely through the efforts of United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc., and its more than three hundred affiliated support groups, Americans needing these surgeries are becoming more aware of the opportunities for education, mutual aid, advocacy and support that are of such great benefit to them and their families.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joins with all residents to unite on Ostomy Awareness Day to show support and shine a positive light on this life-saving surgery;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by... myself, "Pamela A. DeLissio, be presented in recognition of Ostomy Awareness Day in this Commonwealth."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks Representative DeLissio, speaking on Ostomy Awareness Day.

**STATEMENT BY MS. KRUEGER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes Representative Krueger to speak on Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness.

Ms. KRUEGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This week we recognized International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day this past Sunday, September 18. The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation chose that date to bring awareness of the fact that this rare and severe neurological disorder is caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion of the TCF4 gene located on the 18th chromosome. Approximately 700 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, which can cause intellectual disability, developmental delay, breathing problems of episodic hyperventilation, recurrent seizures and epilepsy, gastrointestinal issues, the inability to speak, and distinctive facial features.

In celebration of International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day, I want to thank the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation for their dedicated work to finding a treatment and a cure through research, education, and advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize my guests who joined us here in Harrisburg today, the Hefton family from Aston Township in Delaware County. Crystal and Brent Hefton's 4-year-old daughter, Brooklyn, has been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, and they reached out to educate me and my office about the impact of this rare disease.

I am proud to honor the Hefton family here today for their tireless work to raise awareness and educate others about this rare disease. Brooklyn is a strong and happy girl. Crystal and Brent are amazing parents, raising five children in Delaware County while also fighting for inclusion and equality for their daughter and others with rare diseases. They deserve our support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker thanks Representative Krueger, speaking on Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness.

**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 now recognizes Representative Lawrence, who makes a motion to now adjourn until Monday, October 24, 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 2:57 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.