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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (JOANNA E. McCLINTON) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. ROBERT LEADBETER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Colleagues, pray with me:

Heavenly Father, Lord God, remember us this morning and those we represent. Open our eyes to Your truth. Draw us out upon the narrow path of integrity and align us to sound counsel as we seek to honor You in this place. Thank You for all that You have blessed us with, for Your sacrifice, and for our salvation.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 19, 2024, will be postponed until printed.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Colleagues, we have some very special guests here this morning. If the members can take their seats so we can appropriately honor and acknowledge all of the guests, students, constituents, family, and friends.

Seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague, Representative Leadbeter, has brought some very distinguished guests. Seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, Representative Leadbeter has brought his Honor from his district. We are so excited to have Honorable Judge Craig W. Long, along with his staff. Judge Long is the magisterial district judge for the district court 26-3-03 in Catawissa, Pennsylvania. Your Honor and staff, please stand. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Our colleague, the majority Appropriations chair from Philadelphia County, Representative Harris, has brought many guests. I understand there are 100 chairs in the back. We are so very happy to have, seated in the rear of the House, the gentlemen who make up the Prince Hall Master Masons. We also have their very distinguished leadership seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum. We have the Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul A. Hibner; the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Timothy Cager – please stand as I say your name – the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Eric Williams; the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Robert G. Bonds; the Worshipful Grand Orator East Tyrone B. Chavis; and I must acknowledge my constituent in Yeadon, James Marshall. Men, please stand, in the rear of the House, and thank you for being here and for all you do.

In the gallery, our colleagues, Representatives Malagari, Hanbidge, and Cerrato, have brought the North Penn Knights Girls Water Polo Team, who in 2023 are the Pennsylvania Girls Water Polo State Championship winners; and the North Penn Knights Boys Water Polo Team, who won the 2023 Pennsylvania Boys Water Polo State Championship. This morning we congratulate both teams. North Penn students, please stand. Congratulations.

Also in the gallery, we are so very excited that our colleague, Representative Scheuren, brings the Shepherd of the Hills Christian Co-op Homeschoolers, who are also from Montgomery County. They are touring the Capitol today. Shepherd of the Hills students, please stand. We are so glad to have you here in the Capitol.

In the gallery, Representative Steele has brought, from Allegheny County, members of her district office team. District office team for Representative Steele, please stand. We are so glad to have you and appreciate your hard work.

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—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
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Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
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Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sappey
Borowicz	Giral	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
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Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	James	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufar	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinhead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 347 By Representatives WATRO, VENKAT, GUENST, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, OBERLANDER, LEADBETER, KINSEY, MARSHALL, ROWE, FLICK, BARTON, CABELL, TWARDZIK, SCHEUREN, C. WILLIAMS, BANTA and NEILSON

A Resolution recognizing March 25, 2024, as "National Medal of Honor Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 19, 2024.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2117 By Representatives SHUSTERMAN, MIHALEK, KULIK, SCIALABBA, KHAN, GUENST, KINSEY, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, METZGAR, BANTA, BRIGGS, MAJOR, HILL-EVANS, STEELE, SAPPEY, LABS, KAZEEM and CABELL

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, further providing for poisonous or deleterious substances and tolerances.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 19, 2024.

No. 2139 By Representative WARREN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for the offense of use of live pigeons for target.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 19, 2024.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 559, PN 1292

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 19, 2024.

SB 560, PN 1293

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 19, 2024.

SB 978, PN 1234

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 19, 2024.

SB 982, PN 1235

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 19, 2024.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 1446 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

ACTUARIAL NOTE

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of an actuarial note from the Independent Fiscal Office regarding the following, which the clerk will now read.

