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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 12 m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (JOANNA E. McCLINTON)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. JAMIE BARTON, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Will you join me in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day and all the blessings You bestow upon us. We come to You today from many different places. We come from different places of this Commonwealth; from different communities, different cultures, different heritages, and different places of the heart. But we gather now as one body of the House of Representatives, and, Lord, we look to You for hope, help, and guidance, for we have been blessed with so much. We have been given much. We have been entrusted by the communities that we serve to do much. Jesus said, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked," from Luke 12:48.

With great power comes great responsibility. Jesus Christ started with 12 disciples. The first disciples of Christ, the first 12 were diversified in character. The disciples of Christ were made up of publicans and nationalists. The first 12 were men of unbreakable faith – and doubters. They were active men, and they were melancholy men. Lord, that sounds a lot like this very body to me.

And like those very first followers of Christ, Lord, we ask You to lift us up and unite us as one House of Representatives. Unite us so that we serve You by serving our communities. Lord, we ask for focus to do the work of this State, the work of this Commonwealth. Ground us in awareness, Lord, and grant us knowledge and understanding of the business that needs to be accomplished, and, Father, please give us the spirit of integrity and humility in our voices and our actions, inside and outside these chambers, so that we may hold ourselves accountable to You and this wonderful Commonwealth we serve.

God bless this body and this meeting. God bless this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And God bless the United States of America. 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 Wednesday, May 24, 2023, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The following 2023 regular session Journal is in print and, without objection, will be approved: Monday, February 27, 2023.

SPECIAL SESSION JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The following 2023 special session Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023;
Wednesday, February 22, 2023;
Thursday, February 23, 2023; and
Friday, February 24, 2023.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order. Members, please take your seats.

The House will take up a special order of business, the swearing-in of Representatives-elect Michael Stender of the 108th Legislative District, and Heather Boyd of the 163d Legislative District.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Madam Speaker, Jonathan Marks, Deputy Secretary of Elections and Commissions.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Jonathan Marks, the Deputy Secretary of Elections and Commissions.

Mr. MARKS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to present the returns and the certifications of campaign expense compliance for the special elections held on May 16, 2023, in the 108th and 163d Legislative Districts.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the Deputy Secretary. The clerk will now read the returns.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the One hundred eighth Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Montour and Northumberland County Boards of Elections. Michael A. Stender, Jr., having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

Albert Schmidt
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OFFICIAL RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
108th Legislative District
May 16, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Votes. Rows include DEMOCRATIC (Trevor S. Finn, 4,318), REPUBLICAN (Michael A. Stender, Jr., 6,600), and LIBERTARIAN (Elijah Scretching, 393).

Write-ins 10

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the One hundred sixty-third Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Delaware County Board of Elections. Heather Boyd, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

Albert Schmidt
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OFFICIAL RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
163d Legislative District
May 16, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Votes. Rows include DEMOCRATIC (Heather Boyd, 9,415), REPUBLICAN (Katie Ford, 6,040), LIBERTARIAN (Alfe Goodwin, 194), and Write-ins (13).

CERTIFICATES ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 108th District in the Special Election held May 16, 2023, Michael A. Stender, Jr., has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this fifth day of June, 2023.

(SEAL)

Albert Schmidt
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 163rd District in the Special Election held May 16, 2023, Heather Boyd, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this fifth day of June, 2023.

(SEAL)

Albert Schmidt
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. The Chair requests that the members-elect come forward to the well of the House for the purpose of taking the oath of office. Please bring your sacred book, if desired. You can also bring your family members to hold your sacred book during the administration of the oath.

The oath of office required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania will now be administered by the Honorable Susan Schwab, United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

JUDGE SCHWAB. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I just want to say before I begin that as a Federal judge, or any judge, not much of what we do is joyous and uplifting. So I want to thank you for inviting me here today to swear you both in on this wonderful occasion for you and your families.

Can you place your left hand on your sacred book and raise your right hand: Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that you will discharge the duties of your office with fidelity? If so, say "I do."

(Members asserted oath.)

JUDGE SCHWAB. Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks Her Honor and appreciates her time here this morning.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Good afternoon and welcome to all of our guests who are in the House chamber today because, as you just witnessed, today is a very special day here in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I am so pleased to welcome our colleagues from across the building. I see Senators Collett, Kane, Kearney, Schlegel Culver – was here. Certainly, Senator Street; he is on my list. Thank you.

More importantly, congratulations and welcome to our newest colleagues, Pennsylvania's newest members of this distinguished General Assembly. Representatives – no longer Representatives-elect – Michael Stender and Heather Boyd, we are so glad to have you here in Harrisburg.

As longtime public servants, you both bring very impressive and valuable experience to your new role here in Harrisburg. I am sure that both of you will contribute greatly to the debates that occur here in the House chamber, throughout the building, and across the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With professions in emergency management, education, and advocacy, you understand the significance and the impact of the work that we do here in Harrisburg and how we are able to shape the future of our communities back home and in every corner of this Commonwealth.

As you took your office, it is a truly exciting time, and our chamber has already been working to diligently advance policies to improve worker protections, to better prepare our aging population here in Pennsylvania for retirement, to improve public safety. We passed 44 bills in 3 weeks of session. Each of these 44 bills, I am happy to report, earned bipartisan support. Beginning today, we welcome your voices to the discussion here in the hall of the House, because it is an important time right now. As you know, June is probably the most important month here in Harrisburg, as we are negotiating and working on the State's budget.

As you settle in over the next few days, I just encourage you to take a moment to take all of this in. Look at the beauty of where we are grateful and privileged to work each and every day, thanks to our neighbors back home saying that we can be their voice here in Harrisburg.

If at any point you begin to feel overwhelmed, just know there are plenty of places to turn for help. Both of our caucuses have exceptional staff who are always hardworking on your behalf. They are ready to offer you assistance if you have any questions. Remember, every question is very important – perhaps, except in caucus.

More than 50 of your colleagues also made the transition that you just made here today. We are pleased to have one of the largest first-term classes than we have had in many, many years.

So do not worry: they got a head start, but they are not too far ahead. We are all in this work together.

Also, I encourage you to reach out to the members in our chamber across the hall or across the building, and most importantly, reach out across the aisle. Build relationships with everyone here. The policies that we craft and our overall collegiality, respecting each other's voices, will preserve this tremendous institution here in Harrisburg.

Remember that it is an awesome privilege and responsibility to serve here in the House, and while you are here in the House, we are having a celebration right now on the floor of the House, but there will be some moments where there are many more challenges presenting themselves in the moment, especially here in the month of June, and you can be prepared for the unexpected as well. And you will find that so many times we do not agree on every single policy or every solution to an issue; however, we can agree that this institution where we work and the people that are all here that we represent and we deserve sincere, vigorous, and respectful debate each and every day. I am confident that together we can continue to find consensus on these issues that will make Pennsylvania stronger, and that more than 100,000 Pennsylvanians that each of you two represent will be fortunate to have your dedication here in Harrisburg.

Congratulations again, and welcome.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Bradford, for remarks.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And I am pleased to welcome two new members to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and in such a closely divided institution right now, it seems completely appropriate that we have one new Democrat and one new Republican member.

First, I just wanted to say a few words about Heather Boyd, who will be joining our caucus. Heather was elected to represent the 163d District in Delaware County. She is no stranger to public service, or even the House. She is also clearly no stranger to hard work, because she worked for Leanne Krueger, so she is aware of what is coming her way. She is also a former district director and senior adviser to Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, and she clearly has two great mentors who tell it how it is and will be great examples of what a strong, principled, and convicted public servant looks like.

She also, like her newest colleague, served on the school board, and there is probably no more thankless task in terms of elected office than serving on our local school boards. In her case, she served on the Upper Darby School Board, and she has been an advocate for some of the issues that mean so much to so many, not just in our caucus, but in this body. In her case, the issues of free school lunch and making sure that every child gets the kind of quality education our Constitution requires, but sometimes this body has fallen short on. Her voice on these issues will be so important to have heard, and it is so appropriate that on a day where we begin in earnest this budget process that her first votes may be on those very issues.

Her passion for public education, though, does not come from nowhere. It does not just come from having served as a school director; it also comes from her own firsthand experience in the classroom as a teacher for 10 years. She is also a strong advocate for the rights of women, having served as and founded the Delaware County chapter of the National Organization of Women.

Now, Representative Boyd also resides, I believe, in the home of Pica's pizza – and, now, if I am saying it wrong, if it is Pica's, I am sure the Delco folks will correct me. The Delco folks assure me it is Pica's. But as a Drexel Hill native, where she has raised her two school-age children as well as being the mom of two foster children, she also knows the importance of providing those kids every opportunity, and she will have an opportunity to do that now in this body.

And I would be remiss if I did not speak equally glowingly of another school director who is joining us, who will be joining the other caucus, but again, those artificial distinctions need to fall in comparison to the job in front of us. But I want to welcome Michael Stender to this body. Representative Stender was kind enough to say we had met before in his prior capacity working on behalf of firefighters, paid firefighters here in the Commonwealth. He represents now the 108th District in Northumberland and Montour Counties, and having come to this body so often on behalf of his old job, he is no stranger to the hour-long commute to Harrisburg. But as a career volunteer firefighter and former emergency medical technician with the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire, he knows this city well. I believe Representative Kim and him can discuss where the best places to go for dinner are, and they will know well the city inside and out.

He also served on his community library board and the Civil Service Commission. He, like many of our members, is a former Eagle Scout, and he will get the opportunity now as a Representative to attend even more Eagle Scout ceremonies in his future. And he is a lifelong resident of Northumberland County and the father of three. He knows also the value of hard work and the importance of family.

On the note of personal privilege, much like the Speaker who gave some quick pieces of advice, I have some as well. My advice to the two members – and I finish where I started, because they are of different parties in this closely divided House – is do not let those divisions, whether rural or suburban or urban or party or policy, prevent us from creating personal relationships. I will tell you, in my time in the legislature, some of the best friends I have made in my entire life were in this building. They are lifelong friends. And I know some will not believe this, but in many cases, they happened to be Republicans. Do not tell anyone. It happens to be true. But we need to work together more often, and it seems so apropos that we have two fine, new members to enjoy this great day and this great body, to recognize their achievement in getting elected to the House.

I want to recognize and thank them for their achievement and their family for the work it took to get here. We look forward to working with both of you and wish you all the best in your years of service to this body, and most importantly, to the community that you care about and now you represent. Thank you so much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS BY REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority leader, Representative Cutler, for remarks.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Representatives Boyd and Stender, welcome and congratulations. I know that you worked very hard in each of your home districts in order to join us here today.

I know that the majority leader just outlined both of your biographies in terms of your past history, and I want to talk about that just for a little bit because I think it is so important. In terms of each of our life experiences and our histories, one of the most important things that we can do, that the leader had suggested, is forge those personal relationships across the aisle, because once you understand what drives people – what made them run, what is important back in their community, what is the number one employer and what is the number one issue that they have been asked to represent – it will give you a small window into how they process and what they advocate for, but most importantly, why they advocate for each of their positions.

And I, for one, am glad to see us returning to some level of normalcy, because I am afraid that during COVID, some of the incoming classes missed that opportunity. You know, we would do orientation together, we would do the events. You know, we would have a long time here on the floor, particularly during the month of June, so we would be here working and then we would spend time going to each one of the different constituencies that might be here on any given night – perhaps it would be the firefighters, perhaps it would be the advocacy groups for the environment, or some other advocate that would be here. The reason that that was so important is because we would always travel as a freshman class.

Now, the good news is, in terms of seniority, you both have a special status. You had a special election. There are only two of you, one in each caucus. And you will likely tag onto either the class that was already here or the class that will come in the next session going forward in terms of some of those events as we go from place to place. But take that opportunity to get to know each other, take that opportunity to share your stories and why you are here, because it is through those relationships that you will be able to forge an understanding of where a compromise can be found, and that is so vitally needed in today's world.

When you look at some of the biggest issues that we have worked on here, they have all come from a position of compromise, sometimes out of necessity, given the makeup of the legislatures and the executive branch, but many times because while we can all agree on the problem and what needs fixed, we might not always agree on the solution, and that is the opportunity that you have now been trusted with, 65,000 people, approximately, that you each represent. That is the opportunity that you have been given. I am confident that you are each up to the mission that is ahead, and since it is June, it will be one of the busier months, as the leader has outlined, and so as we get back to the business of legislating, I would simply encourage you to take that time in between breaks, in between committee meetings, to get to know each other.

Please know that my office is always open. I am happy to sit down and share whatever pieces of knowledge that I can share on the legislative process, as well as that relationship-building, because it is so vitally important.

I wish you the best, and I would like to speak to your families and friends for a minute, if I may, and if you would so indulge, because it is not just us who serve in elected office that have to make sacrifices for us to be here, particularly in the month of June, but it is the support that we each have back home that allows this to be a possibility. There will be events that will be missed – whether they be school, sports, or family – and knowing that you support the Representative, your family member, in that way is so vitally important.

Now, the bad news is, there are some people who will also treat you like the Representative, but I actually think that is a good part of the job and it takes some getting used to, because they may stop you in the grocery store to tell you about a problem that they have or an issue that they need help with. The ability that we have to actually help people through the different parts of government is, without a doubt, one of the most satisfying pieces of this job. I know that particularly in June, we focus on the budget and we focus on legislation, but it is the person who comes through your door each and every day or they e-mail you or they call you, and that constituent service and those contacts will have a lasting impact on them that they will never forget.

I know, Representative Boyd, you are very aware of that, given your past employment history and how important that is. And, Representative Stender, I know that you also understand the importance of advocacy. And it is important that we listen to the constituents and we work towards solutions, and all of that will start with the relationships that you begin forging today. And please know that I look forward to getting to know each of you, and I look forward to working with you and your families and thank your families for supporting you.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Once again, Representative Boyd, Representative Stender, congratulations. And I want to be clear: Ask the questions you have in caucus. That is why we are there.

This concludes our ceremony, and welcome and congratulations to our newest House members.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Harris, the majority Appropriations chair, for a committee announcement.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Pursuant to House rule 45, the Chair grants the Appropriations Committee permission to meet during House session.

For the information of the members, there will be no votes taken on the floor while the Appropriations Committee meets, but we will welcome all of our distinguished guests and conduct all of the necessary housekeeping matters. We will take the master roll call when we return from our very first break.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. To the left of the Speaker's rostrum, we are thrilled today to welcome Representative Giral's son, Thomas Giral, who just got into law school. Congratulations, and welcome to the floor of the House, Thomas.

Our colleague, Representative Kutz, brings Benjamin Snyder to be a guest page today. Benjamin is a student at Boiling Springs High School. Benjamin, please stand. Welcome to the floor of the House.

In the gallery, our colleagues, Representatives Ortity, Guzman, Smith-Wade-El, Rowe, Flood, Topper, Sappey, Moul, Venkat, Probst, Rigby, Staats, and Heffley, have brought the Pennsylvania Girls State Wrestling Champions here. Girls wrestling is the fastest growing high school sport in our country. In May the PIAA voted to begin sponsoring girls wrestling as an official sport, and they will be under the PIAA jurisdiction beginning July 1, 2023. Please stand. Welcome.

Our colleagues, Representatives Merski, Bizzarro, and Harkins, bring the JCLA (Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy) Jefferson Educational Society of Erie. They are a nonprofit institution that is founded to promote civic enlightenment and community progress for the Erie region through study, research, discussion, and having events and ideas that influence our human condition. I was so glad to welcome them earlier. Jefferson Society, please stand. Welcome.

FORMER MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. The Chair has just learned, in the gallery, we have not only a former member of the House, but a former Speaker of the House, Bill DeWeese. Please stand. Welcome.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority caucus chair for a caucus announcement, Representative Schlossberg.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

House Democrats will caucus at 2:30. We will be prepared to return to the floor at 3:30.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 2 o'clock; that is 2 o'clock, Republicans will caucus.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

COMMUNICATIONS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker submits the following reports for the record, which the clerk will now read.

The following communications were read:

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's 2022 Dog Law Annual Report.

The Pennsylvania Department of State's Corporation Bureau Advisory Committee Report.

The Pennsylvania State University's Right-to-Know Law Report.

The Department of Environmental Protection's Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The University of Pittsburgh's Federal Form 990 and the 25 highest paid non-officers for the year-ended June 30, 2022.

(Copies of communications are on file with the Journal clerk.)

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 129 By Representatives GROVE, M. MACKENZIE, GREINER, KAUFFMAN, DIAMOND, KEEFER, MOUL, PICKETT, SMITH, HAMM and SCHEUREN

A Resolution urging the Biden Administration and the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rescind the administration's proposed updates to the upfront fees and matrices for the purchases, rate-term refinancing and cash-out refinancing of mortgage loans.

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, May 30, 2023.

No. 130 By Representatives SHUSTERMAN, SANCHEZ, PIELLI, MADDEN, R. MACKENZIE and O'MARA

A Resolution recognizing October 10, 2023, as "National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 30, 2023.

No. 131 By Representatives STEELE, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, KHAN, WARREN, SANCHEZ, PROBST, FRIEL, MALAGARI, BOROWSKI, PIELLI, SCOTT, VITALI, KENYATTA, HOHENSTEIN, SHUSTERMAN, TAKAC, D. WILLIAMS, SALISBURY, DONAHUE, SAPPEY and CEPEDA-FREYTIZ

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study to determine the amount of revenue that Pennsylvania may have collected since the enactment of Act 13 of 2012 if the Commonwealth implemented a severance tax.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 31, 2023.

No. 132 By Representatives MATZIE, CIRESI, BOROWSKI, MARSHALL, MADDEN, SAPPEY, GREINER, HARKINS, R. MACKENZIE, SCHLOSSBERG, ISAACSON, SANCHEZ, KHAN, GUENST, JAMES, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, HOHENSTEIN, NEILSON, O'MARA, ZIMMERMAN and GILLEN

A Resolution designating the week of June 19 through 25, 2023, as "Pollinator Week" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 31, 2023.

