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

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. MATTHEW D. DOWLING, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Members of this august body have come and gone. Governors of this great Commonwealth have come and gone. But God has been steadfast in His blessings for this Commonwealth, which was built on the notion of religious freedoms. And as a retiring member, this may be my last opportunity to lead this body in prayer, but for those of you who will be returning to continue the work of the people, know that this will not be the last time that I pray for you.

So as I start all of my prayers, I ask that you bow your heads as your individual faith background allows. May you close your eyes, open your hearts, and lift these sentiments to those God or Fathers that you believe in.

With Thanksgiving so close, I want to focus today, in our prayer, on gratitude. I am grateful for the warmth of the sun, for sunsets, for sunrises, for family, for freedom, for the 14 million residents of the Commonwealth, for my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, and for our differences, that they may enter lively debate and generate new ideas. And as a retiring member, I am deeply grateful for this experience.

Father God, I pray for the newly elected, members-elect, and our Governor-elect. May they listen and hear Your will and desires, and may they have the strength to do Your work within these hallowed halls.

I pray today for the mothers who are making hard decisions about abortion. I pray for the innocent lives still in the womb, for we know that every life has dignity.

I pray for the victims of violence in our communities. May we do better to provide safer homes and environments for our families.

We ask all these things in Your good and holy name, and may Your people who are gathered here in this chamber today say, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, November 14, 2022, will be postponed until printed.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 240, PN 3607

By Rep. KAUFFMAN

A Resolution impeaching Lawrence Samuel Krasner, District Attorney of Philadelphia, for misbehavior in office; and providing for the appointment of trial managers.

JUDICIARY.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, the Republican whip, who indicates that the gentleman, Representative Jim COX, from Berks County wishes to be placed on leave for the day. Without objection, the leave is so granted.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman, the Democratic whip, who indicates that the gentlewoman, Representative Summer LEE, from Allegheny County wishes to be placed on leave for the day, and the gentleman, Representative Chris RABB, from Philadelphia County wishes to be placed on leave for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be so granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Boback | Gillespie | Malagari | Sainato |
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ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition. If I could please have the attention of the members.

Located in the front of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes guest page Joel Miller. Joel is a homeschool student in his junior year of high school and is a guest of Representative Kim. Welcome, Joel.

Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes the Murrysville Junior American Legion Post 711 State Champion Baseball Team. This is the second consecutive season a team from Westmoreland County won the American Legion Junior State title. They are the guests of Representative Brooks, and I do have some remarks that he wished me to reference. Representative Brooks says, "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate members of the Murrysville American Legion Junior Baseball Team for capturing first place during the American Legion State Baseball Championship this year.

"The Eagles won the State title by defeating Upper Perkiomen (from Pennsburg), 8-3 in the championship game. This was the Eagles first trip to the state tournament...."

The remainder of his remarks will be submitted for the record. Congratulations on your State title.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Murrysville starting pitcher Josh Hudak did a masterful job by blanking Upper Perkiomen into the sixth inning. Not only did he pitch well, but Josh was named as the tournament's top hitter. Chase Lemke was the tournament's most valuable player, and N.J. Ramchandran was named as the top pitcher. Congratulations to those outstanding players and all team members.

Hard work, great coaching, and unwavering support from family and friends have led this team to the top. Manager Bobby Sadler and coaches Patrick Marchese, Pat Murtha, and Frank Szatkowski must be commended for their dedication and leadership, which inspired these young men to do their best.

Winning a State championship is a huge accomplishment for any athlete or team. Dedication, determination, and hard work are the three ingredients that best describe the Murrysville Eagles. Regardless of your role – whether you are a team captain or encourage your fellow players from the bench – all of you have contributed to lead this team to the championship. Remember, seek out your greatest potential and you will see even greater rewards.

I am extremely proud of these outstanding young people, and I am pleased today to present them and their coaches with House of Representatives citations. Congratulations, and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Also located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes members of the Sikh community. They are the guests of Representative Curry and are visiting for the birthday commemoration of their founder of Sikhism. Welcome.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes the guests of Representative Malagari: George Whitehair, the executive director of the Boston Legacy Foundation, and Dr. Francis Jeyaraj, a board member from the Boston Legacy Foundation. Welcome.

For the information of the members, we are having some special guests join us here shortly. There are three, I believe, original members of the Tuskegee Airmen who will be joining us, they and their families, but they will be here shortly.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. SAINATO

The SPEAKER. In the meantime, I would like to ask the gentleman, Representative Chris Sainato, to please approach the rostrum for his retirement remarks. Representative Sainato was elected to represent the 9th Legislative District in November of 1994. Chris is a lifelong resident of New Castle and graduated from Youngstown State University with a degree in educational social services, and he has served as the Democratic chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee since 2011.

Welcome, Representative Sainato.

Mr. SAINATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is actually an honor to stand here today. I have an incredible privilege to sit down there among some of the most caring and dedicated public servants anyone could imagine for the past 28 years. It has been so gratifying to continue that journey with such great people that I served with on both sides. I could not be more grateful for that opportunity.

The life of a legislator encompasses so much more than any of us imagines. When you run for this job, sometimes you do not really know what you ran for. Quick story – and I am going to tell a few stories today – I remember in 2006 there was a legislator who ran – and that was the big year when many came in – who believed the headlines when it said you are only working 60 days a year and you do not have to do anything. He found out real quickly when he went to the grocery store and set up his office and found out you had to work and you had to work 7 days a week. The gentleman lasted one term, and he says, "I'm going back to my grandkids. I don't want this anymore." And I always remember that story. And he was a good man, but he just did not realize what he was getting himself into.

Every day for three decades, I have been asked to help the people of Lawrence County, and for a short time Beaver County for one reapportionment. My district staff connected with hundreds, and sometimes even a thousand, people a month as we did constituent service. I had, I think I was number one in the State when it came to property tax rebates. My good friend, Sammy, Stevie Samuelson, we competed a little bit, and I told him how many we did and he said, "Wow." And, you know, people relied on us. Whether it is PennDOT, whether it is anything with State government, we have been there.

I have been so well served in my district office. My background before becoming a legislator, I was a congressional aide for 10 years. I worked for Congressman Joe Kolter and I worked in the New Castle office and I learned something there about how valuable constituent service is. As many of you in this room know, you have to help people. There is no problem too small to help somebody, and that is what I did as a congressional aide.

My first staff person was Floreen Uram, the late Floreen Uram, who worked for me and the Congressman for 10 years. And when I ran for the House, when I left from Congress, I said, "Floreen, someday if I become a legislator, I'm going to hire you," and I did, and it was one of the best moves I ever made. Floreen worked for me for about 16 years before she passed. She understood constituent service and how to help people.

Dana McQuiston, my office manager, she has been with me 23 years, you know, you get back and you look and you say, you know. Dana actually started out with me as an intern when I worked for Congressman Kolter – graduate of Westminster College – so I knew Dana. She worked part-time for me, she had two children, and then she became full-time, and then she became my office manager. So she has kept me straight for 23 years. Linda – unfortunately, neither could come today – also has been with me for 23 years. They were hired 2 months apart. Linda, she was my person who sat in the front desk. She never worried about doing anything on the computer. I always said, "Linda, just take care of our older people." And that is usually who – they all went to Linda when it was the older people because she had a compassion for people and how to take care of them, and Linda was a senior and she, you know, but she loved her job.

Ercolina, Cheryl, Courtney, recently Sophia – outstanding work they have done for me. And I think I cannot thank them enough, my district staff, for everything they have done for me and the residents of the 9th District, because it is so important that you know how to take care of people and treat them respectfully.

Helping neighbors is gratifying in itself, but it comes with a bonus: I get to be here in Harrisburg to help shape policies across Pennsylvania. I have been so fortunate to serve on some of the best committees ever assembled here. My first term I was only on two committees, with the late Bob Godshall and Tom Michlovic on Tourism, and I was on the Liquor Committee. And I have to shout-out to my chairman, Bob Godshall. Bob Godshall set the tone for chairmen in this House. He was a man of bipartisanship. He treated everybody respectfully. He taught us you participate, you go, and you will be treated respectfully, and our Democratic members were always treated with respect by Chairman Godshall. And I tried to emulate that when I became a chairman; many chairmen did that.