The following actuarial note was read:

SB 479, PN 510

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Colleagues, we have some very special guests that have just arrived. In the gallery, our colleague, Representative Bullock, has brought the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women. They are from across the entire Commonwealth. Please stand, federation. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Colleagues, if I can have your attention. We have some guests that have just arrived to the hall of the House. Seated in the gallery, our colleague, Representative Ryan Warner, brings the Connellsville Shooting Clay Team national winners from his district. Connellsville team, and parents who have come to support, please stand. Welcome to the floor of the House.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 1573, PN 2753 (Amended) By Rep. FREEMAN**

An Act providing for the redevelopment of historic and older buildings; and establishing the Historic and Older Building Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program and the Historic and Older Building Redevelopment Fund.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1799, PN 2754 (Amended) By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act authorizing local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemptions for improvements and redevelopment of shopping malls; establishing the Mixed-Use Redevelopment Advisory Committee within the State Planning Board; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 1903, PN 2755 (Amended) By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for water and sewer projects.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 945, PN 1111 By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending Title 16 (Counties) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code; and making repeals.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE****HR 326, PN 2632 By Rep. FREEMAN**

A Resolution designating the week of April 8 through 14, 2024, as "Local Government Week" and April 10, 2024, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

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

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

House Democrats will caucus at 12:15. We will be prepared to return to the floor at 1:15.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Republicans will also caucus at 12:15. Republicans caucus at 12:15.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the Lehigh for a committee announcement, Representative Schweyer.

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The House Education Committee will meet immediately in room 523, Irvis Office Building, for a very quick meeting to consider three resolutions: HR 291, HR 328, HR 329. There will be nothing else pending before the committee.

Thank you, ma'am.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Education Committee will meet immediately in room 523, Irvis Office Building.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Harris, for a committee announcement.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room immediately following the Rules Committee meeting.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Colleagues, we have some students who have just arrived, if I can have your attention. Our colleagues who are both serving Allegheny County, Representatives Venkat and Mercuri, have brought to the hall of the House, seated in the gallery, Hampton High School Girls Volleyball Team, along with the boys cross country team. Both teams won their Pennsylvania State championships. Please stand so that we can congratulate you properly. So glad to have you here.

Colleagues, I appreciate your patience. We have another group that just arrived. They are in the gallery. And it is our nearby colleagues, our colleagues who are right here in central Pennsylvania. Representatives Kutz, Delozier, and Gleim, have brought to the floor of the House the Cumberland Valley Cheer Team, who won their sixth PIAA title on January 27 this year, winning the Class AAA small division competition. Cumberland Valley cheerleaders, congratulations. Please stand. We are so happy for you.

Colleagues, if I can have your attention. In the front of the House, we have some very special guest pages who are joining us today. Our colleague, Chair Tina Pickett, has brought students from Northeast Bradford High School. Please stand when I say your name. Creed Dewing, Ian Bacon, and Russell Martin are here today taking care of the floor. Thank you all for being here today.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House stands in recess until 1:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. That is 1:30 p.m.; please note the change in time.

RECESS EXTENDED

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

AFTER RECESS

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We do have a few afternoon guests we would like to acknowledge. They have come from respective districts, and we want to thank them for being in this Capitol today.

Seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague, Representative Schlegel, has a constituent. He is in the 10th grade at Cedar Crest. His name is Andrew Seeger, and he has been shadowing him for the day. Andrew, please stand up. Welcome to the hall of the House.

We also have a few special guests, if I can have your attention. The House will come to order.

We have some of the top leadership from College Possible. We are excited to have the executive director, Precious Mines, and one of her colleagues on the team, Monique James. They work very hard to stem the tide against the negativity youth face and ensure they not only get into college, but that they graduate. Let us thank them and applaud them for their hard work in the inner city of Philadelphia, and also Delaware County.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2141 By Representatives McANDREW, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, D. WILLIAMS, GREEN, DELLOSO, STEELE, GIRAL and KHAN

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in real estate foreclosure, further providing for definitions, for effect of certification of vacancy and abandonment and for applicability and providing for private selling officer sales and for conduct of online sheriff sales.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 20, 2024.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 915, PN 1350

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2024.

SB 1047, PN 1334

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2024.

SENATE MESSAGE**HOUSE BILL****CONCURRED IN BY SENATE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1234, PN 1325**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

HB 1234, PN 1325

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in city administrator, further providing for appointment of city administrator, for employment agreement, for residency and elective city office and for powers and duties; and, in accounts and finances, further providing for powers and duties of chief fiscal officer.

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have another special guest that has just arrived on the floor. The House will come to order.