No. 133 By Representatives O'MARA, CURRY, McCLINTON, KRUEGER, BOROWSKI, DELLOSO, KAZEEM, VITALI, YOUNG, GUENST and KHAN

A Resolution designating June 10, 2023, as "Delco Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 1, 2023.

No. 134 By Representative KUTZ

A Resolution honoring Her Majesty Queen Maria I of Portugal for her assistance to Pennsylvania in the cause of freedom during the American Revolution and honoring her direct descendant, His Serene Highness Dom Filipe Alberto Folque de Mendoca, as a member in good standing of the Washingtonburg Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 1, 2023.

No. 135 By Representatives KINSEY, KIM, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, KHAN, CEPEDA-FREYTI, KAZEEM, HILL-EVANS, CURRY and NEILSON

A Resolution designating the month of May 2023 as "Academic Achievement Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring those who have exemplified academic success in their courses of study.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 2, 2023.

No. 136 By Representatives KINSEY, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SCHLOSSBERG, BRENNAN, KHAN, DELLOSO, FLEMING, HADDOCK, SANCHEZ, HOWARD and NEILSON

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 8 through 14, 2023, as "Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 2, 2023.

No. 137 By Representatives KINSEY, BULLOCK, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SCHLOSSBERG, DELLOSO, JAMES, HANBIDGE, BELLMON, HADDOCK, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, KHAN and NEILSON

A Resolution designating the month of October 2023 as "Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to help Pennsylvanians work to recognize bullying, stop bullying and gain the tools needed to appropriately deal with situations involving bullies.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, June 2, 2023.

No. 138 By Representatives KINSEY, WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, SAPPEY, MADDEN, MARCELL, DELLOSO, JAMES, MENTZER, WARNER, BELLMON, GILLEN, SANCHEZ, NEILSON and SOLOMON

A Resolution celebrating the National Guard on its 387th birthday.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 2, 2023.

No. 139 By Representatives T. DAVIS, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, McNEILL, BRENNAN, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, ZIMMERMAN, NEILSON, SCOTT, CEPEDA-FREYTI, HADDOCK, MALAGARI, KAZEEM and WARREN

A Resolution designating the month of June 2023 as "Homeownership Month" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, June 2, 2023.

No. 140 By Representatives KHAN, BELLMON, CURRY, HILL-EVANS, RABB, SOLOMON, PARKER, KAZEEM, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, GUENST, BRENNAN, KINSEY, NEILSON, CEPEDA-FREYTI, PROBST and HOWARD

A Resolution urging the President and Congress of the United States to direct additional humanitarian aid to Haiti.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 5, 2023.

No. 141 By Representatives KHAN, OBERLANDER, BULLOCK, McNEILL, MADDEN, VENKAT, SCHLOSSBERG, VITALI, ISAACSON, R. MACKENZIE, SANCHEZ, JAMES, HADDOCK, HILL-EVANS, FLEMING, CERRATO, CEPEDA-FREYTI, CIRESI, DELLOSO, WARREN, BOROWSKI, NEILSON, SCOTT, O'MARA, JOZWIAK, GAYDOS, PROBST, KAZEEM, KINSEY, MARCELL and BURGOS

A Resolution designating the month of November 2023 as "Diabetes Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 5, 2023.

No. 142 By Representatives MIHALEK, MARSHALL, WARNER, R. MACKENZIE, PICKETT, GUENST, KAUFFMAN and M. BROWN

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to expeditiously advance rail safety improvements legislation.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, June 5, 2023.

No. 420 By Representatives RABB, BURGOS, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, KENYATTA, MADDEN, McNEILL, PARKER, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, KINSEY, WAXMAN, DELLOSO, PROBST, KHAN, FLEMING and CERRATO

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States, President of the United States, Attorney General of the United States, Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Health and Human Services to remove cannabis as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 30, 2023.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 984 By Representatives RABB, KENYATTA, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, PARKER, FLEMING, KRAJEWSKI and GREEN

An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for protections for patients and caregivers.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 31, 2023.

No. 1003 By Representatives RABB, SANCHEZ, GUENST, HOHENSTEIN, OTTEN, ISAACSON, PIELLI and WAXMAN

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in development, further providing for well reporting requirements.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 31, 2023.

No. 1253 By Representatives BOYLE, KHAN, ISAACSON, KENYATTA, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, VENKAT, BELLMON, HILL-EVANS, GALLOWAY, HOHENSTEIN, NEILSON and CIRESI

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for minimum wages; and repealing provisions relating to preemption.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, May 24, 2023.

No. 1254 By Representatives GROVE, GREINER, STAATS, JOZWIAK, ZIMMERMAN, KEEFER, PICKETT, MOUL, ROWE and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for internal auditing; and imposing duties on the Auditor General.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 24, 2023.

No. 1255 By Representatives GROVE, MOUL and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for behavioral health and physical health services integration.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, May 24, 2023.

No. 1256 By Representatives MAJOR and SMITH

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations relating to liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for applications for hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses, for issuance, transfer or extension of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses, for license fees,

for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensees and for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses.

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, May 24, 2023.

No. 1257 By Representatives KINSEY, KHAN, MADDEN, PROBST, SANCHEZ, KAZEEM, HILL-EVANS, INNAMORATO and O'MARA

An Act providing for middle-income, low-income and very-low-income housing units in new residential development projects.

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, May 24, 2023.

No. 1258 By Representatives KINSEY, COOPER, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, HILL-EVANS, CIRESI, KAZEEM and KUZMA

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for calculation of average daily membership for a dual credit course.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 24, 2023.

No. 1259 By Representatives T. DAVIS, SHUSTERMAN, BURGOS, MADDEN, McNEILL, KAZEEM, SIEGEL, GALLAGHER, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, ZABEL, SANCHEZ, PROBST, VENKAT, HOHENSTEIN, BOROWSKI, GUENST, CIRESI, KINKEAD, STURLA, OTTEN, MERSKI, CEPHAS, D. WILLIAMS, ZIMMERMAN, HOWARD, O'MARA, MALAGARI, CONKLIN, KRAJEWSKI, KINSEY, RABB, ROZZI, HANBIDGE, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, ABNEY, TAKAC, CERRATO, GREEN, DONAHUE, FREEMAN, WARREN, TOMLINSON, HOGAN, KRUEGER, WEBSTER, DALEY and SAMUELSON

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income; and, in Pennsylvania Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit Program, further providing for credit for child and dependent care employment-related expenses.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, May 24, 2023.

No. 1260 By Representatives CONKLIN, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS and GREEN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in safe schools, providing for school safety blueprint requirement.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 24, 2023.

No. 1261 By Representatives B. MILLER, BONNER, COOK, SCHLEGEL CULVER, D'ORSIE, DIAMOND, ECKER, EMRICK, FEE, FREEMAN, FRITZ, GAYDOS, GILLEN, GLEIM, GREINER, HAMM, IRVIN, JAMES, M. JONES, T. JONES, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, KLUNK,

LEADBETER, R. MACKENZIE, MENTZER, MOUL, OWLETT, PICKETT, RADER, RAPP, ROAE, ROWE, SCHEMEL, SCHLEGEL, SCHMITT, SCIALABBA, SMITH, SOLOMON, STAATS, STAMBAUGH, TWARDZIK, WARNER and ZIMMERMAN

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

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 31, 2023.

No. 1262 By Representatives FREEMAN, GLEIM, MALAGARI, SAMUELSON, MADDEN, VITALI, SANCHEZ, KINSEY, BURGOS, TOPPER, HILL-EVANS, FLEMING, CERRATO, FINK, MARCELL and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for supplemental mathematics program for grades kindergarten through five.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 24, 2023.

No. 1263 By Representatives KEEFER, HAMM, MALONEY, IRVIN, LEADBETER, HEFFLEY, ROWE, KAUFFMAN, STEHR, STAATS, MOUL, PICKETT, WARNER, GLEIM, ZIMMERMAN, T. JONES and FINK

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in conduct of elections, providing for voting system audits.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 30, 2023.

No. 1264 By Representatives KEEFER, STAMBAUGH, HAMM, MALONEY, IRVIN, LEADBETER, ROWE, R. MACKENZIE, KAUFFMAN, STEHR, STAATS, MOUL, PICKETT, WARNER, GLEIM, ZIMMERMAN, T. JONES, FINK and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in conduct of elections, providing for voting system performance audit.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 30, 2023.

No. 1266 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, ARMANINI, HAMM, JAMES, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, MOUL, PICKETT, RADER, ROSSI, ROWE, SMITH and STEHR

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in governance of the system, further providing for costs; in budget and finance, further providing for Commonwealth portion of fines, etc; in facilities and supplies, further providing for deposits into account and for surcharge; and making a repeal.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 30, 2023.

No. 1267 By Representatives GALLAGHER, GREINER, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, BRENNAN, SANCHEZ, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, WEBSTER, PARKER, BIZZARRO, NEILSON, WARREN and GUZMAN

An Act amending the act of April 3, 1992 (P.L.28, No.11), known as the Tuition Account Programs and College Savings Bond Act, in tuition account program, further providing for declaration of policy, for definitions, for Tuition Account Programs Bureau, for powers of department, for Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program, for Tuition Account Investment Program, for general provisions governing both tuition account programs and for Federal taxation; establishing the Keystone Scholars Grant Program and the Keystone Scholars Grant Program Account; and making a repeal.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, May 30, 2023.

No. 1268 By Representatives WARNER, SMITH, TOPPER, STAMBAUGH, JAMES, HAMM, ROWE, STEHR, ECKER, MERSKI, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, KEPHART, DELOZIER and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing for games of chance operations.

Referred to Committee on GAMING OVERSIGHT, May 30, 2023.

No. 1269 By Representatives GLEIM, MERCURI, ZIMMERMAN, HAMM, M. MACKENZIE, RAPP, R. MACKENZIE, KAUFFMAN, ROSSI, KRUPA, KEEFER, FINK, ROAE, STAMBAUGH, TOPPER, SCHEUREN and SCIALABBA

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, prohibiting the integration of culturally relevant and sustaining education into education preparation, induction and continuing professional development programs; and abrogating regulations.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 31, 2023.

No. 1270 By Representatives SOLOMON, R. MACKENZIE, MADDEN, M. MACKENZIE, MOUL, CERRATO and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in nomination of candidates, further providing for casting of lots for position of names upon the primary ballots or ballot labels and notice to candidates; in ballots, further providing for form of official election ballot and providing for order of candidates on the ballot; and, in Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, providing for ballot order randomization study.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 31, 2023.

No. 1271 By Representatives PIELLI, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN, KHAN, MADDEN, BOROWSKI, WEBSTER, SANCHEZ, CERRATO, HOWARD, HOHENSTEIN, WARREN, NEILSON, SHUSTERMAN, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, SIEGEL, TAKAC, KAZEEM, KRAJEWSKI and MAYES

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in district election officers, further providing for oath of judge of election, for oaths of inspectors of

election, for oaths of clerks of election and for oath of machine inspectors.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 31, 2023.

No. 1272 By Representatives SAPPEY, INNAMORATO, FIEDLER, FLEMING, FREEMAN, GUENST, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, KHAN, KRAJEWSKI, MADDEN, MADSEN, RABB, SALISBURY, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, SCOTT, SHUSTERMAN, VENKAT, M. MACKENZIE, DELLOSO and CERRATO

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for alternative special tax provisions for poverty.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, May 31, 2023.

No. 1273 By Representatives PIELLI, MADDEN, PROBST, SAMUELSON, KINKEAD, SCHLOSSBERG, STURLA, CIRESI, KHAN, VITALI, HOHENSTEIN, BOROWSKI and KAZEEM

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, repealing provisions relating to expiration; imposing a natural gas tax; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 31, 2023.

No. 1274 By Representatives HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, MAYES, CERRATO, KRAJEWSKI, KHAN, SCHWEYER, HOHENSTEIN, HOWARD and CEPEDA-FREYITZ

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for Indoor Mold Program; and, in general provisions relating to residential real property, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, May 31, 2023.

No. 1275 By Representatives WEBSTER, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, SAPPEY, SANCHEZ, BURGOS, CIRESI and VITALI

An Act providing for protection of existing riparian buffers, for restoration of impaired riparian buffers, for exemptions, for municipal authority, for powers and duties of Department of Environmental Protection, for property inspections, for delegation to a municipality, for municipal action appeals, for penalties, civil action and liability for costs and for effect on other Commonwealth laws or regulations and municipal ordinances.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 31, 2023.

No. 1276 By Representatives GROVE, GREINER, R. MACKENZIE, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, STAMBAUGH, JAMES, CIRESI, KEEFER, ECKER, FLICK, MOUL, ROWE, GLEIM and STRUZZI

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for unspent appropriations.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 31, 2023.

No. 1277 By Representatives GROVE, GREINER, KAUFFMAN, STAMBAUGH, ZIMMERMAN, B. MILLER, FLICK, MOUL, ROWE and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for Federal funds oversight.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 31, 2023.

No. 1278 By Representatives PIELLI, BRIGGS, MADDEN, DELLOSO, SANCHEZ and SCOTT

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for definitions and for expiration of chapter.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 30, 2023.

No. 1279 By Representative PROBST

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fireworks, further providing for definitions, for use of display fireworks and for use of consumer fireworks and repealing provisions relating to rules and regulations by municipality, to sales locations, to fees, granting of licenses and inspections, to refusal, suspension or revocation of license, to conditions for facilities, to consumer fireworks tax and to disposition of certain funds.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 31, 2023.

No. 1280 By Representatives BRIGGS, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, BRENNAN, VENKAT, DELLOSO, ROZZI, BOROWSKI, SANCHEZ, NEILSON and JAMES

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, May 31, 2023.

No. 1281 By Representatives ROSSI, CAUSER, JAMES, KINSEY, HADDOCK, BERNSTINE, STAATS, KAUFFMAN, SMITH, IRVIN and NEILSON

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 36247, carrying Pennsylvania Route 711 over Loyalhanna Creek in Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, as the Sergeant Alvin P. Carey and Private John C. Ewing Medal of Honor Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 31, 2023.

No. 1282 By Representatives VITALI, HILL-EVANS, PIELLI, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, KHAN, MARSHALL, WAXMAN, INNAMORATO and STEELE

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in Computer Data Center Equipment Incentive Program, further providing for definitions and for sales and use tax exemption.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 31, 2023.

No. 1283 By Representatives DALEY, NEILSON and INNAMORATO

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

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 31, 2023.

No. 1284 By Representatives NEILSON, BULLOCK, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, McNEILL, SANCHEZ, SOLOMON, FIEDLER and PARKER

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school bus, for enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights, for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and for pilot program for automated speed enforcement system on designated highway and providing for pilot program for automated speed enforcement systems in designated school zones.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 31, 2023.

No. 1285 By Representatives O'NEAL, RIGBY, HILL-EVANS, STRUZZI, STAATS, BURGOS, ORTITAY, NEILSON, DEASY, FREEMAN, ROWE, MOUL, GILLEN and WARNER

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Keys 34474 and 34477, carrying Interstate 70 over Pennsylvania Route 18, on the border of Washington City and Canton Township, Washington County, as the Corporal Frank Sworden Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 31, 2023.

No. 1286 By Representatives MERSKI, BULLOCK, SCHLOSSBERG, PIELLI, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, HARKINS, STEELE, SANCHEZ, KHAN, CERRATO, KEEFER, WARREN, INNAMORATO, N. NELSON, SHUSTERMAN, DELLOSO, WAXMAN and CEPEDA-FREYTIZ

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for shared table school nutrition initiative.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 1, 2023.

No. 1287 By Representatives KIM, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS, FREEMAN, MADDEN, WEBSTER, SAMUELSON, DELLOSO, SOLOMON, D. WILLIAMS, HOHENSTEIN, KHAN, WARREN, SANCHEZ, BRENNAN, GUENST, BELLMON, MALAGARI, HOWARD, SCOTT, NEILSON, O'MARA and STURLA

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions and for minimum wages.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 1, 2023.

No. 1288 By Representatives GROVE, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, JAMES, FLICK, ROWE and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for Federal maintenance of effort restrictions and for ending maintenance of effort restrictions related to COVID-19 public health emergency.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, June 1, 2023.

No. 1289 By Representatives FLEMING, N. NELSON, VENKAT, MADDEN, PROBST, RABB, BURGOS, SMITH-WADE-EL, McANDREW, SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, WARREN, HILL-EVANS, FREEMAN, PARKER, MALAGARI, KRAJEWSKI, KINSEY and CERRATO

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in residential real property, providing for discharging discriminatory real estate covenants; and establishing the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Discharge Reimbursement Fund.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 1, 2023.

No. 1291 By Representatives O'MARA, MADDEN, DELLOSO, HOHENSTEIN, McNEILL, ISAACSON, CERRATO, CIRESI, FLEMING, DEASY, D. WILLIAMS, WAXMAN, BRENNAN, SCHWEYER, KHAN, SAPPEY and SHUSTERMAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 1, 2023.

No. 1292 By Representatives O'MARA, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, ISAACSON, VITALI, KRAJEWSKI, CIRESI, FREEMAN, OTTEN, KHAN, KINSEY and GUENST

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in oil and gas wells, further providing for definitions and for Oil and Gas Lease Fund and providing for Public Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 1, 2023.

No. 1293 By Representatives O'MARA, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, M. MACKENZIE, ISAACSON, HILL-EVANS, PASHINSKI, FIEDLER, HARKINS, FLEMING, DEASY, FREEMAN, MARSHALL, DELLOSO, KAZEEM, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, TAKAC and HANBIDGE

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in safe schools, further providing for policy relating to bullying.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 1, 2023.

No. 1294 By Representatives SMITH-WADE-EL, KHAN, SIEGEL, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, T. DAVIS, KENYATTA, KINSEY, KAZEEM, STEELE, KRAJEWSKI, PARKER, HOWARD, HOHENSTEIN, FIEDLER, INNAMORATO, CONKLIN, SAMUELSON, TAKAC, GREEN and FLEMING

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Commonwealth Housing Council; and providing for duties of council.