And we used to travel. And my first meeting was in room 39, East Wing. We are sitting there and Chairman Godshall, Chair Michlovic is there, and he said, "Well, this is going to be a very active committee. We're going to be traveling every month. We're going somewhere in the State." And the committee was, you know, one term before and the committee did not do anything. What good is a Tourism Committee if you do not travel? Chairman Godshall says, "We're traveling. I don't care. We're going to do it." And it was probably very rewarding because everywhere we went in the State we were well received by local media. We learned a lot.

But the first thing he says is, "One of the first trips we're going to take is to the Grand Canyon." And I am sitting back as a freshman and I am thinking, well, I go up to Chairman Godshall after, I said, "Mr. Chairman, I just got elected. I don't know if I really want to take that trip out to Arizona right now." He looks at me he said, "No, the Grand Canyon is in Pennsylvania," and I did not realize that. Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, that was our first overnight trip, former Rep Matt Baker's district, and beautiful, beautiful area. But honest to God, I never knew we had one in Pennsylvania. So I look at that and I remember Chairman

Godshall and, you know, always remember as a freshman how well he treated me and all of our members, and that is how it was back in those days.

I became a chairman – well, back up just a little bit. In my second term, I was put on Consumer Affairs and Finance – I got three committees – and Chairman Godshall and I stayed with Tourism. I stayed with that for 16 years until I became a chairman. But the way it worked, I had great chairmen on both sides. I remember Chairman Flick, Bob Flick, and we had Chairman Joe Preston. And those two got along very well as well. And another committee – guess what? We are busy – Consumer Affairs issues, we are traveling. Finance, Chairman Denny Leh. The good news, he was on Consumer so those never conflicted. So literally, my second term, I never had a week off. We literally, every week when we did not have session, we were somewhere in the State, whether it was Consumer Affairs, whether it was Finance, or whether it was Tourism. And guess what? That was my job. I was full-time. This was the only job I did. I had no other interests so I participated and I went there and I learned a lot.

And I encourage members of this caucus, of this House, when you serve on committees and they meet somewhere in the State, you need to go there. Travel. Go see these other members' districts. I have been to the most conservative districts and the most liberal districts in this State, and when you go see what members represent, you get a different perspective. You understand why they vote the way they vote. I have never questioned anybody on how they vote because you have a district, you have your 63,000 people just like I do. You do not get upset because someone voted the opposite way on something. You have to understand that, and I do. I always respected members, how they voted.

I know we are going to be seeing the Tuskegee Airmen shortly, and that is so good. And I have to say, in 2011 I got probably one of the greatest privileges when I became a chairman. And I was fortunate, I got to chair the best committee in the House, the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. And I am going to tell you something, it was the one of the most gratifying committees you could ever have. It was old-school, bipartisanship, how we get things done.

I had the privilege to serve under the two best chairmen you could ask for. My good friend, Steve Barrar. I knew Steve before, not as well, and, you know, we sat down, my staff, his staff, and said, this is how we are going to get it done, and we did. We did a lot of great work. I want to throw a shout-out to Steve's staff: Rick O'Leary, Sean, Brenda, LuAnn. Thank you for everything you have done for the people of Pennsylvania and working with my staff. And then Karen Boback. What can I say about Karen? Another treasure. Someone who is dedicated. When she got the committee, I was so – she gave me a call and I was so excited. I said, "This is great, Karen. I'm so happy for you," because you know what? She, same thing, we are going to work together. We are going to make sure everybody is treated right, and she honored her commitment. And I enjoyed our time with Karen, and I think that is something. That committee will always be special to me because I always said, if you have to fight over helping a veteran or EMS (emergency medical services) or emergency responders, there should be no politics when it comes to that, and our committee did not. And we had some of the best members on the committee on both sides. And that is another committee, we traveled a lot. We went around the State and we learned a lot from that.

When it comes to staff, I believe in one thing when it comes to staff: you hire the best. You surround yourself with the best, whether it is in Harrisburg or it is in the district. I have been so fortunate with my committee staff. Jenn Tyler started off as my executive director. Harry was an institution on the committee. Harry knew everything, a man I respected so much. And when Jenn left, I hired Amy. And Amy, same way, first class, knew her stuff. And when she left, I hired Mike Hillman. I cannot say enough about Mike. Mike is the best. He knows everything. He kept me in line. He worked with Rick on the other side, and that is why you see bills coming out of that committee that are benefiting people's lives. Right before we left, that big omnibus bill had part of my bill in it, part of Karen's bill in it, and everybody, because we worked together in the hours and time it took with the SR 6 Commission – I mean, that is because of Mike and Rick and all of the staff there.

And Marissa, I cannot say enough about Marissa. She was a fellowship person down here. And when an opening came, I said I would like to have Marissa back. She is a young girl with the brain of someone so much older, and I always say that out of respect for her because she does such a great job for me.

When I talk about my legislative assistants, I have only had a couple in 28 years. Haze Shope was with me for 16 years. Haze was excellent. Back in those days, you had one. It was me and her down here and we had a lot of good support staff that helped us, okay? So that was so important. As many of you know, especially younger members, you do not have a lot of staff. Not until you become a chairman do you have the ability to do that, and Haze was outstanding.

Then I became the Northwest Caucus chairman when I actually, you know, took over the caucus back in the day. Haze moved up as my executive director, and I hired Tracy. I cannot say enough about Tracy. She just went right into where Haze was. Haze recommended her. She said Tracy was a great staff member for, at the time, Vince Biancucci. But Vince had just left, and I said, you know what? And she fit in perfectly. And when Haze retired, you know, Tracy came with me on the committee, and she just retired last year and we got Susan. But you see, when I get staff, they stay for life, or close to it, because you know what? We like to keep them. And I always say, you hire the best.

I want to throw back to the district. I had others that worked for me over the years. Marshall was an intern, and he ended up staying 3 years. He went on to a better thing. He had an accounting degree, and he was a great, great staff person. Sophia, you know, Ian, Jim, Amanda down here and Adam and Halen and Victoria. I mean, so we had some go through and then you had those who stayed for the whole time. So I thank them, all of them, for the work that we did here, because the district worked with Harrisburg, and our committee staff worked with all of our members. Any time a member needed something, they got on it and they got it done.

Talk about some of my colleagues. You know, this place had many people, and we have had characters, in a positive way – maybe not as many today, but we did. I tell my story and I look at it, you know, there are different segments of your career; 2006 was, like, a different part of, you got a whole new group in. We had one of the biggest classes we had, so it became a next phase, okay? Then I think back, and I will tell a little bit about before, then we will go into 2006-plus. I mean, you know, I had good friends since I first started here. My good friend, Jim Shaner, who has passed now, from Fayette County. Jimmy, he

was a great character. And I look back and we had Nicky Kotik. Big John Pallone, he was from Westmoreland. And those were all the Blue Dog Democrats at the time. You know, we are the more moderate, conservative Democrats, and we had a lot of us back then and sometimes we could be a little bit of a pain, but at the end of the day, we all tried to work together and do what we thought was right. And there would be many a times that we would all come together and work things out. But Jimmy Shaner, he was a good friend, sat right in front of me.

My class when I came in in 1994, there were 11 Democrats and 11 Republicans. I am the last member of the class of 1994. Harry Readshaw – what can I say about Harry? True gentleman. True gentleman. And Joe Petrarca sat in my row all those years. When I talk about my row, I have to look and I think about it, you know. I had my row today, Eddie Day Pashinski – what can I say about Eddie? When I talk about a character, Eddie is one. One of the nicest, greatest people. He puts his heart and soul into his job and his, you know, when you tell him, he is a professional singer. And people say, they think I am kidding – no, he is, you know? Anybody that can get 1,000 people to a reunion concert every year tells you the character of Eddie, and no one would do as much as Eddie. And my good friend, Frank Burns. Frank, I remember when he first came in, they all put me into power as the Northwest chairman, and what can I say about Frank? Frank is a dedicated, hardworking member. My best friend, Mark Longietti. I mean, Mark has done so much for me and our caucus with his knowledge. I know when Mark announced his retirement, that was a big blow to this institution when it comes to education issues. And Mark kept everybody in line. I thank you, Mark, for everything you have done for me and our caucus. And Mark nominated me for Northwest chairman back in the day, and it was not an easy deal. I replaced former Rep. Bud George there. And if you know Bud, Bud did not like it too much when I took over the Northwest, but it was important because we got all these new members.