Representative Cerrato brings, from Montgomery County, Sam Hollish. Sam is a sophomore at West Chester University, majoring in political science with a double minor in social work and law, politics, and society. She is on the women's soccer team at West Chester, and she is shadowing Representative Cerrato for the day. She is seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum. Sam, we are so glad to have you. Please stand. Welcome.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 1958, PN 2757 (Amended) By Rep. SAMUELSON**

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for employer child care contribution tax credit.

FINANCE.

HB 2085, PN 2758 (Amended) By Rep. 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 definitions and for classes of income.

FINANCE.

HB 2119, PN 2701 By Rep. 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.

FINANCE.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEES****HR 291, PN 2536 By Rep. SCHWEYER**

A Resolution designating the month of January 2024 as "School Director Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION.

HR 328, PN 2639 By Rep. SCHWEYER

A Resolution designating March 19, 2024, as "The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) Day" in Pennsylvania and congratulating THON for raising nearly \$17 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital to help fight pediatric cancer.

EDUCATION.

HR 329, PN 2640 By Rep. SCHWEYER

A Resolution recognizing the week of January 28 through February 3, 2024, as "Catholic Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION.

HR 335, PN 2759 (Amended) By Rep. SOLOMON

A Resolution establishing the Pennsylvania Task Force on Agent Orange and Other Toxins to study and issue a report on how best to connect veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and other toxins and their families with the VA benefits for which they may be eligible.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

HR 336, PN 2669 By Rep. SOLOMON

A Resolution designating March 29, 2024, as "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

HR 347, PN 2752 By Rep. SOLOMON

A Resolution recognizing March 25, 2024, as "National Medal of Honor Day" in Pennsylvania.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**HB 287, PN 2747 By Rep. HARRIS**

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in personnel of the system, establishing eviction agent advisory boards in cities of the first class and eviction agent education and training programs in cities of the first class; providing for eviction procedure in cities of the first class; and making an editorial change.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 843, PN 2748

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency management services, providing for counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response; in Emergency Management Assistance Compact, providing for construction; and making repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1399, PN 1567

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for visible badges required.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1434, PN 1613

By Rep. BRADFORD

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the Dual Credit Innovation and Equity Grant Program.

RULES.

HB 1745, PN 2749

By Rep. HARRIS

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 providing for 529 savings account employer contribution tax credit.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1748, PN 2413

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act providing for the registration of labor brokers; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and the Secretary of Labor and Industry; establishing the Labor Broker Registration Account; and imposing penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 115, PN 41

By Rep. HARRIS

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.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 740, PN 856

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for auditor's compensation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

CALENDAR**RESOLUTION**

Ms. SHUSTERMAN called up **HR 272, PN 2362**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 21, 2024, as "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania and honoring the service and contributions of the millions of women who entered the workforce during World War II.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mrs. **GLEIM** offered the following amendment No. **A03448**:

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 18, by striking out "as" and inserting
with

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

The **SPEAKER**. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, the gentlelady from Cumberland County, Representative Gleim.

Mrs. **GLEIM**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This is just a technical amendment, and I believe it is agreed to.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, Representative Shusterman, from Montgomery County.

Ms. **SHUSTERMAN**. Chester. Thank you, Speaker McClinton, for the opportunity today to honor Pennsylvania's Rosie the Riveters.

HR 272 honors the thousands of Pennsylvania women who joined the workforce to support our country during World War II. The women of Pennsylvania built ships in the Philadelphia naval yard, forged steel in the mills of Mon Valley, manufactured thousands of anti-aircraft guns in York, and assembled Mack Trucks in Allentown. They also repaired airplanes in Middletown hangars.

I also want to give a shout-out to Mae Krier. She is from the Commonwealth and was the driving force in the advocacy for this congressional honor that they will be receiving in a couple of weeks. I am proud to report that Mae will be receiving the Congressional Gold Medal award on behalf all Rosies at the official ceremony this April in Washington, DC.