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, June 1, 2023.

No. 1295 By Representatives MULLINS, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, NEILSON and CERRATO

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for hearing examiners.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 1, 2023.

No. 1296 By Representatives A. BROWN, BRENNAN, ROZZI, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS and DELLOSO

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other officers and officials, providing for law enforcement practices and policy; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Attorney General.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 2, 2023.

No. 1297 By Representatives A. BROWN, BRENNAN, ROZZI, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS and DELLOSO

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for ballistic armor requirements for law enforcement officers.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 2, 2023.

No. 1298 By Representatives A. BROWN, BRENNAN, ROZZI, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS and DELLOSO

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for licenses and for sale or transfer of firearms; and, in public safety, establishing the Shot Tracking Technology Grant Program and the Shot Tracking Technology Grant Program Fund and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 2, 2023.

No. 1299 By Representatives A. BROWN, ROZZI, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS and DELLOSO

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in recordings by law enforcement officers, further providing for audio recording or video recording policies.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 2, 2023.

No. 1300 By Representatives MEHAFFIE, KIM, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, SCHLOSSBERG, DELLOSO, GUENST, CIRESI and SANCHEZ

An Act amending the act of November 24, 2015 (P.L.232, No.64), known as the Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council Act, further providing for Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, May 30, 2023.

No. 1301 By Representatives ZIMMERMAN, ROSSI, GREINER, PICKETT, MOUL, GILLEN and HAMM

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in local taxes, further providing for delegation of taxing powers and restrictions thereon.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 2, 2023.

No. 1302 By Representatives SIEGEL, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, MALAGARI, KAZEEM, KINKEAD, SCHWEYER, SANCHEZ, PROBST, KHAN, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ and HOHENSTEIN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for the offense of carrying a firearm in the Capitol.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, June 5, 2023.

No. 1303 By Representatives SIEGEL, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, KAZEEM, SCHWEYER and SANCHEZ

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

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 5, 2023.

No. 1304 By Representatives SOLOMON, MADDEN, WEBSTER, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS and GUENST

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication services, further providing for uniform 911 surcharge and for termination.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 2, 2023.

No. 1305 By Representatives KINSEY, MADDEN, SCHLOSSBERG, DELLOSO, SOLOMON, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, O'MARA, BURGOS, T. DAVIS, INNAMORATO, HOWARD, KHAN, PARKER, SCOTT, GREEN, D. WILLIAMS and SHUSTERMAN

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, providing for behavioral health crisis intervention; and establishing the 988 Fund.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, June 2, 2023.

No. 1306 By Representatives SCHEUREN and CONKLIN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for school vehicle driver tax credit; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, June 5, 2023.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair wants to make sure Representative Stender's guests are acknowledged. Members of the Americus Hose Company and the Harrisburg Fire Bureau were present. We thank them for being here and we appreciate their service.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House stands in recess until 3:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:45 p.m.; further extended until 4 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who indicates there are none.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who indicates there are none.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—203

Abney	Flick	Krupa	Rapp
Adams	Flood	Kulik	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Kutz	Roe
Banta	Freeman	Kuzma	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Labs	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Leadbeter	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mackenzie, M.	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Madden	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Madsen	Sappay
Borowicz	Giral	Major	Schemel

Borowski	Gleim	Mako	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Malagari	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Maloney	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marcell	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Markosek	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Marshall	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	Matzie	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	Mayes	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	McAndrew	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	McNeill	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Mentzer	Solomon
Cabell	Heffley	Mercuri	Staats
Causar	Hogan	Merski	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Metzgar	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Mihalek	Stehr
Ciresi	Innamorato	Miller, B.	Stender
Conklin	Irvin	Miller, D.	Struzzi
Cook	Isaacson	Moul	Sturla
Cooper	James	Mullins	Takac
Curry	Jones, M.	Munroe	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mustello	Topper
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Neilson	Twardzik
Daley	Kail	Nelson, E.	Venkat
Davanzo	Kaufner	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Davis	Kauffman	O'Mara	Warner
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Neal	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Watro
Delloso	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Waxman
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Diamond	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Donahue	Khan	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kinthead	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kinsey	Pielli	Young
Evans	Klunk	Pisciottano	Zimmerman
Fee	Kosierowski	Probst	
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Krueger	Rader	Speaker
Fleming			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the gallery, the Chair is pleased to acknowledge members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Brittany Forman Gibbs is here. She and I attend the same church. Would all the members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs please stand, and hopefully, some of my colleagues from Yeadon Borough are up there. Welcome to the floor of the House. We are so glad to have you.

ACTUARIAL NOTE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of an actuarial note for amendment A00551 to HB 298, PN 254, from the Independent Fiscal Office.

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

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1309 By Representatives SHUSTERMAN, MADDEN, BURGOS, KHAN, SANCHEZ, MALAGARI, HILL-EVANS, PARKER and SCHWEYER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Pennsylvania student journalism protection; and abrogating regulations.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 5, 2023.

No. 1310 By Representatives N. NELSON, ORTITAY, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ, SCOTT, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, KIM and CERRATO

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, providing for educator data collection and reporting; and making an editorial change.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 5, 2023.

No. 1311 By Representatives CIRESI, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, HANBIDGE, MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, DELLOSO, PROBST, ROZZI, T. DAVIS, CERRATO, O'MARA, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, OTTEN, ISAACSON, KINSEY, SIEGEL, KAZEEM, GERGELY, KRAJEWSKI, GIRAL, WEBSTER, PASHINSKI, HARKINS, FRIEL, HOWARD, GUENST, SHUSTERMAN and GREEN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for Level-Up Supplement for 2022-2023 school year.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 5, 2023.

No. 1312 By Representatives CERRATO, MADDEN, PROBST, SANCHEZ, MALAGARI, CONKLIN and BRENNAN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, providing for free application for Federal student aid and graduation requirements.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, June 5, 2023.

No. 1313 By Representatives HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, GUENST, BOROWSKI and FLEMING

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in local organizations and services, providing for public meetings during emergencies.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 5, 2023.

No. 1314 By Representatives HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, KRAJEWSKI, SCHLOSSBERG, O'MARA and CERRATO

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

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, June 5, 2023.

No. 1315 By Representatives HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, KRAJEWSKI, SCHLOSSBERG, O'MARA and CERRATO

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 Health and its departmental administrative and advisory boards, providing for pelvic floor dysfunction education.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 5, 2023.

No. 1316 By Representatives INNAMORATO, KHAN, TWARDZIK, MAJOR, KUTZ, MADDEN, SIEGEL, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, BENHAM, GUENST, CERRATO, DELLOSO, KRAJEWSKI, SANCHEZ, T. DAVIS, SMITH-WADE-EL, GERGELY, A. BROWN, STEELE and PARKER

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

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, June 5, 2023.

No. 1317 By Representatives STRUZZI and CEPEDA-FREYITZ

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in diverse and disadvantaged businesses, further providing for definitions and for woman-owned business, minority-owned business or veteran-owned business and establishing the HUB Zone Business Procurement Program.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 5, 2023.

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

HB 1184, PN 1246

By Rep. KIM

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in pharmaceutical assistance for the elderly, further providing for determination of eligibility.

AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

HB 1283, PN 1399

By Rep. NEILSON

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

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 1300, PN 1446 (Amended)

By Rep. KIM

An Act amending the act of November 24, 2015 (P.L.232, No.64), known as the Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council Act, further providing for Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council.

AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

SB 115, PN 41 By Rep. NEILSON

An Act amending the act of July 7, 2008 (P.L.654, No.55), known as the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act, in diesel-powered equipment, further providing for schedule of maintenance.

TRANSPORTATION.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

HR 32, PN 272 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the current utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments and voting machines to determine the best course of action in order to minimize the time investment required to vote and ensure that the average time required to vote does not promote inequities based on geography, economic status, race, gender or other relevant factors.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 34, PN 274 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to make Patriots' Day a Federal holiday.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 41, PN 602 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Concurrent Resolution establishing the Pennsylvania State Song Commission to study the history of the State song of the Commonwealth, solicit submissions for a new State song and recommend changes to the State song.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 47, PN 666 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on voting patterns and knowledge about voting rights among formerly incarcerated qualified electors in Pennsylvania and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 64, PN 790 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 16 through 22, 2023, as "National Volunteer Week" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 69, PN 870 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution reaffirming support for the Good Friday agreement and subsequent agreements that assert the primacy of diplomacy, democracy and the rule of law over conflict, threat and rule breaking and urging the General Assembly to reaffirm the support for these agreements.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 75, PN 1444 (Amended) By Rep. CONKLIN

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the month of December 2023 as "National Giving Month" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 77, PN 946 By Rep. KIM

A Resolution designating the month of June 2023 as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

HR 95, PN 1088 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2023 as "Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 100, PN 1147 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution recognizing and honoring the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for more than a century of commitment to social activism, academic excellence and civic engagement in this Commonwealth on the occasion of "Delta Day" at the State Capitol.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 110, PN 1445 (Amended) By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study and make recommendations on implementing location-based pay for State government employees.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 114, PN 1263 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution recognizing the month of June 2023 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

HR 133, PN 1414 By Rep. CONKLIN

A Resolution designating June 10, 2023, as "Delco Day" in Pennsylvania.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 479, PN 1092 By Rep. HARRIS

Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance, providing for ambulance transportation services.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 611, PN 1434 (Amended) By Rep. HARRIS

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and

remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Legislative Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and making a repeal.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 689, PN 1360

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for definitions, for general regulations, for petition for limited access, for clean slate limited access, for exceptions, for effects of expunged records and records subject to limited access and for employer immunity from liability.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1028, PN 1361

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, providing for prohibition on blocking of crossings, for limitation on length of freight or work trains, for authorization to monitor safety practices and operations by collective bargaining representatives, for safe staffing levels for trains or light engines, for wayside detector systems, for study of transportation of hazardous materials or waste and for reporting system for transportation of hazardous materials or waste; and imposing penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1031, PN 1047

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act designating the boat access located on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Representative Garth Everett Muncy Access Area.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1097, PN 1288

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1100, PN 1362

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in State Funds Formula, further providing for certification and calculation of minimum and maximum modifiers; in tax relief in cities of the first class, further providing for supplemental senior citizen tax reduction; and, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax and rent rebate and for filing of claim.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. SCHEMEL called up **HR 99, PN 1119**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 7 through 13, 2023, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Abney	Flick	Krupa	Rapp
Adams	Flood	Kulik	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Kutz	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Kuzma	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Labs	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Leadbeter	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mackenzie, M.	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Madden	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Madsen	Sappey
Borowicz	Giral	Major	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Mako	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Malagari	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Maloney	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marcell	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Markosek	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Marshall	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	Matzie	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	Mayes	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	McAndrew	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	McNeill	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Mentzer	Solomon
Cabell	Heffley	Mercuri	Staats
Causer	Hogan	Merski	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Metzgar	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Mihalek	Stehr
Ciresi	Innamorato	Miller, B.	Stender
Conklin	Irvin	Miller, D.	Struzzi
Cook	Isaacson	Moul	Sturla
Cooper	James	Mullins	Takac
Curry	Jones, M.	Munroe	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mustello	Topper
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Neilson	Twardzik
Daley	Kail	Nelson, E.	Venkat
Davanzo	Kaufner	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Davis	Kauffman	O'Mara	Warner
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Neal	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Watro
Delloso	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Waxman
Delozier	Kephart	Otten	Webster
Diamond	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Donahue	Khan	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kinthead	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kinsey	Pielli	Young
Evans	Klunk	Pisciottano	Zimmerman
Fee	Kosierowski	Probst	
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Fleming	Krueger	Rader	Speaker

NAYS—1

Fink

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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Mr. D. MILLER called up **HR 60, PN 785**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 5 through 9, 2023, as "Union Organizing Week" in Pennsylvania, in honor of those workers who have fought for their right to organize and bargain collectively at their workplace.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. **MACKENZIE** offered the following amendment
No. **A00670**:

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 6, by striking out "must be" and inserting
is

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 8, by inserting after
"collectively"
often

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "unionize"
and participate in union activity

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 14, by inserting after
"Employers"
may

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 17, by inserting after
"workforces"
may

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 7, by striking out "help reduce"
and inserting
can play a role in reducing

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 9, by striking out "often" and inserting
sometimes

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 10 and 11, by striking out
"captive audience meetings and other"

Amend Resolution, page 2, by inserting between lines 11 and 12
WHEREAS, Employers and unions should work together to provide the best outcome for the mutual success and sustainability of the business and workers; and

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 15, by striking out "therefore be it" and inserting
and

WHEREAS, The hardworking men and women of this Commonwealth who have united to form unions have displayed immense courage and dedication in advocating for their fellow employees, promoting a sense of solidarity and amplifying the voices of workers who seek fair treatment; and

WHEREAS, We should recognize the negotiators who tirelessly advocate for the rights and well-being of union members, ensuring the fair and respectful treatment of every worker that they represent; and

WHEREAS, Workers contribute their skills, dedication and hard work across this Commonwealth, through their commitment, resilience and passion, which has been a driving force behind the growth and prosperity of this Commonwealth, with the goal of creating a thriving economy, flourishing communities and improving the lives and well-being of every individual in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 22, by striking out "struggle" and inserting
efforts

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

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

Mr. **MACKENZIE**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

While I appreciate the sentiment that is shared in HR 60 to recognize the hardworking men and women who are in unions all across the Commonwealth, there are a couple of main problems with this resolution.

The first is that this resolution is trying to advance policy. That is not something that we normally do in a resolution. A resolution is to recognize an individual or a group of individuals, to recognize certain days or months. This one tries to advance policy, and the way that it does that is in a particular section of the resolution, it speaks to "unfair labor practices." We know that there are unfair labor practices that go on across this Commonwealth. Those things are already declared to be illegal, and when a business is involved in an unfair labor practice, we should make sure that they are punished sufficiently for that in accordance with the law. Having "captive audience meetings" is not one of those unfair labor practices. That is included in the language of this bill by saying unfair labor practices, captive audience meetings included, and other unfair labor practices. Those two things are not grouped together anywhere in law, and so, again, this is trying to change that practice.

So with the amendment that is being offered, we correct that. We correct a number of other instances where they make absolute statements in this resolution that, for instance, the mere process of collective bargaining and negotiating will lead to certain outcomes that will benefit workers. That is not in fact the case. Those things may lead to better outcomes, but the way that we get to those better outcomes is because of the people that are involved in those processes, not just the mere fact that those processes exist. They are sufficient to get an outcome that could be beneficial, but it is not guaranteed that they are sufficient to that outcome without the people that are involved in that process. And so my amendment also highlights the work of the individuals in those unions who do the negotiating, who do the hard work every single day. Without this amendment, we are not recognizing those individuals, we are merely talking about processes.

So I would encourage an adoption of this amendment so that we can clean up those policy statements that are trying to be advanced in a resolution. We can recognize the hard work of the men and women in these unions that actually lead to better wages, lead to better safety conditions. All of those things are because of the people, not just merely the process, and this resolution without the amendment does not recognize the people, and that is who we should be here for are the Pennsylvania workers, the American workers.

So I would encourage adoption of this amendment to clean up all these things in this resolution and actually make it something that I think we would get a lot of bipartisan support for.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

The Chair recognizes, on that question, Representative Dan Miller.

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

And I appreciate the gentleman's thoughts twice now referenced into this resolution. I was glad to note that I believe he was saying that he considered captive audience meetings to be illegal. I will accept that.

The issue, though, of course is to me one of concern when we draw a distinction. The reality of it is that more captive audience meetings are in their design and nature the home of unfair labor practices. That is where they live and breed; that is where they breathe.

So in relation to – I think the distinction the good gentleman is seeking to make, I reject that. And in relation to I think some difference in between the people in the union. There is no difference between the people in the union. The workers are the same if we are talking about the same group of people. So for that regard, in relation to how best to support the workers, how best to encourage people to look to organize, how best for the workers to know their rights on how to organize, how to collectively bargain, I would ask that we vote "no" on the gentleman's amendment to the resolution today.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—93

Adams	Flood	Kutz	Rapp
Armanini	Fritz	Kuzma	Rigby
Banta	Gaydos	Lawrence	Roae
Barton	Gillen	Leadbeter	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Bonner	Greiner	Major	Schemel
Borowicz	Grove	Mako	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Hamm	Maloney	Schlegel
Cabell	Heffley	Mentzer	Schmitt
Causer	Irvin	Mercuri	Scialabba
Cook	James	Metzgar	Smith
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mihalek	Staats
Cutler	Jones, T.	Miller, B.	Stambaugh
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Moul	Stehr
Davanzo	Kail	Mustello	Stender
Delozier	Kaufner	Nelson, E.	Struzzi
Diamond	Kauffman	O'Neal	Topper
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Emrick	Kerwin	Owlett	Watro
Fee	Klunk	Pickett	Wentling
Fink	Krupa	Rader	Zimmerman
Flick			

NAYS—110

Abney	Fleming	Krueger	Rozzi
Bellmon	Frankel	Kulik	Salisbury
Benham	Freeman	Labs	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Friel	Madden	Sanchez
Borowski	Gallagher	Madsen	Sappey
Boyd	Galloway	Malagari	Schlossberg
Boyle	Gergely	Marcell	Schweyer
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Curry	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Waxman
Daley	Kazeem	O'Mara	Webster
Davis	Kenyatta	Otten	White
Dawkins	Khan	Parker	Williams, C.
Deasy	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, D.
Delloso	Kinhead	Pielli	Young
Donahue	Kinsey	Pisciottano	
Evans	Kosierowski	Probst	McClinton,
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

Mr. DAVANZO offered the following amendment
No. A00611:

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 9 through 11, by striking out all of said lines and inserting
WHEREAS, Workers seeking the pay and benefits that come with a union job face numerous obstacles, including the ability of union employers to obtain necessary government permits to open new factories to employ more union workers; and
WHEREAS, In April 2021, United States Steel scrapped plans for a \$1 billion upgrade to its steel plant in Braddock, citing lack of support from local leaders and a two-year delay in obtaining air permits from the Allegheny County Health Department; and
WHEREAS, At the time, the Allegheny County Health Department was under the leadership of Dr. Debra Bogen; and
WHEREAS, John Fetterman, who was Lieutenant Governor at the time, called the loss of the \$1 billion investment "absolutely devastating," saying "We had the opportunity to make some of the greenest steel in the world right here in Braddock and secure the future of thousands of good paying union jobs. I will never understand why I was one of the only elected officials who pushed for this major project proactively and enthusiastically, while so many others turned their back on the working men and women of the Steelworkers and Building Trades in Allegheny County"; and
WHEREAS, Workers desiring to join a union often must overcome employer interference in their unionization decision in the form of captive audience meetings and other unfair labor practices; and

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Davanzo.