That gets us to 2006. Mr. Speaker, that was your class there. Yeah. I mean, it is 2006, we got a great bunch of members that come in. I look at Pat Harkins, okay? Good friend. And we had Flo and we had – I think Flo was here before – but yeah, but I am saying we had all these people from the class, and the Northwest grew to like 16 members, so it was time we got to be active for these members, to have them do something. And Richie Mirabito, I have to mention him because I did not know he was part of the Northwest until Representative George adopted Williamsport. But that was Richie. One of the best characters, though, was Bill Kortz. My good friend, Bill, who left us last term. Bill was a great man. He always spoke his mind whether you liked it or not, but that was Bill, and that is what you need more of, people like Bill. And I think of Nicky Kotik, another good friend. He used to head the Blue Dogs. He would be a pain sometimes to our leadership, but Bill would always – I mean, or Nicky would always do that. And the nice thing, you stay in touch with these people, and you will see that because you know what? You know, that is how it is. And I look out there and I think, you know, where are we at today and where are we going?

I will tell a few more stories. The late Karl Boyes from Erie. I remember this day, this is going back to pre-2006, I think it was about 2002, he comes and taps me on the shoulder and said, "Rep Sainato," I said, "Yeah, Mr. Chairman," because he was my chairman of Finance, him and Freddy Trello when I first went on there, two great guys. He goes, "We need you." I said, "For what?" "The Speaker wants to become part of an organization

called the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States." And gaming was going to become big in Pennsylvania. This was before we legalized slots and all that, but it was coming and he wanted us to have a seat at the table. I said, "Well, what do I get to do?" And he says, "Well, you go to your leadership and they'll approve, we're going to a conference." "What is a conference?" And he says, "Well, we'll be traveling out of State." So I had the privilege, I was put on the executive board for NCLGS from the Democratic side – there were two Democrats and two Republicans – and it became a very good organization, and it was the prelude to before gaming came here, so we played an active role. I think it was Speaker Perzel wanted this to happen. So I was honored when they did that.

And then I got involved with NCSL, National Conference of State Legislatures, and I think that is such a great organization. I started traveling with that. And I recommend, members, you need to do that. You learn. It is continuing education. It is important. The Speaker appoints you to committees. You represent Pennsylvania on those committees. You learn from that. You become better legislators from that. And you talk to people around the country to understand what is going on in other States and you bring back those ideas. And I know Representative Burns brought a great idea back on the Dolly Parton library, and he implemented it in his district because of being in NCSL. So I am just saying that is something that is important, continuing education. I encourage that. I had a chance. I only missed one, probably, in the last 18 years, and I always learned from those trips.

I had an opportunity, like I said, I traveled around the State. I think of my Policy Committee – Chairman Sturla, Chairman Bizzarro. When you become a chairman on our side, you did not serve on other committees, so the way we had to learn about issues that were not before our committee was through Policy. And usually every off week I was traveling somewhere with Policy – hands-on learning and listening – and that is how we were able to do legislation when you do not serve on an existing committee. So I will always cherish those times with Policy. I learned from it. I think I brought back some good ideas, and that is how we came up with legislation.

I encourage more bipartisanship in this institution. That is how it was. My committee still kept it that way, but you need to do that. When I look at my friends on the Republican side – Barry, one of my committee members back in the day. Bob Brooks, good friend. Bob, thanks for your insight. And Craig, you know, and I see some of the ones I have served with for a while. And, Marty, where are you? There you are, Marty. I am just saying, those are people that have concern with helping people, okay? And I have always tried to build those relationships on both sides, because you know what? At the end of the day, that is how you get things done, whether you are in the majority or you are in the minority. If you do not do that, you are not going to succeed. So you want to always remember that.

When I talk about, I talk about some of the people I have had a chance – I want to talk about leaders, okay? When you have been here 28 years, I have been with too many leaders. And first, I want to thank Leader McClinton, Whip Harris, and the rest of our leadership team. I say this is probably the best leadership team we have had in my 28 years. They have been receptive to needs. Even when we disagree on some of the issues, they have always been sensitive to my district and each member's district, and I really appreciated that, because sometimes I cannot vote the way some other members vote. As you all know, each district is

different, and our leadership was always so receptive. And our present leadership, I thank you for everything you have done, showing your commitment to the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Speaker Cutler, I appreciate your service up here to run this House. It is not an easy job. Leader Benninghoff, you and I go back many years. We have had many discussions over the years. I appreciate your friendship and, you know, most of your leadership team. I mean, you have always been respectful, even when we disagree. That is how it is supposed to be. You have that disagreement here, at night, you might have a dinner or something, bipartisan dinners. I am for bipartisan dinners. That is how you get a chance to know someone across the aisle. And if you know that person, maybe you will not be as vindictive when they get up and speak or know, hey, they have a family too. You treat people respectfully and that is how you are supposed to behave when you are down here. And I do not, you know, some of the trend we are seeing does not always follow that path.

And I respect members who believe in term limits, but I say this respectfully: If you say you are for term limits, honor your commitment. There is no room under this dome for hypocrisy.

I wish everyone the very best out there. I look forward – I am not retiring. I have not decided what I am doing yet; we will see where the next path takes me. And I look forward to seeing each and every one of you sometime in the future, because you know what? I love the institution, the institution of the Pennsylvania House. The history. This is the longest-serving legislature in the country. Be proud of this. Never degrade your profession. When members degrade this institution, that bothers me, because you know what? I met some of the nicest people in the world here, and they all are passionate about their districts. But when someone is tearing the institution down, there is no reason for that. You do what you think is best for your people, but always respect this institution. When you look at the history of those who have served, males and females, it is just so vitally important.

And I leave you with that. You know what? You know, we have the greatest Capitol, the most beautiful Capitol in the world here. Relish it. Enjoy it. You know, it is just a time, we are here in a space in time.

So thank you for your attention today, and I wish you all the very best. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Sainato.

I would echo your respect and concern for the institution, as well as bipartisanship. I do remember many an early morning when we would run into each other in the gym, when we would both work out up here, and I always appreciated the greetings and getting to know you on an individual basis. So thank you for that.

We will be temporarily at ease.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The House will please return to order.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Members, if I could please have your attention. We are joined today, located to the left of the rostrum, the Chair welcomes three individuals who served in the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II: Nathan Thomas, Tuskegee operations; Dr. Eugene Richardson, Tuskegee fighter pilot; and

Ms. Alma Bailey, Tuskegee cadet nurse. Welcome to the hall of the House, and thank you for your service.

They are joined here today in the gallery by other members of the Greater Philadelphia chapter of Tuskegee Airmen: Melvin Payne, president; Rodney Chandler, Aaron Watkins, James Thompson, Deborah Butler, Fred Wright, and Shanee Bryant, who I believe are up there. They are here today to join Governor Wolf's signing of HB 2586 designating March 29 of each year as "Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day," and they are the guests of Representative Kinsey and Representative Boback. We are honored to have you join us here today, and we thank you once again for your service.

The House will be temporarily at ease for some photographs with these heroes.

The House will please return to order.

For the information of the members, our guests will be down in G-50, I believe, if you wish to speak with them a little bit later as well. They will be here over the lunch hour.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. HENNESSEY

The SPEAKER. At this time I would like to invite Representative Tim Hennessey to the rostrum.

Representative Hennessey was elected to represent the 26th Legislative District in November of 1992. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and Villanova University School of Law. He is a longtime public servant, attorney, and community leader.

He served as a trial lawyer in the Chester County public defender's office, and has represented the residents of the 26th District for 30 years. A native of Chester County, he resides in North Coventry Township with his wife, Carol.

Chairman Hennessey, welcome.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and welcome to our members of the House of Representatives.

Let me begin by saying that being a Representative from Chester County has been the honor of my lifetime. I would like to thank the people of the 26th District for their faith in me and allowing me to represent them for 15 terms in this legislature.