In honor of all of Pennsylvania's Rosies, I respectfully request my colleagues support this resolution with a "yes" vote. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
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Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
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Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Abney	Flood	Labs	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Lawrence	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Madden	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Madsen	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gergely	Major	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gillen	Mako	Sanchez
Bonner	Giral	Malagari	Sappey
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Schemel
Borowski	Green	Marcell	Scheuren
Boyd	Gregory	Markosek	Schlegel
Boyle	Greiner	Marshall	Schlossberg
Bradford	Grove	Matzie	Schmitt

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

NAYS—1

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1446, PN 2726**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, providing for eligibility related to domestic violence.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1762, PN 2146**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 16 (Counties) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code; and making repeals.

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 1956, PN 2722**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.719, No.112), known as the Patient Test Result Information Act, further providing for definitions, for test results and for duties of Department of Health.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1434, PN 1613**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the Dual Credit Innovation and Equity Grant Program.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendment out of order for violating House rule 20: amendment A03633.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1553, PN 1803**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, providing for suicide prevention hotline telephone number on student identification card; and, in school safety and security, further providing for school safety and security coordinator.

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

Mr. **DELLOSO** offered the following amendment No. **A03390**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 15 through 20; page 2, lines 1 through 7; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting Section 529. Suicide Prevention Hotline Telephone Number on Student Identification Card.—The following shall apply:

(1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the school entity, as defined in section 128, that issues student identification cards to each student in grades six through twelve shall include on each identification card a national, State or local suicide prevention hotline telephone number.

(2) The hotline telephone numbers under paragraph (1) shall be printed on the identification card. The suicide prevention hotline telephone number provided on the student identification card must be a telephone number that can be accessed for use twenty-four (24) hours a day and seven (7) days a week by a student or other individual.

(3) The school entity, as defined in section 128, shall work with the school safety and security coordinator under section 1309-B to implement the requirements of this section.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30

(iv) In a conspicuous location as determined by the school safety and security coordinator and the board of school directors.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill and the amendment, the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Delloso.

Mr. DELLOSO. Good afternoon. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It is a technical amendment that has no effect on the author's original intent. I encourage a "yes" 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—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sappay
Borowicz	Giral	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	McNeill	Shusterman

Bullock	Hamm	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Cabell	Heffley	Metzgar	Staats
Causar	Hogan	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	James	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufer	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinthead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?
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 1665, PN 1969**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for comprehensive school counseling services.

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

Ms. **SCIALABBA** offered the following amendment No. **A03463**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by striking out "comprehensive"
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 19; pages 2 through 8, lines 1 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 28; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

ARTICLE XIII-F

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

Section 1301-F. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Administrative activities." Activities that are not directly related to the plan and that are absent of any direct student services or interaction.

"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

"Direct services." As follows:

(1) Services that are provided through face-to-face contact with students.

(2) The term includes the following:

(i) Classroom instruction.

(ii) Individual and group counseling for students.

(iii) Responsive services on behalf of a student whose academic or career development is at risk. Responsive services include the administration of a risk-assessment.

(iv) Interventions for a student who is:

(A) at risk of dropping out of school; or

(B) exhibiting dangerous behaviors,

such as drug use, self-harm or gang activity.

"Indirect services." Consultations among a student, a parent or legal guardian of the student, school staff and community agencies concerning the student's academic or career needs.

"Plan." The school counseling plan under section 1302-F.

"School entity." Any of the following:

(1) A school district of any class.

(2) An intermediate unit as described in Article IX-A.

(3) A charter school as defined in section 1703-A.

(4) A cyber charter school as defined in section 1703-A.

(5) A regional charter school as defined in section 1703-

A.

(6) An area career and technical school as described in section 1841.

Section 1302-F. School counseling plan.

(a) Authorization and purpose.—A school entity shall develop and implement a written school counseling plan that ensures that student services are coordinated in a manner that provides academic or career developmental support to all students of the school entity.

(b) Requirements generally.—A plan shall:

(1) Be implemented by a Pennsylvania-certified school counselor.

(2) Utilize nationally recognized and State-recognized counselor frameworks, which may not include medical guidance, social and emotional learning, critical race theory or behavioral health.

(3) Be reviewed annually and updated as needed by the school counselor, in collaboration with the affected building principal and other stakeholders, including parents or legal guardians of enrolled students.