Mr. DAVANZO. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, the right to join a labor union is a sacred American value and one that we should defend. As a proud member of Carpenters Local 432, I will be a "yes" on this resolution, which honors the workers who came together to organize for better pay and better working conditions.

As it states in the resolution, that workers sometimes have to overcome employer interference when trying to form a union, I agree. It is a truth that some employers deny, impede, and stall efforts to unionize, but that is not the only challenge we have here in the Commonwealth.

Union workers cannot work if the mill is never built, and that is exactly what happened right here in this Commonwealth. In the Mon Valley, U.S. Steel committed over \$1.6 billion to a state-of-the-art steel plant in Braddock that would have over 1,000 union workers for generations to come. Madam Speaker, let me repeat that: \$1.6 billion in this Commonwealth for a state-of-the-art plant in Braddock, more than 1,000 union jobs for generations to come. But, Madam Speaker, the plant was never built in Pennsylvania because of poor policy and years of stalling by government bullies; in particular, the Allegheny County Health Department. Permits were never issued and that new steel plant, as a result, Madam Speaker, U.S. Steel canceled the project and instead they went to Arkansas. Arkansas, Madam Speaker, that is where this project went and took production of 3 million tons of steel per year and more than 1,000 union employees making more than \$100,000 a year. Adding insult to injury, Madam Speaker, the Governor of Arkansas and the president of U.S. Steel said that they would build this plant before we could ever get the permits in Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, talk is cheap. It is really hard for me to hear all the talk about being pro-union when all I see are things like this: stalling and delaying, government standing in the way of building the most state-of-the-art steel mill in the world right here in this Commonwealth, watching our jobs go to Arkansas.

Actions speak louder than words, and I will vote "yes" to send a message to our union workers that we see what is going on, we hear you, and we stand with you.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GERMANENESS QUESTIONED

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, Representative Dan Miller.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I rise to make a motion.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his motion.

Mr. D. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I make a motion that amendment 00611 is not germane to HR 60.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Miller, has raised the question of whether amendment A00611 is germane. Under House rule 27, questions involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall be decided by the House.

On the question,

Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the motion, Representative Dan Miller.

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

House rule 27 requires a proposed amendment to be germane to the subject of the bill or the resolution. According to section 402 of Mason's Manual, the question of whether an amendment is germane is determined by "...whether the amendment is relevant, appropriate, and in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter..." of the underlying bill or resolution. The subject

of HR 60 is a designation of "Union Organizing Week" in Pennsylvania to honor "...those workers who have fought for their right to organize and bargain collectively at their workplace." The subject of amendment A611 is an ideological viewpoint of a specific project and the government permitting process. Therefore, amendment A611 is not relevant, appropriate, and in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of HR 60, honoring workers who have fought for that right to organize and to collectively bargain here in Pennsylvania. And as such, Madam Speaker, amendment A611 is not germane to the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, Representative Davanzo.

Mr. DAVANZO. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Amendment 611 is germane because, in similar fashion, it recognizes the challenges faced by unionized workers. And on line 27 of HR 60, it simply states: "...while maintaining the workplace reputation for producing high quality products and services in this Commonwealth," and that is exactly what we are talking about – a \$1.6 billion investment leaving this Commonwealth and going to Arkansas. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the minority leader, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I think it is clear that union jobs are in fact union jobs. The resolution deals with the challenges facing union organization, and respectfully, it does not matter if those challenges come from the employer, the employees, or government red tape, we should recognize their efforts. This was a monumental project that was relocated to another State because of those challenges. It is absolutely germane, and I urge support of the underlying amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Those who believe the amendment is germane will vote "aye"; those who believe the amendment is not germane will vote "no."

On the question recurring,

Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
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D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kaufner	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kauffman	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Kephart	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kerwin	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortity	Watro

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NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Rabb
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Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Madden	Sappey
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
Bradford	Galloway	Malagari	Schweyer
Brennan	Gergely	Markosek	Scott
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Davis	Kazeem	Parker	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinthead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was declared not germane.

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

Mr. **STRUZZI** offered the following amendment
No. **A00677**:

Amend Resolution, page 2, by inserting between lines 8 and 9
WHEREAS, Unions work to oppose policies that they believe will eliminate the jobs of Pennsylvanians, such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which is projected to eliminate thousands of jobs in this Commonwealth, including many union jobs; and

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

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

Mr. **STRUZZI**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to ask for your support for amendment 677 on HR 60. So we have before us a resolution supporting union jobs, supporting union workers, and I think that is great. But my question is, where have you been? For the past 4 years our caucus has been fighting to protect union jobs, to protect union workers by opposing the job-killing Regional Greenhouse

Gas Initiative energy tax. Where have you been? Where were you when the trade unions – the Boilermakers, the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) – asked for your support on the bills that we ran to make RGGI part of the legislative process? Where were you when they asked for your support? Nowhere to be found.

Where were you when the Cheswick power plant closed last year, sacrificing hundreds of union jobs? Where were you? Nowhere to be found.

Where were you earlier this year when my Homer City Generating plant threatened to shut down? Nowhere to be found. No one raised your voices in support of those union jobs – trade union jobs, good-paying trade union jobs. And guess what? Homer City Generating Station is shutting down this year. Layoffs are starting in July. It will be closed and shuttered in October. Where were you in support of those union jobs?

So I ask you as we move this resolution forward to support amendment 677 that will at least protect future jobs by not allowing policy that kills union jobs to move forward. Please support 677 and support future union jobs – all union jobs, including the trades. Thank you.

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, Representative Dan Miller.

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

You know, I am trying to find the comments here when it comes to where are you? Where are you? You know, it is, it is interesting I think where, perhaps, one love of the petrochemical industry somehow masquerades as support of unions across the State. The reality of it is, our caucus is where it has always been, which is with working people, which is with the right to unionize and the right to collectively bargain. That is what this resolution is. It is not somebody's pipe dream sort of payoff to go back to be like, hey, look, I remember that somehow, somewhere I supported a union that is right by my street, and somehow, because I support one local or one union, that that masquerades as support for the union movement. It does not. We know it; they know it.

You are arguing for a resolution that nobody asked you to do, but you think because – some may think because they have one local, one union to which they will come up and say, "Look what I am doing," that everybody does not see it for what it is, which is an attempt to obfuscate, an attempt to divide the union movement from what it is. No matter what trade you are in, no matter what public- or private-sector union you are – you know it, they know it, we know it – organizing is the lifeblood of every union. Every union signs up for this. Every union signs up for this. They all want to be able to be sure that their workers know their right to organize and use their right to organize and collectively bargain.

GERMANENESS QUESTIONED

Mr. D. **MILLER**. This is not germane.

Madam Speaker, I rise to make a motion.

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman will state his motion.

Mr. D. **MILLER**. Madam Speaker, I make a motion that amendment A00677 is not germane to HR 60.

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman, Representative Dan Miller, has raised the question of whether amendment A00677 is

germane. Under House rule 27, questions involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall be decided by the House.

On the question,
Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the motion, Representative Dan Miller.

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

House rule 27 requires a proposed amendment to be germane to the subject of the bill or the resolution. According to section 402 of Mason's Manual, the question of whether an amendment is germane is determined by "...whether the amendment is relevant, appropriate, and in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter..." of the underlying bill or resolution. The subject of HR 60 is a designation of "Union Organizing Week" in Pennsylvania to honor "...those workers who have fought for their right to organize and bargain collectively at their workplace." The subject matter of this amendment, A677, is an ideological position not in line with the organizing of anything in any sector; therefore, amendment A677 is not relevant, appropriate, and in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of HR 60, which honors, again, the workers who have fought in every sector, in every union, in every public and every private job sector in our State for that right to organize and bargain collectively in the workplace. As such, amendment A677 is not germane to the underlying resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, Representative Struzzi.

Mr. STRUZZI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I would argue in fact that it is germane. We are talking about trade union jobs. You cannot differentiate between certain types of unions to be covered by this resolution. And I am all for unions, but I am not going to pick and choose which unions get covered under this resolution. And clearly, one of the biggest threats to our unions are bad government policies. RGGI is bad government policy; therefore, it should be included in this to protect union jobs – all union jobs.

So I ask for your vote to say, yes, in fact this is germane. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes Representative Mackenzie.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The amendment is certainly germane to the resolution. Without jobs, there is no union organizing, there is no collective bargaining, there is no negotiating. The fundamental element of all of those things is grounded in the people and it is grounded in the actual jobs. Again, without jobs, there is no union organizing. So this amendment that is being proposed is germane because it relates to the jobs that would then be unionized and collectively bargained for in contracts. So it is germane.

We should consider it germane. We should not dodge the issue and we should take up this amendment. So I would encourage a "yes" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the leader, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, these union jobs do not need to be a pipe dream. As the good chairman pointed out, you cannot organize when you do not work. The resolution is very clear. It deals with the issues that unions face when organizing. The amendment is absolutely germane because bad government policies are in fact an issue that unions come here and lobby all of us on. That is why they are here. That is why they have government representatives to come and discuss the issues.

And respectfully, Madam Speaker, you cannot say in your argument as to why it is not germane that you are for every union and then exclude these unions because they do not happen to fit perfectly into the box. Maybe what we ought to do is send a copy of this resolution to all those workers that have been laid off, because they are without a job because of the bad government policies.

It is germane. Let us vote the issue and let us get down to business.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Bradford.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I understand the gentleman's feelings of distress about this germaneness amendment because I wish we could talk about why we voted down a constitutional right to organize last week, and I wish we could talk about why we still have a \$7.25 an hour minimum wage, and why we do not have paid leave in Pennsylvania, because, as the gentleman said, these are all part of what it is to work. And there is a time and a place in this majority to debate every single one of those issues, but this resolution is not that time. But because the gentleman and the good leader feel so strongly about the need, in the coming weeks we are going to vote on a minimum-wage increase and paid leave, and we are going to represent every worker, union and nonorganized alike, and show who really supports workers. And you do not just have to send it to workers that have been displaced; you can send it to every union worker all over this Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Those who believe the amendment is germane will vote "aye"; those who believe the amendment is not germane will vote "nay."

On the question recurring,
Will the House sustain the germaneness of the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Grove	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Heffley	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Hogan	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Irvin	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causer	James	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	Jones, M.	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Stambaugh

Cutler	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kauffer	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kauffman	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	Nelson, E.	Topper
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Fritz			

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Madden	Sappey
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
Bradford	Galloway	Malagari	Schweyer
Brennan	Gergely	Markosek	Scott
Briggs	Giral	Matzie	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Green	Mayes	Siegel
Bullock	Guenst	McAndrew	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Guzman	McNeill	Solomon
Burns	Haddock	Merski	Steele
C Freytiz	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cephas	Harkins	Mullins	Takac
Cerrato	Harris	Munroe	Venkat
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Neilson	Vitali
Conklin	Howard	Nelson, N.	Warren
Curry	Innamorato	O'Mara	Waxman
Daley	Isaacson	Otten	Webster
Davis	Kazeem	Parker	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinthead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was declared not germane.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—139

Abney	Friel	Kuzma	Rigby
Adams	Fritz	Labs	Rozzi
Bellmon	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Benham	Galloway	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Sanchez
Borowski	Gergely	Malagari	Sappey
Boyd	Gillen	Marcell	Schlossberg
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Bradford	Green	Marshall	Schweyer
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Briggs	Guzman	Mayes	Scott

Brown, A.	Haddock	McAndrew	Shusterman
Bullock	Hanbidge	McNeill	Siegel
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Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Solomon
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Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Struzzi
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Cooper	Jozwiak	Mustello	Tomlinson
Curry	Kail	Neilson	Venkat
Daley	Kauffer	Nelson, E.	Vitali
Davanzo	Kazeem	Nelson, N.	Warren
Davis	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Watro
Dawkins	Kerwin	O'Neal	Waxman
Deasy	Khan	Ortitay	Webster
Delloso	Kim	Otten	Wentling
Donahue	Kinthead	Parker	White
Emrick	Kinsey	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Evans	Kosierowski	Pielli	Williams, D.
Fiedler	Krajewski	Pisciottano	Young
Fleming	Krueger	Probst	
Flick	Kulik	Rabb	McClinton,
Frankel	Kutz	Rader	Speaker
Freeman			

NAYS—64

Armanini	Ecker	Kephart	Rapp
Banta	Fee	Klunk	Roae
Barton	Fink	Krupa	Rossi
Benninghoff	Flood	Lawrence	Rowe
Bernstine	Gleim	Leadbeter	Ryncavage
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Delozier	Jones, T.	Oberlander	Twardzik
Diamond	Kauffman	Owlett	Warner
Dunbar	Keefer	Pickett	Zimmerman

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 394, PN 361**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in human trafficking, further providing for civil causes of action.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 450, PN 418**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, further providing for the duration of grants.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 787, PN 736**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, further providing for appointments and incompatible offices.

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

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair rescinds her announcement that the bill was agreed to on second.

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentlelady, Representative Klunk, rise?

Ms. KLUNK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to put forward a motion to suspend the rules for consideration of amendment A00515.

The SPEAKER. Representative Klunk moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration of amendment A00515.

The question is, will the House suspend its rule?

Members are reminded that pursuant to rule 77, the motion to suspend is only debatable by the leaders, the maker of the motion, the maker of the amendment under consideration, and the prime sponsor of the bill under consideration.

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

The SPEAKER. On that motion, the Chair recognizes the maker of the motion and the maker of the amendment, Representative Klunk.

Ms. KLUNK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

So the bill before us today amends the Borough Code to increase the population threshold for elected officials to also work for the borough. The amendment that I am asking for a suspension of the rules to consider is simply a technical amendment that inserts a cross-reference to the existing Ethics Act, which these individuals must already comply with. It does not make any substantial changes to the bill, and I would ask for support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the motion, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Pisciotano.

Mr. PISCIOTTANO. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

With due respect to the maker of the motion, we do not believe that this amendment is necessary in the bill, and we would ask the members for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
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NAYS—102

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Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury
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Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinkead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 79, PN 68**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for definitions and for powers and duties of councils of trustees.

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

Mr. **RABB** offered the following amendment No. **A00573**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Section 2001-A(20) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 3 and 4

Section 2. Section 2009-A(a)(13) of the act is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17

(14) To receive and review information related to a conditional offer of employment made by the campus police of the institution to an applicant for the campus police, subject to the following:

(i) The chief of the campus police shall report to the president of the institution a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for a position with the campus police, if the candidate has any disciplinary action documented within the police misconduct database that relates to misconduct as described under 44 Pa.C.S. § 7311 (relating to hiring report), whether the disciplinary action was final or binding.

(ii) The report under subparagraph (i) shall include any additional documentation as provided under 44 Pa.C.S. § 7308(c) (relating to maintenance of records).

(iii) The institution shall maintain confidentiality of the information reviewed under subparagraph (i) to protect the privacy and identity of the applicant.

(iv) The president of the institution shall share the information with the council at the next available meeting, and the agenda of the meeting shall include explicit reference to the information shared, while maintaining the confidentiality required under subparagraph (iii), on the institution's publicly accessible Internet website.

(v) The information shared with the council under subparagraph (iv) shall include any hiring report filed by the campus police that is also posted on the institution's publicly accessible Internet website.

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "2" and inserting
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Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "3" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Rabb.

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. The House will temporarily go over HB 79.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 298, PN 254**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, further providing for supplemental benefits.

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentelady, Representative Labs, rise?

Ms. LABS. Parliamentary inquiry, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentelady will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. LABS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

As a former county employee vested in her pension, do I have a conflict in voting on these amendments or the underlying bill on final consideration?

The SPEAKER. As a member of a class, you do not have a conflict.

Ms. LABS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentelady.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules amendment A00551 out of order for violating House rule 20, which requires bills to be confined to a single subject.

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

Mr. **ROAE** offered the following amendment No. **A00520**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "30(b)(1)" and inserting
30(b)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

(2) Before approving any cost-of-living adjustment, the board shall have an actuarial note prepared regarding the proposed adjustment. A cost-of-living adjustment shall only be provided if the county retirement system calculates a funded ratio based upon an entry age normal methodology of [eighty] one hundred per cent or higher after the actuarial cost of the adjustment is determined. Any county retirement system that utilizes an accounting method that does not determine a funded ratio based upon an entry age normal methodology

shall, each year, use an entry age normal actuarial cost methodology to calculate a funded ratio in order to determine if the fund meets the [eighty] one hundred per cent or higher funding level. The funding level calculation shall be reported to the Public Employee Retirement Commission in conjunction with established reporting requirements.

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

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

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

For the record, my name is pronounced Roae. We have another person that is Representative Rowe. I am Representative Roae. Honest mistake. It happens all the time, locally and in Harrisburg both.

But my amendment for HB 298, A00520, this is a fiscally responsible amendment. Pensions are a very serious financial situation. A lot of pension plans do not have enough money to actually pay the benefits that have been promised.