That district in northern Chester County has always been rather diverse, from the bedroom communities in the eastern side of the district, through the farmlands to the Borough of Elverson, which is self-described as "the greatest square mile in Pennsylvania," with a mix of older housing and new development with an emphasis on seniors, then more farmlands as we go south, then Amish farms. And for most of the time that I have been here, it included the city of Coatesville, which is a microcosm of Philadelphia with all the issues that we had to deal with. It was always a juggling act to decide how to cast a vote, determining how votes would affect the district on different issues. It was always a challenge, and I often envied those with homogenous districts where the correct vote was always obvious.

I have made great friends and served with great legislators on both sides of the aisle here in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Art Hershey, who was my next-door neighbor in our seating chart until he retired in 2006. He was a fantastic fellow to deal with, a good friend. I spoke with him yesterday to

wish him a happy birthday. He knew farming like the back of his hand, and he was always willing to share that information and knowledge with anyone, including me. Tom Petrone, God rest him, from across the aisle. He was chairman of Urban Affairs and he introduced me, in a sense, to the different issues that we would face in the legislature as we went forward. As chairman of Affairs, he took us to some of the housing projects, the high-rise housing projects in Philadelphia and showed me the problems that could ensue as a result of that kind of cramped living.

Gaynor Cawley, he was the funniest man I think I have ever met and a wonderful guy. And Tommy Tigue, Gaynor's good friend and a strong voice of reason and common sense on most issues. All of them except for Art have passed away, as has another legislative giant that I had the privilege to serve under, and that is Matt Ryan, who for 11 years was Speaker. I think he served here for 30 or 35 years. It was fun to watch Matt Ryan sort of oversee the – and referee, sometimes – the point-counterpoint that we had between Bill DeWeese and John Perzel. Bill DeWeese would generally win the vocabulary battles and the linguistic battles, but John Perzel, he always won the war.

But there are so many other standouts. Billy Adolph, who served for a long time as chairman of the Appropriations Committee. Bob Freeman from Lehigh Valley, a wonderful gentleman; one of the kindest, warmest people that I have met up here in Harrisburg. George Kenney, John Taylor, Stan Saylor, who came in with me in '92, along with Representative Greg Vitali. Greg will be the last man standing in the House since that time, although Scott Hutchinson and John Gordner have gone over to the Senate.

Let me say thank you to my counterpart chair of Transportation, Mike Carroll. Mike, thank you for working together to make our roads safer and our lives better for the people of Pennsylvania. Let me talk about our research staff for a second and thank them all. And by the way, before I overlook it, let me thank all of the staff who serve us here in the front part of the House of Representatives chamber. Without you, we would probably be lost and floundering around in paperwork. So thank you very much for what you do and how you contribute to our success here.

On the research staff, I have met some really fantastic people. Don Grell, who has long since retired, but he was an excellent person, an exceptional talent in terms of Local Government affairs. Sharon Schwartz, she was executive director of the Aging Committee for a long time. She was sharp as a tack and she always was working to make positive improvements to the programs and systems that help our older citizens. Erin Raub, who is the executive director of Aging and now the executive director of the Human Services Committee. She is always also doing great things to help everyone she can. Kerry Golden is the executive director of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. She is an excellent resource for information about agriculture. Eric Bugaile set a high standard as executive director of our Transportation Committee for 30 years, and Josiah Shelly, he is an excellent successor to Eric Bugaile and doing a wonderful job for the committee.

Our legal staff, let me thank them. Ed Hussie, who has long since retired. He headed up the legal office and he was intense, he was dedicated, he always listened, and he was just a wonderful person to talk to and get advice from. Same can be said for Rod Corey and Jim Mann. Jim will tell you that he always took my

4:25 p.m. phone calls just before they were about to close the office, and we would talk and talk and talk if we had to until I got things right and understood the issues as well as he thought I needed to understand them.

I also want to thank Jill Vecchio, Kate Testa, and Charlene Bashore. They were always gracious and helpful in that office. And Donna Pinkham, and Ray Smith before her, for making sure the people of my district stay informed. Thank you, Donna.

Well, back to the 26th District. Bill Deegan gave me my start in politics in a sense. He hired me as a municipal solicitor for my local township where I lived, and I was a solicitor there for about 15 years before I joined the House of Representatives. I thought that I could do both jobs at the time, and I found out quickly that I was snowed under with the responsibilities of being a legislator here and I sort of ditched that section of the job responsibilities off to my brother, and I will mention him in a second. We are joined today by Bill Deegan's daughter and grandson; Susie, Liam, please stand. Thank you.

I also want to give a special mention to Senator Earl Baker, whose phone call in 1992 started me on my legislative journey – sometimes I tell him I thank him for that phone call and sometimes I wish I had never answered the phone, depending on how bad the day was the time that he called – but really, I appreciate his confidence in me and suggesting me as a candidate back in 1992. I was a little younger then and had darker hair, but he stuck with me through my career, and we speak frequently even now.

I have been truly blessed with my office staff. Judy Jehu was a longtime secretary, God rest her. She passed away now about 7 years ago, but she was just wonderful and she was the mother hen of the East Wing. Everybody came to her for advice. They trooped over to the Ryan Office Building years later when I moved over there, but she was always a source of advice and wise counsel, and I miss her even today.

Then there were Carol Turner and Winnie Keiser and Michelle Whitmyer and Pam Huss. Winnie and Pam are with me today. They were all wonderful to work with, and as I said, I would not have been able to do this job up here in Harrisburg without their help. Winnie and Pam are here.

To my district office. Lisa Johnson was with me for 18 years, Linda Lavender for 25 years now. She is still there with me, working today, I think. Debbie Miller is working today. She has been with me for 12 years. And Mary Wickerham, who is able to join us with her husband, has been with me for 10 in the Elverson office. Mary, thank you. As I said, whatever success I have had I owe to the staff that has helped me to get things done.

Now, a little bit about myself, if I may. My father, Francis, died when I was 12 years old. He was only 45 years of age, but he had a long record of success in business and also with community involvement in a small town. After his untimely death, my mother, who was 41 years old at the time, raised five children on her own. Both of them only had high school educations, but they taught by example, and they taught me values that I live by and the standards that I try to uphold.

My in-laws, Jack and Kitty Ludwick, were wonderful examples of warmth, love, and generosity, and they trusted me to marry their daughter, Carol, and we have made it work for 48 years. My brothers, Bob and his wife, Pat, Jim, Kevin and Donna, and Carol's family, Jane, Jim, Debbie, Nancy, and Larry, they were always there for me with suggestions and

encouragement and ideas. And my younger brother, Kevin, I mentioned earlier, he took over the law office that we shared and has done a tremendous job running that office and then he eventually became the township manager of the township that we used to represent legally.

I would like to make special mention of my sister, Marilyn. She has been debilitated by poor physical health for 30 years now, just about the same amount of time that I spent in the legislature. But she suffers the pains, the countless operations, the physical limitations with courage and dignity and grace, and she has always been a great inspiration to me. If she can put up with the sufferings that she has had to put up with, I certainly felt that I could deal with the responsibilities that were burdening me at any particular time. And equally inspiring is my brother-in-law, Nick, her husband – St. Nick, as we call him in our family. The tender, loving care that he provides Marilyn is amazing, it is wonderful, it is constant, and it is a beautiful example of love and marriage.

As for my immediate family, Carol and I have three children. All have excelled in different ways and we are proud of each of them and what they have accomplished. Our oldest daughter, Kate, and our son-in-law, Stephen Steinbeiser, are both examples of academic excellence. Kate was valedictorian at F&M (Franklin & Marshall College) in Lancaster – I think they call it the Williamson scholar there – but she was valedictorian of her college class and then went on to Notre Dame where she met and married Stephen. Together they hold two doctorates, two master's degrees, and they use those talents to help people in the Middle East, where Kate is the dean of a major university. They are multicultural, multilingual world travelers, and they are doing good in a faraway part of the world.