(4) Be systemically aligned to kindergarten through grade 12 within the school entity.

(c) Components.—A plan shall contain the following:

(1) A foundation component that includes:

- (i) A vision statement.
- (ii) A mission statement.
- (iii) Plan goals.

(2) A management component that utilizes assessments and other data to develop, implement and evaluate the plan.

(3) A delivery component that focuses on direct services and indirect services through the implementation of the plan.

(4) An accountability component that ensures regular analysis of the plan.

(d) Contents.—A plan shall:

(1) Guide students in academic pursuits and career planning.

(2) Follow the school counseling plan guidance provided by the department that is limited to academic pursuits and career planning.

Section 1303-F. School counselor use of time.

(a) General requirement.—A school entity shall allot sufficient time for the school entity's counselor to carry out the duties stated in the school entity's plan.

(b) Direct and indirect services.—Direct services and indirect services may be provided in collaboration with other school personnel, parents or legal guardians, as provided herein or otherwise deemed appropriate, and include:

(1) Providing academic advisement services, including:

(i) Developing an individual planning system to guide a student to access and monitor the student's own academic and career progress.

(ii) Guiding a student along the pathways to graduation.

(iii) Guiding a student in goal-setting and course selection aligned with the student's post-secondary goals, including college education, trade and industrial education and military service.

(iv) Addressing accelerated learning opportunities.

(v) Addressing academic deficits and the accessibility of resources.

(vi) Providing student assessment reviews, interest inventories or academic results needed to develop, review and revise a student's plan of study.

(vii) Providing support for students who show potential so they are more likely to engage in rigorous coursework and take advantage of post-secondary opportunities.

(2) Providing a career planning process, including:

(i) Guidance in understanding the relationship between classroom performance and success in school and beyond.

(ii) The provision of resources to identify career interests and aptitudes to assist a student in age-appropriate college and career planning, including trade and industrial education and military service.

(iii) Guidance in understanding the advantages of completing career certifications, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, apprenticeships and internships.

(iv) Interpretation of augmented, criterion-referenced or norm-referenced assessments for students and parents or guardians of students.

(v) The provision of information to a parent or legal guardian of a student, such as through workshops on preparing for college, a trade, military service, financial aid and career opportunities.

(vi) Encouragement to a parent or legal guardian of a student to support partnerships in the student's learning and career planning processes.

(3) Providing skills designed to:

(i) Address bullying, including:

(A) Training programs for school employees regarding how to recognize bullying behaviors.

(B) Protocols for responding to bullying that is occurring in the school entity.

(C) Strategies that support a student who is being bullied.

(D) Protocols for immediate parental or legal guardian inclusion when responding to all bullying activity, including initial and subsequent interactions with students. Anti-bullying materials must be shared with parents or legal guardians in advance of being shared with students.

(ii) Address suicide through:

(A) Strategies that help identify a student who is at risk for suicide. Parents or legal guardians must be immediately notified if their student is considered at risk for suicide.

(B) Strategies and protocols that help a student who is at risk for suicide, including parental or legal guardian involvement, absent good cause shown as to why the parent or legal guardian should not be involved. If a parent or legal guardian is not involved, the school entity must obtain a court order to that effect.

(C) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

(4) Intervening with students who are at risk of dropping out of school to determine if there is a way to keep the students in school.

(5) Providing orientation programs for new students and transferring students at each level of education.

(6) Serving as a contributing member of decision-making teams and programs, which include:

(i) Teams that are convened under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.).

(ii) Multitiered System of Supports (MTSS) or Response to Intervention (RTI) teams.

(iii) English language learner programs.

(iv) Parental or legal guardian involvement or family engagement programs.

(v) Advanced placement and gifted and talented programs.

(c) Administrative activities.—Administrative activities provided by a school counselor in collaboration with other school personnel include:

(1) Coordinating State assessments, cognitive achievement assessments, advanced placement programs and language acquisition testing programs.

(2) Developing master schedules.

(3) Coordinating the following:

(i) Teams that are convened under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

(ii) Response to Intervention (RTI) teams.

(iii) English language learner programs.

(iv) Parental or legal guardian involvement or family engagement programs.