In my area, the Erie County pension fund has an unfunded liability. According to the May 2023 Municipal Pension Reporting Program, there is a \$23 million unfunded liability; Crawford County is \$14 million unfunded liability. So what my amendment does, it states that a COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) cannot be done on a county pension unless that pension plan is funded at 100 percent. Statewide, there are a lot of pension plans, county pension plans, that have unfunded liabilities. In Pennsylvania there is over a \$1.3 billion unfunded pension liability in county pensions. If you add in PSERS (Public School Employees' Retirement System), that is \$44 billion; SERS (State Employees' Retirement System), \$13 billion; municipal pensions about \$7.6 billion. Taxpayers are on the hook for about \$66 billion of unfunded pension liabilities.

So under the, under the bill, they would be able to do a COLA even if there is only 80 cents for every dollar that the pension plan should have. My amendment says you actually have to have 100 percent of the money in the pension plan that you need to actually pay the benefits before you can consider a COLA. So I would urge the members to make a fiscally responsible vote of voting "yes" on amendment A00520. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Harkins.

Mr. HARKINS. While I appreciate the maker's sentiment, we are opposed to this amendment. The reason the whole bill came about was from a request from the retirees of Erie County. We thought we could just change wording at the time, but it was brought to our attention that we needed to do a language change of six words before the House and the Senate. Let us reward our retirees for all their hard work over their years, let us keep them out of poverty, and let us let them enjoy their golden years.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the minority leader, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I think the best promise that we can give our retirees is the fact that their fund would in fact be funded. That is what the good gentleman's amendment attempts to do. We are in the state that we are in as a Commonwealth because of the nature of our unfunded liabilities, not just at the county level, but also at

the State. We should pay the bills and pay the promises that we have already made before we make any further.

I would urge support of the gentleman's amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bradford, the majority leader.

Mr. BRADFORD. Since the gentleman references the challenges we have with our defined benefit pensions, I think the gentleman should equally recognize we are actually in the problem because we did not pay our bills, and that is why we have this problem and maybe we should not punish the workers.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Grove	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Heffley	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Hogan	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Irvin	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causar	James	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	Jones, M.	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kaufner	Moul	Struzzi
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Dunbar	Kephart	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kerwin	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz			

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Madden	Sappey
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
Bradford	Galloway	Malagari	Schweyer
Brennan	Gergely	Markosek	Scott
Briggs	Giral	Matzie	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Green	Mayes	Siegel
Bullock	Guent	McAndrew	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Guzman	McNeill	Solomon
Burns	Haddock	Merski	Steele
C Freytiz	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cephas	Harkins	Mullins	Takac
Cerrato	Harris	Munroe	Venkat
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Neilson	Vitali
Conklin	Howard	Nelson, N.	Warren
Curry	Innamorato	O'Mara	Waxman
Daley	Isaacson	Otten	Webster

Davis	Kazeem	Parker	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinkead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

Mr. **B. MILLER** offered the following amendment
No. **A00644**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "30(b)(1)" and inserting

30(b)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

(2) (i) Before approving any cost-of-living adjustment, the board shall have an actuarial note prepared regarding the proposed adjustment.

(ii) A cost-of-living adjustment shall only be provided if the county retirement system calculates a funded ratio based upon an entry age normal methodology of eighty per cent or higher after the actuarial cost of the adjustment is determined. Any county retirement system that utilizes an accounting method that does not determine a funded ratio based upon an entry age normal methodology shall, each year, use an entry age normal actuarial cost methodology to calculate a funded ratio in order to determine if the fund meets the eighty per cent or higher funding level. The funding level calculation shall be reported to the [Public Employee Retirement Commission] Department of the Auditor General in conjunction with established reporting requirements.

(iii) Before a cost-of-living adjustment can be approved, the county must prepay the cost of the adjustment as determined by the actuarial note without taking on any additional debt as authorized under 53 Pa.C.S. Subpt. B (relating to indebtedness and borrowing).

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

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

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of amendment A00644. The underlying bill, HB 298, seeks to amend the County Pension Law to permit pension boards to grant a COLA that could be any percentage up to, but no more than, the applicable Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers. This amendment will not change that. Rather, this amendment implements four provisions designed to protect counties, taxpayers, and pension beneficiaries. This amendment will provide this protection by the following:

First, the amendment will require an actuarial note to ascertain the cost of the proposed increase. This provision is nothing new and is required by law for the enactment of a COLA for our two State pension systems. Beyond this, counting the cost of a proposed COLA is wise stewardship of county and taxpayer funds and is prudent in order to protect the health of the pension funds, thus protecting the current retirees and those who are employees now but will eventually be retirees.

Second, the amendment fixes an error in the current law by replacing the current language which requires the funding level calculation to be reported to the Public Employee Retirement Commission, which is now defunct and has been replaced with the Department of the Auditor General.

Third, amendment A00644 allows for a COLA when the county can prepay the financial obligation as determined by the actuarial study. We understand that when an employee is hired by the county, the employee and the county put money aside during the working years of the employee in order to prepay the pension obligation of that employee. If a county enacts a COLA without prepaying the obligation, it weakens the pension system by increasing the payout without the commensurate addition of moneys to pay for the negative cash outflow. By prepaying the obligation, there will be no loss to the health of the pension fund.

Finally, this amendment states that a county cannot take out a loan to pay for the pension obligation. Few, if any, financial planners would recommend that their clients pay their mortgage payments with a credit card. This provision protects the county's pension funds by disallowing this type of financial arrangement.

Madam Speaker, the Independent Fiscal Office wrote in its actuarial note for HB 298, PN 254, that because this bill, quote, "...facilitates the ability to provide cost-of-living adjustments, it could indirectly lead to increases in the UAL," unquote. The IFO goes on to write, quote, "According to data provided by the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, county pension plans currently have a reported UAL of \$1.4 billion," unquote.

Madam Speaker, we have seen in our two State pension systems what happens when increases are granted without paying for their costs. We must not let counties get into a similar position. This amendment will still allow county officials to enact a COLA without weakening the financial strength of a county's pension fund by adding to a county's unfunded pension liability. The amendment will also protect taxpayers, current employees who have not yet reached retirement, and retirees who are dependent on a strong pension fund.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on amendment A00644. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Harkins.

Mr. HARKINS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Again I rise to ask for a "no" vote. This was turned down in committee and they have not made it any better and so I am going to ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Grove	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Heffley	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Hogan	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Irvin	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causar	James	Mentzer	Smith
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Cooper	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kaufer	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kauffman	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Kephart	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kerwin	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
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Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
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NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Madden	Sappey
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
Bradford	Galloway	Malagari	Schweyer
Brennan	Gergely	Markosek	Scott
Briggs	Giral	Matzie	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Green	Mayes	Siegel
Bullock	Guenst	McAndrew	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Guzman	McNeill	Solomon
Burns	Haddock	Merski	Steele
C Freytiz	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cephas	Harkins	Mullins	Takac
Cerrato	Harris	Munroe	Venkat
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Neilson	Vitali
Conklin	Howard	Nelson, N.	Warren
Curry	Innamorato	O'Mara	Waxman
Daley	Isaacson	Otten	Webster
Davis	Kazeem	Parker	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinthead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 405, PN 1149**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for assessment of lands divided by boundary lines.

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

Mrs. **PROBST** offered the following amendment
No. **A00537**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "Title" and inserting
Titles

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by inserting after "Generally)"
and 68 (Real and Personal Property)

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after "lines"
and inserting

; and, in seller disclosures, further providing for disclosure form.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

Section 2. Section 7304(b) of Title 68 is amended by adding a
paragraph to read:

§ 7304. Disclosure form.

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(b) Contents of property disclosure statement.—The form of
property disclosure statement promulgated by the State Real Estate
Commission shall call for disclosures with respect to all of the following
subjects:

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(18) Assessment of a mansion house, if divided by a
municipal boundary. The statement shall state that, in accordance
with 53 Pa.C.S. § 8818(a)(2) and (c) (relating to assessment of
lands divided by boundary lines), the buyer may have the option
to determine the county or municipal corporation, as the case may
be, in which the property will be assessed and that the decision
must be filed with the county assessment office.

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 25, by striking out "2" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes
Representative Freeman.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am offering this amendment on behalf of the Representative
from Monroe County, amendment A00537.

The bill in chief provides that the owner can determine what
county for assessment they would choose to be under if their
house is divided between two assessing jurisdictions. It was
amended in committee that would allow subsequent owners to be
able to make that determination again. So what this does is simply
cross-reference that permission to have it changed at the time of
purchase, and that the Real Estate Seller Disclosure Law would
be amended to add the provision of the property disclosure
statement requirement to disclose that the house is divided by
municipal boundary lines and that the buyer may have the option
to determine the county and/or municipal corporation in which
the property will be assessed for taxation purposes, and also, that

the decision made by the owner, the purchaser, must be filed with the county assessment office. This provision just ensures that the reference is made back to the Real Estate Seller Disclosure Law and is a good consumer protection.

I would urge a "yes" vote on this technical amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—203

Abney	Flick	Krupa	Rapp
Adams	Flood	Kulik	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Kutz	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Kuzma	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Labs	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Leadbeter	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mackenzie, M.	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Samuelson
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Boyle	Gregory	Maloney	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marcell	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Markosek	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Marshall	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	Matzie	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	Mayes	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	McAndrew	Siegel
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Ciresi	Innamorato	Miller, B.	Stender
Conklin	Irvin	Miller, D.	Struzzi
Cook	Isaacson	Moul	Sturla
Cooper	James	Mullins	Takac
Curry	Jones, M.	Munroe	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mustello	Topper
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Neilson	Twardzik
Daley	Kail	Nelson, E.	Venkat
Davanzo	Kaufer	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Davis	Kauffman	O'Mara	Warner
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Neal	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Watro
Delloso	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Waxman
Delozier	Kephart	Otten	Webster
Diamond	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Donahue	Khan	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kinthead	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kinsey	Pielli	Young
Evans	Clunk	Pisciottano	Zimmerman
Fee	Kosierowski	Probst	
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Krueger	Rader	Speaker
Fleming			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

On the question,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 815, PN 772**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons, for late contributions and independent expenditures, for oath of compliance, perjury, disqualification from office and commercial use, for residual funds and for place of filing, providing for manner of filing and for inability to file reports or statements electronically by deadline and further providing for late filing fee and certificate of filing, for additional powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and for reports by business entities and publication by Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20's requirement that no bill shall be passed containing more than one subject: amendment A00648, amendment A00658, amendment A00659, amendment A00660, amendment A00662, amendment A00664, amendment A00665, amendment A00666, amendment A00689.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **STAMBAUGH** offered the following amendment **No. A00676**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 25, by inserting after "1626(a)" , (d), (e)

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

(d) Pre-election reports by candidates for offices to be voted for by the electors of the State at large and all political committees, which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of such candidate, shall be filed [not later than the sixth Tuesday before and the second Friday before an election, provided that the initial pre-election report shall be complete as of fifty (50) days prior to the election and the subsequent pre-election report shall be complete as of fifteen (15) days prior to the election] on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 each year. Pre-election reports by all other candidates and political committees which have received contributions or made expenditures for the purpose of influencing an election shall be filed [not later than the second Friday before an election, provided that such report be complete as of fifteen (15) days prior to the election] on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 each year.

[(e) All candidates or political committees, required to file under this section, shall also file a post-election report not later than thirty (30) days after an election which shall be complete as of twenty (20) days after the election. In the case of a special election the post-election report shall be complete as of ten (10) days after such special election.]

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Amend Bill, page 14, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

- (i) The amendment of section 1626(d) and (e) of the act.
- (ii) Section 6 of this act.
- (iii) This section.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, Representative Stambaugh.

Mr. STAMBAUGH. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today in support of amendment A00676. Madam Speaker, the main bill we are considering, HB 815, is similar to legislation I sponsored last session, which was HB 711, that passed this chamber unanimously and which would add, I believe, transparency and clarity to our campaign finance reporting system. In reintroducing my bill this year, I added a section dealing with one of the most confusing and convoluted parts of our campaign financing filing requirements, and that is the cycle reporting deadlines.

Madam Speaker, let me read a little bit from our campaign finance reporting date calendar from the Department of State Web site. We have cycle 1, sixth Tuesday pre-primary; cycle 2, second Friday pre-primary; cycle 4, sixth Tuesday pre-election; cycle 5, second Friday pre-election; we have cycle 11, which is 24-hour reporting daily; we have cycle 6, 30-day post-election reporting; and it goes on.

Quite frankly, after reading this, I think it is safe to say we could argue that those deadlines make no sense unless you are a seasoned clerk at the Department of State, and that is why, in the interest of simplicity and transparency, which I believe HB 815 is seeking, my amendment would change cycle reporting to just four dates each year. They would be on the 15th of the month in March, June, September, and December. And those dates I feel conform to the major election events each year – shortly after petitions for running for office are filed, shortly after the primary, right before the general election, and a post-general-election end-of-year report.

Again I ask for support of this amendment, and I thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Briggs.

Mr. BRIGGS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And thank you to the Representative from Perry County for introducing a version of this bill last term. I first introduced it in 2009 and the last couple terms worked with your predecessor when it was not moving with the makeup, so I do appreciate your working on it last term.

I support the concept of quarterly filings, absolutely. I was hoping this was something that I would be able to support. The way this is drafted is very open ended. It provides dates without cutoffs of periods and when the reports are due. So, you know, the way I am reading it, it would be, it is, the cutoff is March 15, is due March 15, and actually, with no closure that the final report has to give.

So unfortunately, I will be opposing amendment 676 and encourage all my colleagues to oppose it as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

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Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
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NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Madden	Sappery
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
Bradford	Galloway	Malagari	Schweyer
Brennan	Gergely	Markosek	Scott
Briggs	Giral	Matzie	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Green	Mayes	Siegel
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Curry	Innamorato	O'Mara	Waxman
Daley	Isaacson	Otten	Webster
Davis	Kazeem	Parker	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinhead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

Mr. **ROAE** offered the following amendment No. **A00699**:

Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 18 and 19
(d) A candidate or political committee may, by the certification of the principal or treasurer of the political committee to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, claim an inability to file electronically due to any outage, unreliability or deficiency in the local Internet connection of the principal or treasurer. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall provide for a method of paper filing for any such candidate or political committee that has claimed such an inability to file electronically. For cause shown, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall waive late filing fees for reports or statements filed after the deadline but which are the subject of certification as prescribed by this subsection.

Amend Bill, page 9, line 19, by striking out "(d)" and inserting
(e)

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

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

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

As everyone knows, this bill mandates that campaign finance reports and statements be done electronically. The bill does a good job of addressing what happens if the Department of State computer system goes down. What my amendment addresses is if a person, a candidate or a committee, has an ongoing issue with no Internet service or bad Internet service.

Under the language of the bill, a candidate or a committee would have to seek permission from the Department of State and try to convince them they have a technological hardship, then – it is not really set up how this would happen – the Department of State would issue some kind of a ruling that the person could file on paper instead of by computer. What my amendment does, A00699, the candidate or the Treasurer could state that they have bad Internet where it is impractical to do reports online, and therefore, they would be allowed to do them on paper. So my amendment lets the campaign do it. The way the bill is written, the Department of State would have to have some kind of mechanism to determine at somebody's house if they have good Internet service or not, and I am not sure how they would do that because most people are more familiar with their own Internet service at their own house than at somebody else's house.

So I urge members to vote "yes" on amendment A00699. Thank you.

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Briggs.

Mr. **BRIGGS**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

And thank you to the gentleman from Crawford County for this discussion. It is a good opportunity to highlight a couple sections of the current bill. On line 27, page 6, section 3 (c) (1), it goes through the criteria that the candidate or the political committee who are unable to file the report would request from the Secretary of the Commonwealth that ability to file an exception. And also, when you mention the Department of State's outages, page 8, line 2, section (a), it goes through the exact criteria of what were to happen if the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the database is for whatever reason inactive, inaccessible to those who are filing reports.

So for those two specific reasons I will be asking the members to oppose amendment 699 by the gentleman from Crawford County. Thank you.

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Diamond.

Mr. **DIAMOND**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in support of this amendment. This amendment actually puts the power back into the people's hands. We have seen numerous times over the last several years, Madam Speaker, that the department – and perhaps the department will assign this, and there is nothing preventing it in the bill – will assign this task to county election administration boards. And we have seen in the past, Madam Speaker, that when those decisions are left up to the department or the county election boards, that they can come down differently depending on what county you are in. This amendment is very simple. If you do not have a good Internet connection, you simply proclaim that and you are allowed to file a paper report. We need to trust people. And you know, we do not need the department riding herd on figuring out who has a bad connection and who does not have a bad – just let the people proclaim, I have a bad Internet connection here in whatever county I am in, and I am going to have to file paper reports.

It is common sense. Let folks tell the truth about their bad Internet connection and let them file a paper report. I support this amendment 100 percent.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Grove	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Heffley	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Hogan	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Irvin	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causar	James	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	Jones, M.	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kaufman	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kauffman	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Kephart	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kerwin	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz			

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Salisbury

Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Madden	Sappey
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
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Daley	Isaacson	Otten	Webster
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Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Young
Deasy	Khan	Pielli	
Delloso	Kim	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Donahue	Kinkead	Probst	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 479, PN 1092**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance, providing for ambulance transportation services.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Borowski.

Mrs. BOROWSKI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I rise to stress the importance of HB 479 and the positive impact the passage of this legislation will have on the ability of our EMS (emergency medical services) providers across the State to not only provide services, but to be fairly reimbursed for services rendered. We all know our emergency

responders are facing significant challenges. Staffing, volunteer recruitment and retention, declining reimbursements, and challenges to collect payments make it increasingly difficult for these professionals to do the job they train to do. Right now we need to be seeking immediate solutions.

HB 479 grew out of many conversations that I have had with EMS providers in my district since taking office and over the 5 years I spent as a township commissioner. The problem? Currently an ambulance must travel 20 miles with a patient on board before that service is eligible for Medicaid reimbursements. Given most communities where the average mile is 8 to 10 miles, this essentially requires EMS to provide care without hope of reimbursement. HB 479 eliminates the mileage requirement and will ensure our EMS are properly reimbursed for care provided. This is a simple fix.