Our son, Tim, is here. He is a graduate of St. Joe's University and graduate studies at the University of Penn. Many of you know him. He worked for the House and the Senate. He has helped me flesh out the thoughts and ideas for legislation, and he has become very proficient in managing campaigns. He was the inspiration for the "Let Freedom Ring" license plate that we developed through the Department of Transportation to honor the semiquincentennial of our nation coming up in 2026. Semiquincentennial is the 250th anniversary, in case you could not figure out the Latin there. I am very proud of Tim. Carol and I are both very proud of Tim. He has been a great help to me legislatively. Tim, stand up or wave your hand or whatever.

Also joining us today is our daughter, Elizabeth. After a long career of working at QVC (Quality, Value, Convenience), she now stars in and directs plays at several community theaters. She and our son-in-law, Larry, have given Carol and I our two grandsons, Derek and Nolan, both of whom are here – both of whom are behaving rather well at the moment – and those two grandsons will provide me a soft landing, if you will, after 30 years of being in the legislature. And let me just say, I am very, very proud of all my children and grandchildren.

My wife, Carol, my wife of 48 years and the love of my life. Without her help and constant encouragement, I could not have done any of this. Being a legislator, as you all know, means being away from home, missed birthdays, missed holidays sometimes, missed sporting events, late dinners, and missed family time. Carol, please stand. Thank you. I love you for all of those 48 years. Thank you, hon.

And lastly, as Chris Sainato mentioned a few moments ago, I want to thank all of you. You are the pulse and the heartbeat of this great institution. Look around, look up, look around, it is just, you know, a tremendously beautiful room in this chamber, a beautiful room in the Capitol in the most beautiful Capitol in the United States. There is so much to learn of its history and its magnificence, and quite frankly, its secrets.

Jan Murphy from the Patriot, I believe 6 or 7 years ago, wrote an article talking about all the secrets of the Capitol, and it is worth a read. It is really very enlightening. You can be proud to be part of this and part of the history of this building. Please revere this institution, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. As Chris said, it is the oldest legislative body in America. It is bigger than any one of us. Honor and respect it and the legislative process of which you are a part.

Now, I hope my comments today were not too rambling and disjointed, and I hope I have not overlooked anyone. If I have, I will apologize. Frankly, I had hoped I would have 2 more years to put this going away speech together, but that was not to be.

So I will leave you with an Irish thought. Keep chasing your individual rainbows, and when you find your pot of gold, share it with others. You will get back much more than you give.

And finally, may the roads rise to meet you, and may God hold you in the hollow of Her hand. I am sorry; that was a shamelessly pandering comment to the fairer sex of our membership here. But seriously, may God bless all of you, may God bless America, may God bless our troops, and may God bless the people of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Chairman Hennessey.

I know, for one, any time I would come over to Chester County for chamber events and other events, you were always there welcoming me and I always appreciated it. You always made sure that I met everybody in the room who was a policymaker and a decisionmaker so that you could appropriately make those connections, and I am sure that your service will continue long beyond just your time here. So thank you for your commitment to the community.

We will be at ease.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The House will return to order for some committee and caucus announcements.

Seeing no committee announcements.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 1:15 in the majority caucus room; that is 1:15 in the majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 2:15.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the good gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The Democrats will caucus at 1:15.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 2:15, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would like to recognize a guest that we have here in the gallery. We welcome Representative Deloso's wife, Susan, along with district office staff, Kelly Wingender and Curtis Gittelman. Welcome.

Members, please take your seats. Move any conversations in the rear of the House off into the anterooms. We will have one additional member providing some retirement remarks.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. POLINCHOCK

The SPEAKER. At this time I will ask Representative Todd Polinchock to please approach the rostrum.

Representative Polinchock represents the 144th Legislative District in Bucks County. Todd currently serves on the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Human Services, Professional Licensure, and Gaming Oversight Committees. He is a United States Naval Academy graduate, combat pilot veteran, and a longtime Realtor in Bucks County. Todd has two children, Emmie and Nicholas.

Representative Polinchock, welcome

Mr. POLINCHOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know I have zero chance of getting through this without choking up. I am one of those big, sappy guys. So I apologize in advance for that.

Mr. Speaker, the view from this rostrum is pretty cool. I never aspired to have this spot because I cannot stand that long, but it is pretty nice to see.

Colleagues, today is a very bittersweet day for me. Today I get to say goodbye to the best and the worst job that I have ever had. It is the best job because it is not really a job, it is a calling, and I know I do not have to explain that to you sitting here. We get it. We get to sit in these 100-plus-year-old desks in this incredibly historic chamber and we get to help people. We get to do things to make lives of our fellow Pennsylvanians better.

I recently attended a ceremony commemorating the 100th birth anniversary of his Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, a Hindu guru and a peaceful and humble man, whose mantra was "In the joy of others, lies our own."

Serving in this capacity the last 4 years epitomized that for me. It was not when I got a piece of legislation passed that I knew would ultimately help people. It was when I met constituents in public and they hugged me and they said, hey, Todd, thank you.

I could not get my unemployment check and I did not know how I was going to pay my bills or pay my mortgage and I called your office and your staff helped me. Throughout this pandemic, literally thousands would call my office either angry or in tears or just afraid, looking for help.

My staff would never turn away anyone regardless of where they lived. They did not ask if they were a Republican or a Democrat. They did not ask if they lived in the district, they just helped. They were there to help, to work tirelessly in an often difficult environment to aid our neighbors, and I want to acknowledge them. They are all sitting back home in the home office right now packing up: Kyra Rumble, my district manager, and Jason McEwen and Brendan McCusker, my constituent services-community outreach people. Being a Representative is all about serving the people, and, team, thank you. You did it right. So thank you to the three of you.

To Kirstin Zechman, sitting here next to me, I want to acknowledge her, my secretary here in the Capitol. Thank you for tolerating the ever-changing schedules and balancing work between myself and my officemate and dear friend, David Rowe. Although we share our core values, we often differed on our approaches, and Kirstin had to play that balancing act. How diplomatic was that, Dave? Pretty good? So I want to thank Kirstin for the hard work with that.

To Rene, my PR (public relations) expert, who learned how to "Todd-ize" my remarks and press releases so they sounded like a big palooka from southeastern PA. She would be able to do things so that I did not have to spend a lot of time wordsmithing that stuff and I appreciate that, and I appreciate her flexibility. To Eric Smith and my district ops folks for the constant support, and to the other Eric, Eric Reichenbach, and Bryan Hall, my incredible Capitol messengers who always worked hard to help this handicapped gent fill his car with materials to go back to the district without ever complaining about the quantity. I can go on about my committee EDs (executive directors) and staffs, but again, I am not telling you anything new. Our staffs do the heavy lifting, and we smile and get the credit.

To my beloved 144th Legislative District of Warrington, New Britain, Hilltown, Chalfont, Dublin, Silverdale, and Telford – I will never forget saying that – I did my best for you, I gave it my all, I left it all on the field, and I hope I was worthy of your confidence and your vote.

Now, here we go. Now I have to acknowledge a group that I hold truly dear to me, my Buck7, my Republican colleagues from Bucks County led by the old man, Senator-elect Frank Farry. You have been there for me to counsel me on everything from legislation to relationships to even gift giving advice, right K.C.? You have put up with my moods, talked me off more than a few ledges, and helped ground me and give me a swift kick in the behind when I needed it. I love you all. You are and always will be my family.

I have been blessed with many special people in my life, from my shipmates and fellow naval aviators to my Realtor family to the boys in my tiki hood and to the numerous dear friends I have made in this chamber on both sides of the aisle. Thank you for your friendship and support. I will always remember that this "ain't as easy as it looks," and know that your PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) viewership is going to go up by one person after this, as I will always stay informed and I will hold you to task to make sure that you are true to the citizens of this Commonwealth.

On the top of my list of thank-yous is my confidante, best friend, and campaign manager, Chris Beadling. Chris put up with my mood swings, successes, and failures, and was always quick to remind me when I got too snarky that he was always and still is just a volunteer.

And lastly, my children. My beautiful and incredible daughter, Emmie Polinchock, who has always been the rock and the adult in my family. Emmie could always calm me and give me sage advice well past her 25 years. And my son, Nick Polinchock, the man-child – although that term does not seem to fit any more – you have that "it factor" that makes people happy around you. It is a great quality, and you will always be my wingman and my ride or die.