(v) Advanced placement and gifted and talented programs.

(vi) Data entry.

(4) Monitoring students in common areas, such as the cafeteria, a hallway, the playground or bus lines.

Section 1304-F. Posting the school counseling plan.

A school entity shall post its school counseling plan on the school entity's publicly accessible Internet website or, in the

alternative, on the publicly accessible Internet website of the school entity's school district, under the category of State-required information.

Section 1305-F. Parental Notification and Private Right of Action.

(a) Policy.—The governing body of a school entity in the Commonwealth shall adopt a policy concerning school guidance and counseling programs in the schools under its jurisdiction. At a minimum, the policy shall contain the following:

(1) A provision for written notification, at least annually or more frequently if required in the policy, to parents or legal guardians about the academic and career guidance programs that are available to their children. The notification shall include the purpose and general description of the programs, information regarding ways parents or legal guardians may review materials to be used in guidance and counseling programs at their child's school and information about the procedures by which parents or legal guardians may limit their child's participation in the programs. If social or emotional programs are available or provided, parents or legal guardians must be provided notice of the programs and the associated materials at least two weeks prior to student engagement with the program.

(2) A provision prohibiting the use of counseling techniques that are beyond the scope of the professional certification or training of school counselors, including counseling techniques that are normally employed in medical or clinical settings and focus on mental illness, behavioral health or psychopathology.

(3) A provision requiring that information and records of social and emotional counseling be kept confidential and separate from a student's educational records and not disclosed to third parties without prior parental consent or as otherwise provided by law.

(4) A provision with respect to social and emotional counseling stating the procedures by which parents or legal guardians can elect in writing to have their child opt in to the counseling. In no event shall a governing body require affirmative parental consent for one-time counseling that is needed to maintain order, discipline or prevent immediate harm to a student. Parents or legal guardians must be present at all times that a student is counseled in the context of social and emotional learning or counseling.

(5) A provision that provides for the meaningful inclusion of a parent or legal guardian when a student receives direct or indirect services from a school counselor.

(b) Private right of action.—If a parent or legal guardian of a student reasonably believes that the parent or legal guardian has been denied meaningful involvement in counseling or access to the student when receiving direct or indirect services from a school counselor without good cause, the parent or legal guardian shall have a private right of action against the governing body of the school entity.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Butler, Representative Scialabba.

Ms. SCIALABBA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

As we navigate the complex landscape of education and child development, it is imperative that we recognize the irreplaceable role of parents in the lives of their children. While schools undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping young minds and fostering growth, they should never be seen as replacements for the guidance and support that parents provide.

In recent times, there has been an increasing and growing tendency to rely on schools to address behavioral and health issues that children encounter. However, this approach neglects the profound influence that parents have, and should have, on their children's well-being and upbringing. Parents are not just stakeholders; they are primary caregivers, mentors, and role models in a child's life. Their involvement in addressing behavioral and health issues is not just beneficial, but essential.

Guidance counselors undoubtedly play a crucial role in supporting students through challenges, yet their efforts are being misdirected. Counselors should focus the majority of their time on providing academic and career advice. When behavioral issues do arise, which happens often in schools, counselors need to involve parents.

Parents possess invaluable insights into their children's personalities, habits, and struggles, and are personally invested in their success and happiness. Children thrive when their parents are involved and included as the main figures in their lives. We must demonstrate respect for this role. Parenting is a journey filled with its own complexities and uncertainties. Excluding parents from the conversation not only harms the family, but the child.

While schools undoubtedly have a vital role to play in shaping the future of our children, they should never replace parents. My amendment recognizes the need to guide children, while protecting parents' rights to help chart the course. I urge a "yes" vote on my amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the maker of the amendment.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, the chair of Education, Representative Schweyer.

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in opposition to A03463 and ask for a "no" vote.

This amendment, to be perfectly candid, Madam Speaker, is a complete gut-and-replace amendment for a bill that has been worked on for several legislative sessions in a row. It is a bill that – the underlying bill, ma'am, is intended to support our school guidance counselors. And we in fact have engaged school guidance counselors on a bill that would impact school guidance counselors in this bill. To my knowledge, this amendment – while certainly well-intended – was not worked on with the very professionals that it would impact.