Given the overwhelming support from our EMS, fire professional associations, and the impact this legislation will have at a time when our EMS services are caring for more people than ever, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in supporting HB 479.

I would like to recognize my co-prime on this legislation, the gentleman from Montgomery County, who is an EMT and firefighter, who knows all too well the challenges our first responders face. I would also like to thank the chairs of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee and the committee staff for their assistance and guidance through the process of my first piece of legislation. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentelady from Delaware County.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Gillen.

Mr. GILLEN. I want to thank the gentelady from Delaware County on a high-quality bill. It passed the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee by unanimous vote. When patient care is rendered, then that service that is provided should be paid for. Our 911 system is under stress right now. EMS needs this assistance. I would recommend an affirmative and a unanimous vote.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—203

Abney	Flick	Krupa	Rapp
Adams	Flood	Kulik	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Kutz	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Kuzma	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Labs	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Leadbeter	Ryncavage
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Bizzarro	Gergely	Madden	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Madsen	Sappey
Borowicz	Giral	Major	Schemel
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Donahue	Khan	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, C.
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Emrick	Kinsey	Pielli	Young
Evans	Klunk	Pisciottano	Zimmerman
Fee	Kosierowski	Probst	
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Krueger	Rader	Speaker
Fleming			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 689, PN 1360**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for definitions, for general regulations, for petition for limited access, for clean slate limited access, for exceptions, for effects of expunged records and records subject to limited access and for employer immunity from liability.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Jozwiak.

Mr. JOZWIAK. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I rise to oppose HB 689, which is the clean slate law, sealing the records of nonviolent felonies. Last session this same type of bill came up that included misdemeanors and felonies. There was a lot of opposition on both sides of the aisle to not allow felonies under the clean slate act and felonies were removed. This year they are back again with the same thing, but now they are putting felonies in it. Nonviolent felonies; they are calling them terroristic threats. Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, which is your drug dealers, people out there poisoning our kids, poisoning the neighborhoods, dealing in fentanyl. Fentanyl is like a gun; it will kill you. And now they want to reduce the time you are supposed to be good from 10 to 7 years.

Just today I met with 9 or 10 people from the Berks County Chamber in my office and I explained this bill to them, and they are okay with second chances, but they also want to know what the criminal history is, and they want to be able to, they want to be able to decide if they can give that person a second chance. They want to know what their criminal history is because they want to know the kind of people that are in their employment.

When you look at who is in favor of this, law enforcement is not in favor of this. They have not weighed in either way.

This is a slippery slope. You know, there is already talk this year about having people that are convicted of murders being released after a period of time. What is next? There is a reason a felony is the most serious crime. People had a choice and decided to hurt, poison, and in some cases, cause the death of individuals by selling drugs. These records need to be available to employers so they can make the decision to hire a person and give them a second chance. They want to make that decision.

I strongly urge a "no" vote on this bill.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair is seeking additional speakers on the final passage of HB 689. Are other members besides the makers of the bill seeking to be recognized?

In that case, the Chair recognizes the co-prime sponsor of the bill, Representative Delozier.

Ms. DELOZIER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Has been a long time coming. We have been working on clean slate for a number of years. Let me be short and sweet as to what we have here. Let me tell you what this bill does. This bill, it reduces recidivism. It helps individuals to get jobs, allowing them to earn more so they do not need access to social services. It gives people a second chance after individuals have worked for a decade to turn their life around that have had 10 years without a new offense.

Here is what this bill does not do. It does not let people out early. It does not affect release decisions. It does not affect what our law enforcement officials have access to or can use during investigations, in court, or when they are making decisions in their office.

We have had questions as to what this bill allows and does not allow. Let me tell you what is exempt: sexual offenses, violent offenses, simple assault, aggravated assault. Offenses of a child

are exempt. Domestic violence offenses are exempt. Convictions under the Uniform Firearms are exempt. Cruelties to animals are exempt. Corruption of minors are exempt. These are all things that people think of when they talk about what is in clean slate and what is not.

Let me tell you some of the groups that support this: the Office of Victim Advocate, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of business and industry, Associated Builders and Contractors, the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Americans for Prosperity, Americans for Tax Reform, the Commonwealth Foundation, Justice Action Network, Community Legal Services, and the Pennsylvania Attorney General. These are business community, these are law enforcement, these are conservative organizations, some not-so-conservative organizations, and bipartisan organizations.

Let me tell you point blank which groups oppose this legislation: none. Not one group has come out in opposition to this piece of legislation, and I think that says a lot in this industry when we know how easily that is done.

I ask that you join those organizations, the high popularity that this issue of giving people a second chance has in our public and has with our advocacy groups. I ask you to join them and vote "yes" on HB 689. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes her partner, co-prime sponsor, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, today I rise to support HB 689, expansion to our already very popular clean slate legislation, which Pennsylvania first did in 2018 and since then has become a national model – a national model. States across this country have followed in Pennsylvania's footsteps. The Federal government is poised to follow in our footsteps as well. What we are doing here today is increasing the ability to get more people back to work, get more people employed, give more people a hand up, not a handout.

As my colleague, the gentlelady from Cumberland County, said, no one has reached out to oppose this legislation. I have been in this body more than 11 years now and I cannot think of another piece of legislation that has had all of the type of broad bipartisan support, from Community Legal Services to the D.A.s Association, all standing arm in arm saying that we need to continue to give people a second chance here in the Commonwealth. We stand at the precipice of moving forward with helping millions more get a second chance in this Commonwealth and continue to show how Pennsylvania has led the way on this issue.

I urge all of my colleagues to vote "yes" on HB 689.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—189

Abney	Fiedler	Krupa	Roae
Adams	Fink	Kulik	Rossi
Armanini	Fleming	Kutz	Rowe
Banta	Flick	Kuzma	Rozzi
Barton	Flood	Labs	Ryncavage
Bellmon	Frankel	Lawrence	Salisbury
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Bernstine	Fritz	Madsen	Sappery
Bizzarro	Gallagher	Major	Schemel
Bonner	Galloway	Malagari	Scheuren
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Cephas	Harris	Moul	Stender
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Cooper	Irvin	Nelson, E.	Topper
Curry	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Cutler	Jones, M.	O'Mara	Venkat
D'Orsie	Kail	O'Neal	Vitali
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Deasy	Kenyatta	Parker	Wentling
Delloso	Kephart	Pashinski	White
Delozier	Khan	Pickett	Williams, C.
Diamond	Kim	Pielli	Williams, D.
Donahue	Kinlead	Pisciottano	Young
Dunbar	Kinsey	Probst	Zimmerman
Ecker	Klunk	Rabb	
Emrick	Kosierowski	Rader	McClinton,
Evans	Krajewski	Rapp	Speaker
Fee	Krueger	Rigby	

NAYS—14

Causer	Jones, T.	Mackenzie, R.	Miller, B.
Gillen	Jozwiak	Mako	Staats
Heffley	Kerwin	Maloney	Watro
James	Mackenzie, M.		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1028, PN 1361**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, providing for prohibition on blocking of crossings, for limitation on length of freight or work trains, for authorization to monitor safety practices and operations by collective bargaining representatives, for safe staffing levels for trains or light engines, for wayside detector systems, for study of transportation of hazardous materials or waste and for reporting system for transportation of hazardous materials or waste; and imposing penalties.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Matzie.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

At approximately 9 p.m. on February 3, a Norfolk Southern train carrying hazardous materials derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, 100 yards from the Pennsylvania line. That crash and the subsequent release of toxins affected not only communities in Ohio, but in southwestern Pennsylvania. It made them sick, it drove them from their homes, and it shined a harsh light on the inherent dangers of transporting hazardous materials and current rail safety practices.

Extraordinary events bring about extraordinary action. In response, I, along with my friend and Republican chair, the good gentleman from the 14th District in Beaver County, introduced HB 1028. We decided it was time to act and try to protect our constituents through the power vested in us as members of the General Assembly. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Kephart, and encourages him to speak closely into that microphone.

Mr. KEPHART. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I rise in opposition to HB 1028. The railroad industry, through the course of our history in this country, has been a good thing. Today it is still a good thing. In my district – I have a rail yard in my district. It employs many people. But not only would the railroad industry be affected by this, but the workers in other industries that rely on the railroad industry would also be adversely affected, such as the coal industry, the oil and gas industry, anybody that uses it, pretty much. This is a hidden tax on consumers.

I would encourage you to ask anybody that uses a railroad in your districts, ask them if they can get a railroad car recently. The answer is probably not very fast. Multiple operators have contacted me before February saying I cannot get rail cars, but yet today we are going to make it more difficult on people in our districts who use railroads to transport their goods, including overseas and foreign exports.

Madam Speaker, this is a bad bill on policy. As my good friend from Centre County mentioned whenever we were debating amendments to this bill, the 8500-foot requirement is absurd. You are going to literally come into Pennsylvania, have to unhook, and continue on with more trains on the rails, because the railroad is not going to magically get to the other side; the rail cars, you are going to have to transport them somehow.

I would assume that many people that are going to vote for this bill additionally today are against pipelines. I would ask them, if you are against pipelines, that would make more rail traffic. So you are voting for the oil and gas to go over the rails now, but now with this, we are voting to condemn the rail industry. So I guess we want it over the road now. I am not real sure.

But additionally, I want to point out lastly the irony in this vote today, that last time we were here, the last legislative day, we voted on a resolution to commemorate National Train Day, and today we are sticking it to the railroad people. I mean, this is amazing, so. Anyhow, I would ask for a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members seeking to be recognized?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill for the second time, Representative Matzie.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On May 3, by a vote of 19 to 2, the House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee sent this bill to full House for consideration, bipartisan vote. At that time we were told by some that it is not necessary, like the previous speaker; the Feds will act; or the companies are making changes or this is an isolated incident. And the overriding theme in all of those objections was for us to wait, to wait for some other entity, the FRA (Federal Rail Administration), the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board), the U.S. House or Senate for action, but we believed the issue was too important, the stakes too high to wait any longer.

To that point, to that point, Madam Speaker, since May 3 when we voted this out of committee, 15 derailments have occurred: Braymer, Missouri; Mason, Tennessee; Millen, Georgia; New York, New York; Charlotte, North Carolina – extraordinary events bring about extraordinary action.

How about Dacus, Texas; Seabrook, Texas; Spencer, Ohio; Monroe County, Missouri; Carroll County, Maryland – extraordinary events bring about extraordinary action.

St. Cloud, Minnesota; Sauk County, Wisconsin; Balfour, North Dakota; Lancaster, Minnesota; and, Madam Speaker, New Castle, Pennsylvania; as the crow flies not very far from East Palestine, Ohio – extraordinary events bring about extraordinary action.

How many derailments is enough? How many more lives should be upended? How many East Palestines should we accept? We very clearly cannot afford to wait any longer.

The arguments you heard against this bill range from the effects on interstate commerce to Federal preemption, yet nearly a dozen other States, including our neighbors to the west, Ohio, and north, New York, are moving on this very topic. Current Federal regulations, as I said when we brought this bill up on second, give the States the ability to enact laws and regulations specific to rail safety. Those arguments simply do not hold water.

I want to be clear. This bill is not an attack on freight rail. As I have said in the past – and I believe my record bears this out – there has been no greater proponent of freight rail than Rob Matzie since he was elected in 2008. I have one of the largest switching stations in the world in my district. Believe me, I know what it means to the commerce of Beaver County and southwestern Pennsylvania. If commerce is traveling east to west, it is coming through Beaver County before it disperses and spiders out throughout the interstate, throughout the rest of our nation.

Rail transport remains the safest method of transport for hazardous materials and waste, but it needs to be even safer. The status quo simply will not do. The stakes are too high; the risks are too great.

You know, after the derailment in East Palestine, a 1-mile radius was evacuated. It took 5 days for residents to be able to return to their homes. Just last week, in a story published by CBS Channel 19 News in Cleveland, it was reported that independent testing revealed that dangerous chemicals were still present at a family farm in East Palestine. People are still getting sick and suffering from a myriad of symptoms. In fact, in fact, tomorrow, 3 months after the disaster – 3 months – the Pennsylvania Department of Health will join Federal, State, and local public health agencies in Ohio in order to answer questions about the health impacts of the East Palestine train derailment – 3 months later.

There is undoubtedly an inherent danger to the transport of these materials. Accidents will happen. I admit it. But we owe it to the people that sent us here to ensure we are doing all we can to make that transport as safe as possible.

It is time for States to act, and some have. On May 30 the New York Senate passed a comprehensive rail safety package that mirrors our bill. It is now time for this State to act. We cannot wait for Federal regulations, which always seem to be in the works but never quite get done, or for Federal laws that will never, ever see the light of day.

We are the people's House, Madam Speaker. That is who we serve. It is time for extraordinary action. Serve them today by voting "yes" on HB 1028.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—141

Abney	Fleming	Krajewski	Pielli
Adams	Flick	Krueger	Pisciottano
Bellmon	Frankel	Kulik	Probst
Benham	Freeman	Labs	Rabb
Bizzarro	Friel	Lawrence	Rigby
Borowski	Gallagher	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Boyd	Galloway	Mackenzie, R.	Salisbury
Boyle	Gaydos	Madden	Samuelson
Bradford	Gergely	Madsen	Sanchez
Brennan	Gillen	Major	Sappey
Briggs	Giral	Malagari	Schlossberg
Brown, A.	Green	Marcell	Schmitt
Brown, M.	Gregory	Markosek	Schweyer
Bullock	Guenst	Marshall	Scott

Burgos	Guzman	Matzie	Shusterman
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Cephas	Harkins	McNeill	Solomon
Cerrato	Harris	Mehaffie	Steele
Ciresi	Heffley	Mentzer	Sturla
Conklin	Hogan	Mercuri	Takac
Curry	Hohenstein	Merski	Tomlinson
Cutler	Howard	Metzgar	Topper
Daley	Innamorato	Miller, D.	Venkat
Davanzo	Isaacson	Mullins	Vitali
Davis	James	Munroe	Warren
Dawkins	Jozwiak	Neilson	Waxman
Deasy	Kail	Nelson, E.	Webster
Delloso	Kaufner	Nelson, N.	White
Delozier	Kazeem	O'Mara	Williams, C.
Donahue	Kenyatta	O'Neal	Williams, D.
Dunbar	Khan	Oberlander	Young
Emrick	Kim	Ortitay	
Evans	Kinhead	Otten	McClinton,
Fee	Kinsey	Parker	Speaker
Fiedler	Kosierowski	Pashinski	

NAYS—62

Armanini	Fritz	Leadbeter	Schemel
Banta	Gleim	Mako	Scheuren
Barton	Greiner	Maloney	Schlegel
Benninghoff	Grove	Mihalek	Scialabba
Bernstine	Hamm	Miller, B.	Smith
Bonner	Irvin	Moul	Staats
Borowicz	Jones, M.	Mustello	Stambaugh
Cabell	Jones, T.	Owlett	Stehr
Causser	Kauffman	Pickett	Stender
Cook	Keefer	Rader	Struzzi
Cooper	Kephart	Rapp	Twardzik
D'Orsie	Kerwin	Roae	Warner
Diamond	Klunk	Rossi	Watro
Ecker	Krupa	Rowe	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Ryncavage	Zimmerman
Flood	Kuzma		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1031, PN 1047**, entitled:

An Act designating the boat access located on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Representative Garth Everett Muncy Access Area.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Hamm.

Mr. HAMM. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today is a bittersweet moment for me. HB 1031 names a new boat access area in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, the "Representative Garth Everett Muncy Access Area."

Representative Garth Everett served the great people of the 84th House District for 14 years as State Representative. Representative Everett served locally as a municipal solicitor for many years. Representative Everett served our country proudly as a navigator in the United States Air Force for over 20 years before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Garth was my predecessor, Garth was a mentor, but most importantly, he was my friend.

On January 28, Garth's 69th birthday, he passed away after a battle with cancer, a battle that he had taken on for 18 years. Those who knew Garth knew that his family was most important to him. Garth was a great husband, father, and grandfather.

Garth enjoyed spending time at his cabin and loved the outdoors. In July 2016 the old Muncy boat access was closed due to unsafe conditions. That is when my friend, Representative Garth Everett, got to work. Garth held public meetings with concerned citizens and urged the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to bring a new boat access to the Muncy area. After several years of advocating for this new access, land was secured by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The new Muncy access area will be completed this summer and open to the public. Without Representative Garth Everett's hard work and persistence on this project, Muncy would not have a new access. Even after Representative Everett retired from this House, he remained committed to seeing this project to completion. He often reached out for updates by text, by call, by e-mail, and he was continuing to advocate for this project.

There is no more fitting individual to name the new Muncy access area after than my friend, Representative Garth Everett. Today, Madam Speaker, I ask for your support in honoring the legacy of Representative Garth Everett. I ask for your "yes" vote on HB 1031. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—203

Abney	Flick	Krupa	Rapp
Adams	Flood	Kulik	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Kutz	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Kuzma	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Labs	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Leadbeter	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Galloway	Mackenzie, M.	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Madden	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Madsen	Sappey
Borowicz	Giral	Major	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Mako	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Malagari	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Maloney	Schlossberg

Bradford	Greiner	Marcell	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Markosek	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Marshall	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	Matzie	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	Mayes	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	McAndrew	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	McNeill	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
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Causer	Hogan	Merski	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Metzgar	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Mihalek	Stehr
Ciresi	Innamorato	Miller, B.	Stender
Conklin	Irvin	Miller, D.	Struzzi
Cook	Isaacson	Moul	Sturla
Cooper	James	Mullins	Takac
Curry	Jones, M.	Munroe	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mustello	Topper
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Neilson	Twardzik
Daley	Kail	Nelson, E.	Venkat
Davanzo	Kaufer	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Davis	Kauffman	O'Mara	Warner
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Neal	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Watro
Delloso	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Waxman
Delozier	Kephart	Otten	Webster
Diamond	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Donahue	Khan	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kinhead	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kinsey	Pielli	Young
Evans	Klunk	Pisciottano	Zimmerman
Fee	Kosierowski	Probst	
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Krueger	Rader	Speaker
Fleming			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1097, PN 1288**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Haddock.