Now, before I close, I also said that this has been the worst job of my life too – the worst because there were times when I felt that we as a body disrespected the dignity of this hallowed place. I know it was fueled by passion, and I love that about all of you, but we have to maintain the traditions and decorum of this House so we can effectively do the work of the people of this great Commonwealth.

It was the worst job also because I feel that there is so much work to tackle for the people that we never got accomplished. It is not a slight on our effort, more a huge amount of work that at times seems insurmountable. We must not let it be. We must work tirelessly together – together – for our farmers and our union workers and our small businesses that will take years to recover. We must do everything possible to give law enforcement, our firefighters, and all of our first responders and frontline workers the equipment and help they need to serve our communities. We are in a crisis. Our volunteer firefighters are evaporating. What happens when there are not enough left?

Our veterans are in need of help, including combatting PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), but so are our first responders who see grisly things on a daily basis as well. Mental health issues cross many lines. We pay our home-care workers less, folks, than they can make at a fast-food restaurant. What happens to our Pennsylvanians who need us most when there is not anybody to take care of them anymore?

This is what makes the job the worst for me because I cannot help them like I want to. We get mired in the politics and the wins. No matter where you sit in this chamber, I am quite positive that we all came here to make a difference for our communities and to help our neighbors. We just have different ways of getting there. Let us not forget that. We really all want the same thing: to do right by the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Let us be better than the rhetoric.

It has been my greatest honor to serve with every single one of you here in this chamber. I mean that from the bottom of my heart. I wish you all good health and success. I pray our paths will cross again, and I leave you all with an old Navy saying. I wish you all "Fair winds and following seas." Until we meet again, God bless, and godspeed.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Polinchock.

I know in my time in the leader's office and the Speaker's Office, you were a very fierce advocate for the residents of not just your district, but also all across the Commonwealth, and I personally appreciate that. And you are correct: that is what makes this place a great place to serve and help other individuals when we can find those solutions. And I just want to thank you for your service both here and, you know, your time in the military. Thank you.

The House will be at ease.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

The SPEAKER. The House will please return to order.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2922 By Representatives GUENST, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, T. DAVIS, DELLOSO, SAPPEY, D. WILLIAMS, HOWARD and CIRESI

An Act providing for requirements for insurers relating to property insurance claims in response to damages that arise from a natural disaster.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, November 15, 2022.

No. 2923 By Representatives GUENST, ISAACSON, HOHENSTEIN, DELLOSO, MADDEN, HOWARD and ABNEY

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, providing for limitations on rent increases; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, November 15, 2022.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader for a committee announcement.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate Rules Committee meeting in the majority caucus room, a Rules Committee meeting in the majority caucus room immediately upon recess.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the leader.

There will be an immediate Rules Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

The House will be at ease while the Rules Committee meets.

The House will come to order.

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 140, PN 3601

By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

RULES.

HB 1546, PN 3569

By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of endangerment of public safety official.

RULES.

HB 2373, PN 3612

By Rep. BENNINGHOFF

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for transfer authority over Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

RULES.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

**BILLS ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 2373, PN 3612**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for transfer authority over Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

On the question,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, Representative Diamond, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair now recognizes the Representative for a brief description of Senate amendments.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 2373 is an amendment to Act 118 of 2019, giving the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs a bit of practical flexibility in its intended use of the property formerly known as the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

The House unanimously passed this bill earlier this year, and the Senate amended it simply to require the department to notify the General Assembly of the final determined use of the property.

I ask for a "yes" vote on concurrence.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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.

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EXCUSED—4

Cox Lee Rabb Schroeder

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 1546, PN 3569**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of endangerment of public safety official.

On the question,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, Representative Farry, that the House do concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair recognizes him for a brief description of Senate amendments.

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Senate amended the bill to provide greater clarity in the language within the bill, and they also changed the grading of the offenses. I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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—158

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| Bizzarro | Gleim | Malagari | Rossi |
| Boback | Gregory | Maloney | Rothman |
| Bonner | Greiner | Markosek | Rowe |
| Borowicz | Grove | Marshall | Ryan |
| Boyle | Guzman | Masser | Sainato |
| Bradford | Hamm | Matzie | Samuelson |
| Brooks | Hanbidge | McClintont | Sankey |
| Brown, A. | Harkins | Mehaffie | Sappey |
| Brown, R. | Harris | Mentzer | Saylor |
| Burns | Heffley | Mercuri | Schemel |
| Carroll | Helm | Merski | Schlossberg |
| Causar | Hennessey | Metcalfe | Schmitt |
| Ciresi | Herrin | Metzgar | Schnee |
| Conklin | Hershey | Mihalek | Schweyer |
| Cook | Hickernell | Millard | Silvis |
| Culver | Irvin | Miller, B. | Smith |
| Curry | James | Mizgorski | Snyder |
| Davanzo | Jones | Moul | Solomon |
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| Davis, T. | Kail | Mullins | Staats |
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| Diamond | Kim | Oberlander | Topper |
| Dowling | Kirkland | Ortitay | Twardzik |
| Dunbar | Klunk | Owlett | Warner |
| Ecker | Knowles | Pashinski | Welby |
| Emrick | Kosierowski | Peifer | Wentling |
| Farry | Krueger | Pennycuick | Wheeland |
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| Flood | Lawrence | Polinchock | Zimmerman |
| Freeman | Lewis | Puskaric | |
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| Galloway | Mackenzie, M. | Rader | Speaker |

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| Benham | Evans | Krajewski | Sims |
| Briggs | Fiedler | Madden | Sturla |
| Bullock | Frankel | McNeill | Vitali |
| Burgos | Guenst | Miller, D. | Warren |
| Cephas | Hohenstein | Nelson, N. | Webster |
| Covington | Howard | Otten | Williams, D. |
| Cruz | Innamorato | Parker | Young |
| Daley | Isaacson | Rozzi | Zabel |
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 140, PN 3601**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

On the question,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by the gentleman, the majority leader, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair now recognizes him for a brief description of Senate amendments.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On HB 140 the Senate amended the bill to make a few technical changes. In addition, they require deference to business owners and charging stations when they design these special bike lanes and plazas. It also prohibits a municipality from installing these special bike lanes and plazas if they do not properly enforce the Vehicle Code.

And last, appoints a special prosecutor for crimes committed on SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) property in the city of Philadelphia. I would ask the members for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A Title 75 bill, transportation, and now we are going to have a special prosecutor and we are not going to violate the single-subject rule somehow. It is nimble, I will offer, this exercise.

Mr. Speaker, there are 67 district attorneys in this Commonwealth. I doubt any member in this room agrees with every single one of them or any one of them with the decisions that they make. And if we are going to go down the path of micromanaging district attorneys and prothonotaries and clerks of courts and recorders of deeds and county commissioners, we will be in an endless cycle of silliness.

Mr. Speaker, this bill actually tries to accomplish something that we all voted for, that the gentleman from Berks County authored, to try and provide a way to have safe movement of bicyclists around our Commonwealth. It passed the House unanimously.

Sadly, the Senate decided to continue the exercise of micromanaging the district attorney's office in Philadelphia, and so somehow without violating the single-subject rule, we are going to have a vote now on bicycles and a special prosecutor in Philadelphia. How in God's name can we justify the marriage of those two subjects? I do not know.

Mr. Speaker, this is a continuation of silliness. My suspicion is that tomorrow in this chamber, we will have a discussion about the district attorney of Philadelphia, fair enough. That is a subject that is worthy of a discussion if you all want to have it. But it does not belong in a conversation with bicyclists.

Mr. Speaker, let us pedal out of this conversation and not continue down this path.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Frankel, on concurrence.

Mr. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened to have to oppose this bill. Allowing more flexibility for parking benefits both motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

This bill would have simply made creating parking spots easier. But just by allowing towns and cities this very minor flexibility, lives could be saved by separating cyclists from moving traffic. But instead, Republicans in the Senate destroyed it. In their obsession with attacking the autonomy of Pennsylvania cities, they have turned a completely unanimous, bipartisan bill into a monstrosity now even the organizations that support bicycles and pedestrians oppose. Apparently, political points matter more than cyclists' lives.

To the families of Susan and Emily, for whom this bill is named, I apologize for the sabotaging of this important piece of legislation. And with regret, I will be voting "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, on concurrence.