Mr. HADDOCK. Madam Speaker, today I rise with great reverence and a sense of pride to introduce HB 1097, a 9/11 remembrance in schools.

HB 1097 requires each school entity to conduct a moment of silence during instructional hours for students and faculty to observe the memory of September 11, 2001. It also requires PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education) to develop and make curriculum for schools on the significance of the events of September 11, 2001. The teaching of the curriculum would be optional.

Twenty-two years have passed, and now a full generation of Pennsylvanians were born after 9/11, of which many may not know or understand the impacts of 9/11 and what it had on the United States and the world's history. Moreover, this post-9/11 generation is now having children of their own, so we must continue to educate future generations on the importance of the events that happened on September 11, 2001.

When I ask people to think about 9/11 and what comes to mind, I often hear the Twin Towers, Ground Zero, and the response of emergency responders. And those answers, truthfully, are correct. But there was much more, for our Pentagon was attacked; that is the headquarters of the United States military for our country. We also had 40 brave souls on Flight 93 who, because of the power of a cell phone, knew that their lives were in peril and they decided to change history, taking matters into their own hands and attacking their attackers. That plane was brought down in Shanksville in Somerset County, right here in Pennsylvania. That land today is hallowed ground. This hallowed ground is now home to the Flight 93 Memorial and contains the Tower of Voices. The Tower of Voices is a 93-foot tall structure containing 40 wind chimes, 1 for each of the victims of Flight 93. Each time the wind blows, the chimes play, representing the courageous voices of the members and the flight crew of Flight 93.

I ask each member of this House to vote in favor of HB 1097 so that all 2,977 victims of 9/11 will never be forgotten and their voices will always be heard. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Hohenstein.

Mr. HOHENSTEIN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

In the spirit of the bill, I would ask that the chamber enter into a moment of silence at this time to consider the remembrance that the Representative has just spoken about.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the sensitivity of the nature of this topic. Unfortunately, it would not be in order for us to come to a moment of silence at this time. But I do appreciate your suggesting such.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—203

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Barton	Friel	Labs	Rowe
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Ciresi	Innamorato	Miller, B.	Stender
Conklin	Irvin	Miller, D.	Struzzi
Cook	Isaacson	Moul	Sturla
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Curry	Jones, M.	Munroe	Tomlinson
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D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Neilson	Twardzik
Daley	Kail	Nelson, E.	Venkat
Davanzo	Kaufner	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Davis	Kauffman	O'Mara	Warner
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Neal	Warren
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Diamond	Kerwin	Owlett	Wentling
Donahue	Khan	Parker	White
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kinhead	Pickett	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kinsey	Pielli	Young
Evans	Klunk	Pisciottano	Zimmerman
Fee	Kosierowski	Probst	
Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Krueger	Rader	Speaker
Fleming			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1100, PN 1362**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in State Funds Formula, further providing for certification and calculation of minimum and maximum modifiers; in tax relief in cities of the first class, further providing for supplemental senior citizen tax reduction; and, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax and rent rebate and for filing of claim.

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

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

Mr. HEFFLEY. I rise to speak on the motion to suspend.

The SPEAKER. A motion to suspend has not been made.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. HEFFLEY. Madam Speaker, I make a motion to suspend for the consideration of amendment A00721.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Heffley moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of an immediate consideration of amendment A00721.

The question is, will the House suspend its rules?

Members are reminded, pursuant to House rule 77, the motion to suspend is only debatable by the leaders, the maker of the motion, the maker of the amendment under consideration, and the prime sponsor of the bill under consideration.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the motion, Representative Heffley.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, property taxes and that undue burden of property taxes on the homeowners across this Commonwealth continue to be a major issue. As we move forward in this budget process, looking at the underlying bill and the relief that could be provided for the property tax and rent rebate program, this amendment, if adopted, would expand upon that. It would provide significant relief to every homeowner in this Commonwealth.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Mr. HEFFLEY. However, as I look to the votes and how they have gone so far today, and after the vote last session where we lost by one vote to deny those property owners that relief in property taxes and seeing that the outcome will be the same on this, I will withdraw this motion but hope that we can consider to give property tax relief to all the homeowners in this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, Representative Samuelson.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

And I thank each one of you for this moment that we are about to take this vote. We are about to vote to expand the property tax and rent rebate program for the first time in 16 1/2 years.

The bill that is before you, HB 1100, increases the income limits on the property tax and rent rebate program for the first time since January 2007, and it also proposes larger rebates for those who qualify. This will benefit 170,000 additional people, 173,000 additional people, and also will provide larger rebates for those who do qualify.

I want to thank so many people today. I want to thank my co-prime sponsors who proposed this bill along with me: the gentledady from Dauphin County, the gentleman from Lancaster County, the gentledady from York County, and the gentledady from Monroe County. I also want to thank 89 cosponsors on this legislation from all over the State from both parties, and I want to thank you. I want to thank the Republican chair and the Finance Committee. We had a unanimous vote in the House Finance Committee to advance this bill.

When we think about expanding the property tax and rent rebate program, the time is now. This program was established in 1972, and this is a lifeline for seniors and people with disabilities. We all know this because in our district offices, we help hundreds and hundreds of people sign up for the property tax and rent rebate. I think the Representative from Philadelphia and the Representative from York have actually helped more than 1,000 people in their offices this year so far.

I do want to say that we know that if we do not expand the property tax and rent rebate program, when we do not raise those income limits, the number of people who qualify goes down, as someone gets a small increase in their Social Security, a small increase in their pension. If you go back a decade, we used to have 605,000 people qualify. Last year, 416,000. If we do nothing this year, the number will fall to 398,000.

So this bill raises the income limit for property tax payers and renters to \$45,000 in each category. It also provides larger rebates. Those who have been getting \$650 will get \$1,000. Those who have been getting \$500 will get \$770. And for those between the income of \$15,000 and \$18,000, they will get \$460. And for those between \$18,000 and \$45,000, they will get \$380.

This bill also includes a cost-of-living increase so that in the future, the property tax and rent rebate program will be adjusted so that when people get a small increase in their Social Security or their pension in the future, they will not lose their rebate with that COLA.

One more thing this bill does, it allows the Department of Revenue to send out the rebates sooner than July 1. It is on the final page of the bill, and it just says that the Department of Revenue, after an application comes in, can send out the rebates at any time after the claim is made. I know our Secretary of Revenue has been working on this to try to speed up the rebates in the future. This bill allows him to do that.

So I want to also thank the Governor for making this a centerpiece of his budget. The income limits that are in this bill, the increased rebates that are in this bill are also in the proposed budget that will be before us later this month. So thank you once again.

The property tax and rent rebate program benefits homeowners and renters. It benefits senior citizens and also people with disabilities. We need to provide a needed expansion to a tried-and-true program that people depend on, and we want to make sure that this program is a cornerstone of our State for years to come.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Ciresi. Mr. CIRESI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today in support of this bill, and I want to thank the maker of the bill. We had a similar bill that myself and a Representative from Luzerne County had put out together – a little bit different – but this bill went a little bit further and a little closer to the Governor's bill. And I think that as we work through these processes and see these bills come to the floor that we work together even in the slightest change to make sure that our residents have everything that they need.

I know that in my office alone, we see hundreds of people come in for this rent rebate and tax rebate to reduce their property taxes. And as we work together as a chamber toward our budget and look at ways to continue to reduce the burden on our taxpayers in this Commonwealth, this bill takes the step right now, and we know that this bill is important to our Governor and to each resident of the Commonwealth.

So I would ask everyone to vote an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Mackenzie.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to support HB 1100, and I want to thank my colleague from the Lehigh Valley for offering this legislation.

All across this Commonwealth, people are struggling right now. People are struggling to make ends meet, they are struggling to pay their property on a monthly basis, and they are struggling to pay their property taxes on an annual basis.

We have seen inflation at a 40-year high over the past number of years; 8 percent and 9 percent in years past. This year people are trying to sell the idea that inflation just under 5 percent is somehow relief for people. That is simply not true. We know that costs of energy are rising, costs of food are rising, and what we can do in State government is help by providing tax relief.

This legislation does that. It expands the property tax and rent rebate program, a very popular program already in existence, but one that has not kept pace with inflation, so we are trying to correct that wrong. We are trying to adjust this program so that all those seniors and individuals who qualified for this program can get that property tax and rent rebate relief that they so desperately need and deserve. And I hope that this is only a first step for providing property tax relief for those same seniors and individuals all across our Commonwealth who are struggling.

Again I want to thank the maker of HB 1100, my colleague and friend from the Lehigh Valley. And again, hopefully this is just the beginning of providing more property tax relief. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Grove. Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I appreciate the good gentleman's bill. I am very happy that we adopted the Mako amendment to ensure the Budget Secretary would recertify the property tax relief funds. We know there is an additional \$120 million in that account now that should be driven out to homeowners. We do feel there is an additional \$200 million to \$400 million that could be driven out through that budget recertification.

We do have concerns over the long-term financial increase. This will put a stress on the Property Tax Relief Fund, if not the Lottery Fund itself. As we move the process forward, we look forward to further discussions around the underlying expansion of the property tax and rent rebate program.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Madden.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I want to thank my colleague from the Lehigh Valley as well for his persistence in getting so many cosponsors and getting this bill to the floor. I also want to talk a bit, though, about, you know, people who are not being served under this particular piece of legislation, people throughout Pennsylvania, throughout the Commonwealth who struggle every single day to pay their taxes. And I really hope this is the beginning at looking at a broader bill to bring property tax relief to the millions of Pennsylvanians who can no longer afford to stay in their homes.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

That Chair recognizes Representative Haddock.

Mr. HADDOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I would like to thank the maker of the bill from the Lehigh Valley and all the cosponsors to this bill, the comakers. As a freshman legislature member, I have helped people personally fill out their rent and their tax rebate forms. The gratitude and the need is there. And myself and my distinguished friend from Montgomery County had a similar bill, and this one aligns with the Governor's budget layout and is something that we can support and it is desperately needed.

The property tax rebate will help keep people in their homes, and I ask that everybody would support this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Malagari.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to thank the maker of HB 1100 and thank the maker for putting this bill forward. The property tax and rent rebate expansion program is extremely popular, as we know. And in addition to that, just last week I was talking to a group of seniors in my district, and they even came up to me and said, do you really think that this will pass? Do you think that this can happen? I said, you know what? I hope to God it does happen, because you absolutely need it.

I want to thank the maker of the bill again for the strong support and advocacy work, and I know that this is going to do a lot of good for the people in the 53d District in Montgomery County, all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for those individuals that take advantage of this program.

Lastly, I want to highlight, in my own community, we have a school district that matches these dollars, and that is a really good help. So any other communities that do that as well, I commend them, and I hope that we can continue to work forward and make this program continue to be successful.

Thank you so much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes, for the second time, Representative Heffley.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It is the first time on this bill.

HB 1100, a property tax and rent rebate program, wonderful program for seniors, wonderful program to get relief out from the burden of property taxes, one of the number one things that I hear in my district and across the Commonwealth. While this bill is a good bill and it does help to provide some relief, I am disappointed that it does not go farther and provide meaningful relief to all the homeowners in this Commonwealth.

We left out a huge section of our population by one vote short in this body so that we could not provide meaningful relief to all homeowners, all working-class families, all seniors. In addition to the relief provided in this bill, there would have been additional relief.

While I am disappointed that we could not come together and provide that relief for the working people and the seniors in this Commonwealth, I will vote to approve this because it does expand upon what is a very good program. I am just disappointed that my colleagues across the aisle could not see fit to provide one vote so that we could have had much more meaningful relief.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

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Bellmon	Friel	Lawrence	Ryncavage
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Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Staats
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Cabell	Heffley	Mercuri	Steele

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Cerrato	Howard	Miller, B.	Struzzi
Ciresi	Innamorato	Miller, D.	Sturla
Conklin	Irvin	Mullins	Takac
Cook	Isaacson	Munroe	Tomlinson
Cooper	James	Mustello	Topper
Curry	Jones, M.	Neilson	Twardzik
Cutler	Jones, T.	Nelson, N.	Venkat
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Vitali
Daley	Kail	O'Neal	Warner
Davis	Kaufner	Oberlander	Warren
Dawkins	Kazeem	Ortitay	Watro
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Waxman
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Webster
Delozier	Kerwin	Parker	Westling
Diamond	Khan	Pashinski	White
Donahue	Kim	Pickett	Williams, C.
Dunbar	Kinkead	Pielli	Williams, D.
Ecker	Kinsey	Pisciottano	Young
Emrick	Klunk	Probst	Zimmerman
Evans	Kosierowski	Rabb	
Fee	Krajewski	Rader	McClinton,
Fiedler	Krueger	Rapp	Speaker

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 611, PN 1434**, entitled:

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Legislative Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and making a repeal.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative O'Neal.
Mr. O'NEAL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, today I rise to encourage a "no" vote on HB 611. Let me be frank: This version of the budget will set our Commonwealth up for failure. This proposal irresponsibly embraces a massive job-killing energy tax that will hurt working families and seniors at the worst time possible. Not to mention, this is a reckless increase in spending at a time when our economy is at the verge of a recession. We are simply planning to spend money that we will not have in the future.

Let us be blunt. This budget is a tax increase – period. A vote for this budget is a vote to increase taxes in the future, and it will force the Commonwealth to eviscerate the emergency Rainy Day Fund that this legislature has worked so hard to build in the past years. This is not even the Governor's budget proposal. The amendment inserted this morning significantly increases spending.

This is not a negotiated product, and for that reason I asked for a "no" vote. Let us get back to the table and actually work together.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. I plan to vote "yes" on this budget, but I do have some concerns I want to express in the hopes that as this bill moves forward, those concerns might be addressed in the budgetary process.

My main concern is the Department of Environmental Protection. That has been drastically understaffed for years. It has lost about 900 positions since 2003, and these staffing losses have really undercut its ability to do its job. Right now the oil and gas program is down 50 positions; 50 positions in the oil and gas program. It has responsibility for 116,000 active wells.

Madam Speaker, you know, the Chesapeake Bay program is down 100 positions. This Commonwealth has 27,000 miles of impaired waterways and part of that is the underfunding of this program. The air program is down 65 positions. They tell me they can use more, 12 more in the oil and gas, 10 in central office, 6 to 8 in the Bureau of Air Quality, and on and on. HSCA (Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act) is down 36 positions.

My hope, Madam Speaker, is that as we move forward in the budget process, something can be done to address this issue. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Kail.

Mr. KAIL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Missed opportunities. Missed opportunities. This is a budget of missed opportunities. There have been a lot of lofty words used over the course of the last number of months, a lot of commitments, but not many are met in this budget.

There were discussions about hope for our struggling families, talks about Lifeline Scholarships being infused into the education budget. Not there now. There were discussions about opportunities for family-sustaining jobs and prosperity for working families with an expedited CNI (corporate net income) tax cut – nowhere to be found in this budget. There was talk about excellence in government, permitting reform, yet nothing is budgeted for that now.

But the most egregious part of this bill, Madam Speaker, is what is in the budget. In this budget is the largest energy tax hike in Commonwealth history. Make no mistake, your vote today marks a number of things as to where you stand on this issue. One is that this is not just the last administration's position on the energy tax; it is this administration's position on the energy tax. Two, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, those that vote "yes" on this budget, are standing to implement that energy tax. Madam Speaker, that energy tax is an extension of bad energy policy where we are exporting our jobs and importing pollution.

A lot has been stated over the course of the last number of months. There has been a lot of lofty language, a lot of talk about transformation and opportunity, yet we have a bloated budget that is nothing more than an extension of the status quo. If we are going to bring true opportunity and transformation to this Commonwealth, we have to have the fortitude to challenge the status quo; the courage, the political conviction to challenge the status quo. This budget falls well short.

For those reasons I am a "no" and I urge my colleagues to be a "no" on this budget.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members seeking to be recognized? I am looking for hands.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be relatively brief.

But it is hard to believe we are almost a year away from last year's budget where we all commented and worked very hard to try to put some money into the Rainy Day Fund. I guess it is going to rain because it is going to disappear pretty quick if you look at the numbers in this budget.

Madam Speaker, we put \$5 billion away. In addition to that, we put another \$5 billion into our checking account so that we could be prudent about our overall spending. When I look at a budget that is suddenly going to be increasing spending overall in double digits pushing close to 14 percent, I say, no, we cannot do that. And frankly, it is only June 5, 6 – early enough in the time that we need to sit down and have a serious discussion.

Keep in mind, especially for the newer members, when you increase a budget, regardless of what percentage, that at best becomes a baseline of where you start your spending the following year, and it has a significant compounding effect. If you learned anything in math class, compound interest is about time, and over time, things continue to grow. An increase of double digits will bankrupt this State at a faster rate; that might happen if we do not get our pension system under control.

We are early in the process. Do not vote for this bill. Frankly, I think it too ought to be derailed.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I wanted to actually thank the majority for hearing my arguments about the epilepsy support line last week – or the week before last. And I see that the number that I had suggested is carried forward. However, I am disappointed that instead of doing it in revenue-neutral fashion, we have added even more spending to the budget instead of reducing the line item for the Department of Health, as I suggested, from a 7.2-percent increase

down to make up for that extra support on the – we increased, you increased the Department of Health spending to an 8.1-percent increase. My gosh. Thanks a lot, big spenders.

Madam Speaker, this budget is a 14-percent increase, 14 percent; that is even higher than the President's inflation rate. It is ridiculous; a 14-percent spending increase. The most offensive thing about this, Madam Speaker, is that this was only released to the public at about 2 o'clock today. We have not had time to hear from our constituents on this. This is not the first time the majority has kept the facts from the public. It is not the first time this majority has covered up reality. And I ask for a "no" vote on this bill.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Once again, are there other members, rank-and-file, seeking to be recognized, as the Appropriations chair and the leaders are able to speak at the end of this debate?