Mr. KENYATTA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just highlight that yet again we are offering up a bill solely about Philadelphia without the buy-in of anybody who actually represents Philadelphia. We just had an election, and if my colleagues were interested in running for one of the State

House seats in Philadelphia, you could have moved, run for office, and actually stood for election with the voters whom we represent.

I find it in an affront to the people of the first class city in this Commonwealth to repeatedly, repeatedly have members of this House, who know nothing and seem to care nothing about what is actually happening and what people in Philadelphia actually need, and instead, what we have is stunt after stunt after stunt.

I am going to be a "no" on this. The people of Philadelphia are a "no" on this. And I hope that in the future, if you care about Philadelphia, talk to the members who actually represent Philadelphia and stop trying to legislate on our behalf. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Representative Lawrence, is seeking recognition to speak on concurrence.

You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that it is an interesting choice for the Senate to amend this legislation as they have. But the fact of the matter is that the language added by the Senate deals with a special prosecutor, but it does deal specifically with a special prosecutor for violations of criminal law as it relates to mass transit in the city of the first class, specifically on SEPTA property.

Mr. Speaker, numerous news stories and reports have noted a serious problem with crime on the SEPTA system. An April 2022 Inquirer story noted robberies and aggravated assaults jumped more than 80 percent on SEPTA from 2019 to 2021. I might note that this was a time period when, frankly, ridership was down due to the pandemic, but the overall numbers of robberies and aggravated assaults dramatically increased. A report issued by SEPTA just last month outlined the absolute deterioration of law and order, particularly highlighting the Somerset Station on the Market-Frankford El.

According to the report, in March of 2021 SEPTA was forced to close the station entirely for 2 weeks and totally renovate it due to the complete lack of law and order there. The stairs, the platform, and the elevator had degraded from what the report calls urine and fecal matter. Needle and drug paraphernalia littered the area. To overhaul the station and bring it back to a state of good repair, SEPTA spent more than \$1 million during the 2-week closure. And the SEPTA report notes that despite SEPTA's efforts to help prevent damage from reoccurring, a year later the elevators at the station are now showing signs of deterioration and degradation again due to an influx of illegal, illicit behavior.

Shortly after SEPTA issued this report last month, an 18-year-old man was shot at a SEPTA station in center city at 15th and Market Streets. According to 6ABC News, the victim flagged down police right near the Clothespin statue after being shot. And for those of you who are not familiar with Philadelphia, the Clothespin sculpture is directly across from City Hall. The perception of continued lawlessness is directly affecting ridership. Action needs to be taken to restore law and order to reassure the public, and frankly, SEPTA's hardworking transit police, that this issue is being seriously addressed.

Now, the special prosecutor that is contemplated under this legislation would be selected, frankly, not by a Republican supermajority or any sort of bogeyman. It would be selected by a

panel of three judges, randomly selected; one from Superior Court and two from courts of common pleas. The selection panel would have 30 days to appoint the special prosecutor authorized under the law. And what qualifications does this person have to have, the special prosecutor? They have to be a member of the bar for at least 10 years, have 5 years of experience in criminal prosecutions, a resident of Philadelphia, and not been employed in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office within the past 6 years. The special prosecutor's authority would include conducting proceedings before grand juries, and so on and so forth. It is outlined in the legislation, but generally the matters that a prosecutor would handle.

The special prosecutor would have authority for a fixed period of time. No proceedings may be initiated by this special prosecutor after December 31, 2025, and they will be accountable to this body. They will issue annual reports regarding criminal activity on SEPTA property to the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, this is, I will agree, maybe not the vehicle I would have chosen, HB 140, but nevertheless, it does address a serious issue that is before the Commonwealth, and I would encourage an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Kinkead, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Ms. KINKEAD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to this bill as it is amended.

The gentleman from Chester County raises a lot of very good points about why it is that this should be a separate bill. The people of Pennsylvania deserve to have protected bike lanes as we as a unanimous body intended to have. We passed it over to the Senate and they amended it in a way that disserves Pennsylvanians all across our Commonwealth.

If we want to address the issues of SEPTA, let us pass a bill that actually addresses that directly instead of back-end adding it to a bill that now has no hope of protecting bicyclists or the people who use SEPTA. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Napoleon Nelson, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. N. NELSON. Thank you.

For those of you who are not familiar with Philadelphia, the statue on top of City Hall is William Penn. For those of you who are not familiar with Philadelphia, our hometown football team is the Philadelphia Eagles. For those of you who are not familiar with Philadelphia, I ask that if you are concerned about Philadelphia, you follow the votes of the folks who represent Philadelphia. This is silly. This is political. It seems there must be an election coming up. What we are—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please suspend.

The gentleman is getting dangerously close to accusing members of motive on votes, which is directly prohibited in the House rules. I would just encourage the gentleman to stay on the issue of the amendment itself, the underlying component parts thereof, and the reasons to oppose or support it.

The Chair thanks the gentleman for understanding, and you are in order and may proceed.

Mr. N. NELSON. Sometimes we take perfectly good legislation and mess it up. Sometimes we take perfectly fine processes and use it to the detriment of the people that we all serve. It is times like now I wish we could have another opening prayer, or if somebody would get up and give a retirement speech,

because those are the times when we all seem to embody the true nature of what we tell our constituents that we are here to do. Those are the times when we all seem to be here to talk about what is in the best interest of our constituents, putting our communities forward.

What we are doing right now is taking a bill that would have protected so many who use bikes to get around in our communities, many in our urban cores, and we are going to mess it up with a bill that is not necessary, that does not really fit. It is for these reasons that folks voted last week.

What I will say, and what perhaps we will hear an awful lot of – I know I have heard an awful lot of it – is, you know, this is a really interesting issue and we look forward to perhaps working on a similar piece of stand-alone legislation sometime into the future. If you are concerned about public safety in Philadelphia, if you are concerned about public safety, public transportation, or transportation at all, think about what is happening right now. Think about what we are doing right now. This is not a public safety bill. This is not a transportation bill anymore. This is vengeance. It has no place in this body except apparently right now.

I am against this bill for many, many reasons now, even though the text is very, very short. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Hohenstein, on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. HOHENSTEIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am going to speak briefly on the two very different subject matters of this bill. First, the bike lane establishment. I was a proud cosponsor of that. I was happy that that was a bipartisan measure, led by my colleague from Berks County and supported by myself and many others. I remember speaking on the House floor, with my colleague from Allegheny, as we spoke about the individual people from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh who had been affected and died because of vehicle and bicycle accidents.

So I was happy to support that bill, and I am going to apologize to the sponsor, to all of my fellow cosponsors, and to the advocates and the families of that bill, because I will be a "no" vote. And the reason for that is, as my colleagues have already very, very succinctly put, there is a second subject in this bill that has nothing to do with the first, and that subject is a special prosecutor for crimes committed on mass transit in Philadelphia.

So I am going to ask a very simple question, and just raise your hand, how many of my colleagues are victims of violent crime committed on mass transit in Philadelphia? On January 19, 2005, a time when the D.A. in Philadelphia, someone who was called a tough cookie, was going to prosecute whomever and however to make people safe. Well, that person did not make me safe.

I had a kid walk up to me as I was walking in the concourse of the Broad Street subway, cracked me once in the jaw, split it smack in half. I was left there with a bleeding mouth while this kid and all his friends playing the knockout game walked away; 17 years ago, not recently.

Crime has been happening, violent crime has been happening in and around SEPTA for generations. My family has spent at least four generations taking mass transit in Philadelphia, and for the most part, we have been safe, my one incident notwithstanding. And the reason that that incident is something I bring up is it never got prosecuted. It never got prosecuted because there was never an arrest. Immediately after I was sitting there in the concourse with my bleeding mouth, and police

officers came up and they said they had found somebody. What they had found was a scared young Black man, and they brought him up to me right around that Clothespin sculpture that one of my colleagues just referenced as well, but it is was not the right kid.

My point is this: When you blame one person for what is a very serious issue, a very widespread social problem that extends beyond the borders of Philadelphia, beyond the borders of Pennsylvania, throughout the country, if you want to make one person the bogeyman for that and strip that person of power and position, you are doing yourselves, you are doing our government and our society a disservice. None of these problems grew up overnight. None of these problems are one single person or office's responsibility, and this second piece of this legislation does not provide a real solution to this problem. Therefore, I will be a "no."