The Chair recognizes the minority leader, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, it is June. I am glad we are finally doing the budget. I know we debated some amendments last year – or last week, rather – when we were in session, but sadly, the product that came out of the Appropriations Committee earlier this morning is actually worse than what went in.

I am a "no" vote because I believe that this proposal fails in the current areas. It is not affordable. It is not sustainable. It does not adequately promote safety in our communities. As was previously mentioned, there is no permitting reform, but there is an energy tax that is buried deep in the back if you look, an energy tax that will compound on the last 2 years of increases of our utilities bills. It does not in fact make it easier to do business here because of the lack of permitting reform or the accelerated tax breaks that the Governor had recommended in his own proposal.

I look forward to actually negotiating a budget in the future because this is not it, and hopefully, we can do so prior to the deadline at the end of the month.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Bradford.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

We have heard the good gentleman from the minority talk about he wants more money for Lifeline Scholarships. He wants more money for CNI tax cuts. And out of one side of the mouth you hear that, and out of the other, you hear a very different story. You hear we do not have enough money to fund even the most basic level of government services. Well, here is a little fact. This Democratic majority and this Governor stand ready to hear your idea on vouchers. You are not going to get the warmest welcome, but we are here to listen. And if you want to talk about CNI acceleration, well, you are coming to the right caucus, because we are the ones who proposed it last session and we stand ready to have a discussion about how to make Pennsylvania more competitive.

We are here to talk about making our business climate more competitive, but if you are going to have that discussion – and this majority is ready to have it – you better come to the table with a budget and you better come to the table with a plan, because what you have done so far is neither. We have seen no budget and no plan. We get a lot of sound bites, but we do not get your plan. In fact, you have never offered a budget.

At this point, the Governor has offered a budget. Three months later and almost \$800 million of new revenue surplus, House Democrats are now going to put past another budget. Every lever of government, every branch of government controlled by the Democrats will have passed the budget.

So I ask, who has not come forward with a plan? I would say the minority party in the House. I would say the majority party in the Senate. I would tell you that the Republicans simply have no plan. Well, after today the ball will be firmly in their court to tell us what their ideas are, because we have a very simple proposal: more money for schools, less pressure on property taxes, more investment in building Pennsylvania's economy. That is a bipartisan recipe that we did not perfect last cycle, but we made progress, and we are willing to double-down on that progress. More money for Level Up. Not money for Level Up because it is the right thing to do – but it is – but also because the Commonwealth Court has ruled, and after decades of underfunding our poorest school districts and failing to provide the constitutional obligation that we have to every child, the Commonwealth Court said, no more; it will not continue. You will no longer leave Black and Brown communities behind. You will no longer tax these communities into oblivion and leave their kids with a substandard education.

It is time for the Republican Party, House and Senate alike, to show their hand, to come forward with what their plan is, because rhetoric with no plan is just that – rhetoric. Democrats in the House and the Governor have put together a bold plan – modest in its reach, but balanced and affordable. It is based on the simple idea that we spend what we have, and yes, put more in the Rainy Day Fund.

I have not heard my Republican friends in their critique mention that. They do so on the Capitol steps. This Democratic majority puts an additional \$1.5 billion in the Rainy Day Fund over the next 2 years, on top of the \$5 billion that the former Governor left office having put in.

After 4 years of Republican leadership, the former Governor took office – just for a little bit of context – with about \$220,000 in the Rainy Day Fund. So when you hear these crocodile tears from the Republicans talking about fiscal conservatism and how they watch the budget, oh, do not believe it for a second. This Commonwealth is in better fiscal shape now because of the former Governor's leadership and it has an opportunity to invest more in our schools and our businesses because of that leadership. Now, I know it is hard for the Republican minority to deal with this. It is hard to deal with the minority part and it is hard to deal with the lack of a plan, because governing requires you to stand up and put actual ideas forward, but you have not done that yet.

So here is our offer to you. You have mentioned accelerating the CNI tax reduction that was put in place by the former Governor. I will end where I began: show us your plan. We stand ready to have that discussion. I said numerous times, this majority is a humble majority, and it recognizes with 102, there is only so much we can do. If you want to accelerate those tax cuts for businesses, we want to have a discussion with you about the earned income tax credit. We want to have a discussion with you about the dependent care child tax credit so we can get more of those parents off the sidelines and back into the workforce, because that is the discussion we should be having at this budget.

I look forward to that discussion. It is past time to have it, as the good minority leader points out. As we go through the next

4 weeks, we look forward to hearing your ideas, your thoughtful ideas, and we look forward to passing a budget that invests in Pennsylvania.

Thank you so much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the minority leader, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I learned a long time ago in this House that just because you are loud does not mean you are right. So I would like to point out a couple things. I credit the good gentleman from Philadelphia for that line. I also credit him with the line, you play silly games, you get silly prizes, and we will get to that in a minute.

Mr. BRADFORD. I am just glad you are giving the gentleman from Philly some credit. Appreciate it.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. CUTLER. Point of order, Madam Speaker. I believe I have the floor.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point of order.

The House will come to order.

Mr. CUTLER. I believe I was recognized to speak and was interrupted.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman's point of order is well-taken, and I will take this opportunity to remind the majority leader to allow the minority leader to finish his debate comments. Please do not interrupt him without a point of order.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I would simply point out that the tone and tenor of that message is exactly why we are here on June 5 just now getting to the budget. It was very partisan in nature when you review it. It was I, I, I, we, we, we, and them, them, them. There are two things that you can sell in politics: one is hope – which we have been discussing – and the other is blame, and the good gentleman spread a good bit amount of that throughout his comments.

I agree we worked together on the CNI tax reduction last session. I agree we worked on a lot of things. In fact, 180 of us agreed on the budget last session. If it was so bad, I would simply ask why the good gentleman voted for it.

We would be happy to have the discussion and share ideas, but when we offered the amendments last week, they were all voted down consistently; straight party line just like the amendments today. We would also be happy to have a discussion if we actually had a meeting scheduled; that has not happened yet. That, Madam Speaker, is mechanically a problem, and that is a reality that we are going to have to deal with.

When you look – and I appreciate the good gentleman for putting his ideas on paper, because it is the first time we have seen them, 6 hours ago. So let us talk about the numbers, because the numbers are actually what the budget is, and the budget is actually the numerical prioritization of where you are at. I know it is easy to come up with little sayings and issues that you want to highlight, and the gentleman is partially correct when it comes to the budget and the surplus that we currently have here today.

Yes, we, the House and Senate Republicans, worked with the former Governor, His Excellency, to get that done, and it was about, I believe, two hundred and some thousand dollars when we started. But saving money was not his first step. Despite

working good with him on several issues, particularly financial ones, that was not his first step. It was the largest tax increase in the history of the Commonwealth. That was the first proposal. It was our steadfast requirement that we manage the Commonwealth responsibly that led to not only the Rainy Day Fund, but the cash balance that was rolled forward.

So let us deal with this issue like many of our constituents do, because I think that is how they expect us to deal with this. Can we be responsible? You should not spend more money than you bring in. And I recognize that the IFO (Independent Fiscal Office) has indicated that revenues are up, but if you look at this most recent month, they have started to turn. On the Federal level, they have said for some time that a recession was coming. At some point they will be right, and if you have spent all the money before the recession gets here, you are going to have tough discussions and tough decisions to make.

So I agree that the gentleman's plan is bold, and it has often been said that the future belongs to the bold. I would also simply point out that the mistakes are for the ones who actually voted for this budget, because that will send us into a financial calamity that we cannot avoid. We can have a discussion of priorities; I would welcome it. That meeting has not been scheduled yet and I will await the leader's invitation.

I would still urge a "no" vote because we need to get to a negotiated product and we need to get to a budget that is on time, which we are dangerously close to missing because of the delays.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

First, I would like to address this \$800 million in new revenue. You look at the IFO report, about half of that actually comes from the investment income of the General Fund surplus, which this budget is spending down at \$2 billion a clip over the next 5 years, which means the very revenue this is predicated on will go away like that, creating larger holes in the future. And again, one-time revenue for recurring costs.

Madam Speaker, I do rise today to oppose HB 611. House Democrats have turned their back on the Governor's budget. After this vote, it does not exist anymore. On the first day this budget was proposed, the Budget Secretary said, quote: "We recognize that we are creating a structural deficit, but things will change." Things will change. They have. The House Democrat budget proposal has no plan to deal with the structural deficit. Six billion dollars in new spending requires a 32.5-percent increase to the personal income tax. If this is the direction we are going, this chamber, to fund this continued expense, is going to have to raise the income tax on Pennsylvania citizens by 32.5 percent every single year. Unsustainable.

HB 611 was passed using Washington, DC-style tactics and overspending. Members were given hours to review over \$46 billion in spending. This House Democrats bankruptcy budget includes a massive energy tax through codifying RGGI. Pennsylvanians will see energy prices increase up to 40 percent. This budget weaponizes the Department of Labor and Industry by funding excessive labor law enforcement and is a major concern. Given the recent history with government employees in Labor and Industry and other agencies being used to close businesses down, House Republicans need assurances these employees will be proactive rather than punitive.

There are still significant concerns regarding government waste, fraud, and abuse. That is what we have been talking about. The Office of State Inspector General shared with the House

Appropriations Committee that 40 percent of their investigations into Medicaid recipients result in fraud. This shows the need to continue and expand any fraud efforts in State government. The Department of Labor and Industry via the Federal government has estimated as much as \$6 billion in fraudulent payments may have been made by the unemployment compensation system. In addition, there are approximately 84,000 fraud reports currently awaiting investigation. These cases must be investigated and adjudicated immediately.

This budget takes no actions to ensure permitting and licensing reform touted by the Shapiro administration will yield results. We are already getting calls from nurses and other licensures who are graduating this year who want to enter the workforce but are not getting their license. When you boil this budget down to its core issues, we are giving Pennsylvania State government a raise; a raise. It is above basic government functions because State agencies are sitting on billions of prior-year funds while asking for more increases from taxpayers. This is not the time to be spending in excess.

Families are struggling with day-to-day expenses. We keep hearing talk about economic recovery, but my constituents are telling me that they are struggling with the rising costs of energy. The price of groceries, essential everyday products are still high. This budget also spends down on our savings, which will saddle future generations with bills to pay. It is the worst of Washington, DC, politics brought into the Pennsylvania House.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to oppose this bill as is written and begin negotiating a bipartisan budget for the people of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I want to start my comments by quoting the great American philosopher and wordsmith, who on November 21, 2006, dropped his ninth greatest work. That great philosopher that I am speaking of is the great man by the name of Shawn Carter – you might know him by the name of Jay-Z. That album was called "Kingdom Come," and one of the title tracks on there was a song called "Show Me What You Got." So today I say to my Republican colleagues, in the words of the great Shawn Carter, show me what you got, because as of right now, we have not seen anything yet from your caucus.

Today, Madam Speaker, House Democrats show you what we got. We show you what we believe in, we show you what we think is important, we show you what we think we should be investing in. Now, Madam Speaker, let, let, let us answer some questions. Let us respond to some incorrect information. Madam Speaker, HB 611 has absolutely no increase in taxes. This is not a piece of legislation that has taxes in it. My colleagues over here know that. So let us just tell all of the folks sitting at home on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) the truth. There are no taxes in HB 611.

As a matter of fact, HB 611 takes the Governor's budget and moves it a step further because we have more information now than what the Governor had when he gave his budget address. If you listen to my friends on the other side of the aisle, you would think that Pennsylvania is all doom and gloom. You would think that the budgetary grim reaper was on his way to Pennsylvania. The truth of the matter is that we are in one of the strongest fiscal positions that we have been in in a very long time; in a very long time.

So, Madam Speaker, let us talk facts. About 2 weeks ago we stood on this very floor and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle spent hours putting up amendments that they thought should be included in the budget. They talked about how important all of these things were to our communities. Do you remember? Do you remember 2 weeks ago when the gentleman from Lebanon County stood up and talked about epilepsy funding? Well, let me tell you something. In this budget, the exact amount that the gentleman asked for is right here. I would appreciate his vote to support the funding that he cared about 2 weeks ago.

The gentleman from Adams County talked about increased funding for Animal Health and Diagnostics Commission. Well, guess what? They wanted \$6 million. Guess what? It is in this budget. I would appreciate the gentleman's vote. There was another gentleman that stood up, the gentleman from Blair County, he had an amendment to increase ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) funding. Guess what? Not only did we put the number he asked for in here, we added another \$150,000 on top of that request.

The gentleman from York County raised an amendment that he allowed the gentelady from Montgomery to speak on about nurse-family partnerships. They wanted \$6 million; it is in here. The gentleman from York County talked about Level Up. Guess what? \$225 million, it is in there. The gentleman from Chester County, he talked about the Bond-Hill Scholarship and how important that was. He wanted \$1 million for that. Guess what? It is in there. The gentleman from Chester County also talked about Blind Veterans Pension, and guess what? \$875,000 – I think you get the point – it is in there.

Madam Speaker, we included all of those things that were requested just 2 weeks ago on this very floor. But, Madam Speaker, not only did we do that, we did even more, and you know I have a spreadsheet to tell you. Madam Speaker, this budget has 1.7 billion new dollars, \$1.7 billion over last year's budget for education in the Commonwealth. That is K through 12 education. That is the State System. That is community college. That is the nonpreferreds. All of that is in there.

So let us talk a little bit about what is in there, Madam Speaker. Moon Area School District, \$769,570 more than last year, and guess what? This bill that we amended, it is going to give them \$243,000-plus more than was allocated the first go-round in the Governor's budget. Oh, but, Madam Speaker, it gets better. Armstrong County School District, they are going to get \$527,000 more because of the amendment in Appropriations than what was in the Governor's budget.

Madam Speaker, Big Beaver Falls Area School District, \$1.2 million more than what was in the Governor's budget. Madam Speaker, we are just getting started here. Altoona Area School District – Altoona, listen up – this bill right here, \$2.3 million more than what was in the Governor's original budget. Bensalem, you get more money too in this bill, to the tune of \$647,000 more in this bill with our amendment.

Oh, Central Bucks, the number for you is \$447,000. Council Rock, the number for you is \$233,000 – I see some excitement; I hope that means I got your vote – Centennial School District, \$257,000. Oh, oh, but you know what, Madam Speaker? I know time is limited and I know folks have some – so I am going to go through the spreadsheet because we have got some even bigger numbers that I think people need to hear. Check this out: Hazleton Area School District, in our proposal, \$6.4 million

more; \$6.4 million. Wyoming Valley School District, \$2.4 million. Williamsport Area School District, \$2.5 million. Listen, Madam Speaker, I could go on and on and on. Like, I could talk about Mifflin County School District and the \$1.5 million more that they would get. So let us call a spade a spade. If folks are voting "no" on this budget, they are saying that they do not want the money, okay?

We had a lot of talk about property tax. Well, let us really have a real quick conversation about property tax. You know why property tax is going up? It is because Harrisburg had not done its responsibility to actually fully fund education. Do not take my word for it, take the Commonwealth Court's word for it. So when we do not do it up here, local government is forced to do it at home. So if you are watching this, if you are watching this – I want you to understand this – if somebody is voting "no" for more money for your school district in Harrisburg, they are voting "yes" to increase the property tax to fill the gap. There is no in between. Somebody has got to pay for it – either we do it here in budgets like this, or we do it at home and it is called a property tax increase.

Now, Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker, the truth is, budgets are moral documents. It tells you what you value. It is real simple. We are showing and have shown that we value the future of our children, not just with basic education funding, but with special ed funding; not just with special ed funding, but with funding to make sure that those children eat when they come to school in the morning; not just with that, but also to make sure that those children are coming to schools that do not make them sick with our facilities funding; not only that, but we are telling you that we care about keeping people in their homes with whole-home repairs and making sure that we can transfer generational wealth. We are telling you that we care about property tax and rent rebate, because we care about making sure that seniors have more money in their pocket. The list goes on and on and on about what this budget says we care about.

So at the end of the day, when all of the words have been spoken, when all of the alliterations have been done, when all of the sound bites and sound clips are finished, I rely on the words of the great architect of linguistics, Jay-Z. HB 611 is up for final passage. If you care about all of these things, show me what you got. And if you do not, I think you are going to show me that as well.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Burgos	Guzman	McNeill	Solomon
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Adams	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Grove	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Heffley	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Hogan	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Irvin	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causar	James	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	Jones, M.	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kaufner	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kauffman	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Kephart	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kerwin	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz			

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–0

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of information that two of our colleagues on yesterday celebrated another year. Happy birthday to Representative Klunk and happy birthday to Representative Kinkead.

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a report from the Committee on Committees, which the clerk will now read.

The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

June 5, 2023

Sara Innamorato resigns Labor and Industry Committee

Brandon Markosek resigns Game and Fisheries Committee

Ben Sanchez resigns Health Committee

Heather Boyd elected to Labor and Industry Committee

Heather Boyd elected to Game and Fisheries Committee

Heather Boyd elected to Health Committee

Signed:
Carol Hill-Evans

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

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative O'Neal, rise?

Mr. O'NEAL. Correct the record.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and he may proceed.

Mr. O'NEAL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, on HB 1028 Representative Gregory was recorded as a "yea." He should have been recorded as a "nay."

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Your remarks will be spread across the record.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, tomorrow morning at 11, I am requesting the honor of your presence for the annual floor House photograph. Please be here on time at 11 a.m.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 298;
HB 394;
HB 405;

HB 450;
HB 787; and
HB 815.

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

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

HB 255;
HB 718;
HB 849;
HB 900; and
HB 1086.

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

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, there will be no further votes.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a motion from the gentleman from Crawford County, Representative Roae, that the House now be adjourned until Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 6:56 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.