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Is the gentleman, Representative Conklin, seeking recognition?

You are in order and may speak on concurrence in Senate amendments.

Mr. CONKLIN. I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think we are on to something today. No, we really are, we are on to something. This legislative body, we can clean up Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker. We can with a little bit of legislation. And when you think about it, I think it is time to use some statistics to show how much we can do. So I am just reading articles that are written in the last 6 months. One is from PennLive. I think the people that occupy the leadership of the city, they are right, could be the problem – 100 percent right. It is the people that occupy leadership. Look at this article, PennLive, Harrisburg is more dangerous than Philadelphia and Baltimore. For the love of Pete. The people that occupy the leadership might be the problem in here. But let us go down the top 10 in Pennsylvania, because we have some work to do, Mr. Speaker.

Let us start with number 10, and I am not – and forgive me – I am not calling anybody out, but I think, hey, we are going to start legislating, you know, safety. So let us start. Allentown is ranked number 10 as most dangerous. Darby Township, number nine. Sorry, I do not mean anything. Swatara Township is number eight. Woo. Wilkes-Barre, number seven. Harrisburg, although it is more dangerous than Philadelphia, is only ranked number six. I am sorry about that. Let us see here, New Kensington, number five. Wilkesburg, number four. Pottstown, number three. McKeesport, number two. Chester, number one. Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. Stop. Where is Philadelphia at? Not even in the top 10, Mr. Speaker? Philadelphia, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

So, Mr. Speaker, I did this on purpose, as you well know me now. As my good colleague who is retiring said, this is about the silliest thing we could possibly be doing. If we are going to be serious about it, let us get serious. Let us clean up Harrisburg, where there are more elected officials than there are anywhere else – number six – and let us look at the rest of the State. Or, or we could keep our nose out of local politics and let the local individuals decide who controls their destiny, and then we can look at facts rather than what we want to believe.

With that, Mr. Speaker, please, vote "no" to this nonsense. Let us move on with our day and actually respect those individuals from the whole State not just a few.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?
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:

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| DelRosso | Kauffman | Ortitay | Thomas |
| Diamond | Keefer | Owlett | Tomlinson |
| Dowling | Kerwin | Peifer | Topper |
| Dunbar | Klunk | Pennycuick | Twardzik |
| Ecker | Knowles | Pickett | Warner |
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| Fee | Lewis | Rader | White |
| Flood | Mackenzie, M. | Rapp | Williams, C. |
| Fritz | Mackenzie, R. | Rigby | Zimmerman |
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| Brown, A. | Galloway | Madden | Sanchez |
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| Covington | Hohenstein | Miller, D. | Sturla |
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| Davis, T. | Kim | O'Mara | Williams, D. |
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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

**FAREWELL ADDRESS
SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Representative Carroll, I believe for remarks for submission.

Mr. CARROLL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, now that I got that last loss under my belt, I will submit my remarks for the record relative to my departure from the House.

I gave it my best. Thanks.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman for the submission, and I would agree that you have given it your best.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the past 16 years I have had the privilege of serving the residents of the 118th District – portions of Luzerne County for the totality of these years, portions of Monroe County until 2014, and portions of Lackawanna County from 2014 until today. I would not have been elected in 2006 if not for the support of Representative Tom Tigue, who was truly the most sincere and knowledgeable public servant in our Commonwealth's history.

It has been the highest of honors to serve as State Representative and I am proud of my legislative record. I am especially proud to have never missed a voting session day throughout the entire 16 years, although some may have preferred I did miss a few of those days considering the votes I cast while present.

I wish to thank Sandy Mutzabaugh, my Harrisburg legislative assistant for my entire term. Sandy was dedicated and professional, and my success in so many ways can be traced to Sandy. Sandy hit every right note and our office operated seamlessly from the moment I walked through the door until today. Thank you, Sandy.

Thanks also to the House Democratic Transportation Committee staff and the entire House Democratic Caucus staff, especially Meredith Biggica, Kyle Wagonseller, and Blade Kline for the superior work in this building. Their help was invaluable to my work here.

Next I wish to thank Kim Orzello, Ron Ralston, Marie McLean, Maxine Schaffer, Jake Thomas, and Samantha Gorto for their work through the years in my district offices. Each served the residents of our community exceptionally well, and in many ways were as valuable to the community as I was.

I of course wish to thank my family for their support through all of this. Serving in this role is demanding in many ways, and their support was integral.

Governing a diverse State such as this is quite challenging, and the politics of this era make that challenge even more exaggerated. While the bulk of my legislative career was mostly a series of efforts to attempt

to defeat what I considered misguided policy initiatives, I am proud to have stood in the well of the House many times and offer a differing perspective that was most often unsuccessful. I did gain a modicum of satisfaction when members who did not support my side of the debate with their vote told me I was right.

I leave here with the firm belief that I made a positive difference here in the House of Representatives, and equally importantly, represented the interests of my constituents and the communities back home well. It is time for a new voice to serve the people of the 118th District.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 140, PN 3601

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

HB 1546, PN 3569

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of endangerment of public safety official.

HB 2373, PN 3612

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for transfer authority over Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Mr. MEHAFFIE called up **HR 238, PN 3602**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a holistic study on the benefits of nuclear energy and small modular reactors.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

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

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Benninghoff | Galloway | Madden | Rowe |
| Bernstine | Gaydos | Major | Rozzi |
| Bizzarro | Gillen | Mako | Ryan |
| Boback | Gillespie | Malagari | Sainato |
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| Burgos | Harris | Mercuri | Schweyer |
| Burns | Heffley | Merski | Shusterman |
| Carroll | Helm | Metcalfe | Silvis |
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| Ciresi | Hershey | Millard | Snyder |
| Conklin | Hickernell | Miller, B. | Solomon |
| Cook | Hohenstein | Miller, D. | Sonney |
| Covington | Howard | Mizgorski | Staats |
| Cruz | Innamorato | Moul | Stambaugh |
| Culver | Irvin | Mullery | Stephens |
| Curry | Isaacson | Mullins | Struzzi |
| Daley | James | Mustello | Sturla |
| Davanzo | Jones | Neilson | Thomas |
| Davis, A. | Jozwiak | Nelson, E. | Tomlinson |
| Davis, T. | Kail | Nelson, N. | Topper |
| Dawkins | Kaufer | O'Mara | Twardzik |
| Day | Kauffman | O'Neal | Vitali |
| Deasy | Keefer | Oberlander | Warner |
| DeLissio | Kenyatta | Ortitay | Warren |
| Deloso | Kerwin | Otten | Webster |
| Delozier | Kim | Owlett | Welby |
| DelRosso | Kinhead | Parker | Wentling |
| Diamond | Kinsey | Pashinski | Wheeland |
| Dowling | Kirkland | Peifer | White |
| Dunbar | Klunk | Pennycuick | Williams, C. |
| Ecker | Knowles | Pickett | Williams, D. |
| Emrick | Kosierowski | Pisciottano | Young |
| Evans | Krajewski | Polinchock | Zabel |
| Farry | Krueger | Puskaric | Zimmerman |
| Fee | Kulik | Quinn | |
| Fiedler | Labs | Rader | Cutler, |
| Fitzgerald | Lawrence | Rapp | Speaker |
| Flood | Lewis | Rigby | |

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, if I could please have your attention and direct it to the well of the House. It has been brought to the Speaker's attention that Jarrett Tingler, who is a messenger down front there, this is his last day here on the House floor. He is going to be going to a State correctional institution to do work as a prison guard. So thank you. Thank you for your service, both here and there.

HOUSE SCHEDULE

The SPEAKER. If I could please have the members' attention. It is the Chair's intention to gavel us back in at 10 tomorrow morning in an effort to get business concluded a little sooner tomorrow so that members can head home. However, this evening we will just be gaveling to the call of the Chair in the event that we have something come over from the Senate for housekeeping purposes. But there will be no further votes this evening.

So 10 a.m. tomorrow. You will have an e-mail to that effect as well. And I hope to see you all then.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will recess to the call of the Chair.