For that reason and many others, ma'am, I ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the other chair of Education, the gentleman from Bedford, Representative Topper.

Mr. TOPPER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in support of amendment A03463. When you speak to the professionals, as my counterpart, the chair of the Education Committee, has spoken with – whether they are in the private sector, whether they are county-based services – they all say the same thing: The most effective work that they can do with young people comes when the family is involved. I believe that the lady's amendment reflects that sentiment, and I would ask for support on her amendment.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—99

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

NAYS—102

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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. SCHWEYER offered the following amendment
No. A03658:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 and 28, by striking out "A public school as defined in 24 Pa.C.S. § 8102" in line 27 and all of line 28 and inserting

(Reserved).

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

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

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is a simple technical fix, pulling out some extraneous language in the legislation, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—103

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

NAYS—98

Armanini	Gaydos	Mackenzie, M.	Roae
Banta	Gillen	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi
Barton	Gleim	Major	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gregory	Mako	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Maloney	Schemel
Bonner	Grove	Marcell	Scheuren
Borowicz	Hamm	Marshall	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Heffley	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mentzer	Scialabba
Causar	Irvin	Mercuri	Smith
Cook	James	Metzgar	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Miller, B.	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Moul	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Mustello	Struzzi

Delozier	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Diamond	Keefer	O'Neal	Topper
Dunbar	Kephart	Oberlander	Twardzik
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Flick	Labs	Rapp	Williams, C.
Flood	Lawrence	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Leadbeter		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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

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

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 **SB 45, PN 927**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 25, 2012 (P.L.1618, No.197), known as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act, further providing for victim services.

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that Representative Kauffman withdraws amendments A03666 and A03675. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
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: amendments A03668, A03672.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 55, PN 1169**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for definitions, for award of custody, for factors to consider when awarding custody, for consideration of criminal conviction, for guardian ad litem for child, for counsel for child and for award of counsel fees, costs and expenses; and, in Administrative Office

of Pennsylvania Courts, providing for child abuse and domestic abuse education and training program for judges and court personnel.

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that Representative Flick withdraws amendment A03565. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendment out of order for violating House rule 20: amendment A03669.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 287, PN 2747**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in personnel of the system, establishing eviction agent advisory boards in cities of the first class and eviction agent education and training programs in cities of the first class; providing for eviction procedure in cities of the first class; and making an editorial change.

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, my neighboring district, the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Krajewski.

Mr. KRAJEWSKI. Thank you, Madam Speaker – and neighbor.

Madam Speaker, I rise to ask this chamber for its support on HB 287. Evictions are often a traumatic experience and the worst day in someone's life.

Madam Speaker? Madam Speaker? Could I ask for—

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order. The gentleman should be heard as we consider, for final passage, HB 287. If the members can please take their seats and provide the gentleman a chamber in which your attention is provided. It is very, very appreciated.

Mr. KRAJEWSKI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Philadelphia County is the only county in Pennsylvania that relies on a private entity to enforce most of its evictions. Every other county in Pennsylvania relies on a public entity, generally the constable's office, to enforce and perform evictions.

A series of unaccountable and tragic, violent events occurring with private eviction agents in Philadelphia have revealed the grave issues with our eviction process. Landlord-tenant officers are private security contractors deputized by the courts to carry out evictions. These private contractors are not required to have any certification or training, there is no public contract that can be viewed outlining how they conduct themselves, and their names or backgrounds are not subject to public accountability. This storm of privatization with zero oversight means that LTOs currently cannot be held to any meaningful standards for an eviction in Philadelphia.

In March of last year, a private landlord-tenant officer shot a 35-year-old woman in the head during an eviction after showing up unannounced in plain clothes. That July another woman was shot in the leg during eviction. In June a separate private LTO attempted to shoot a dog. And we still do not know the names of these private eviction agents because there are no public contracts and there is no public transparency for their behavior. There were no use-of-force guidelines in place before these shootings, and this string of escalated violence is especially concerning given that many of the tenants in the city of Philadelphia that are being evicted are Black women.

After multiple rounds of city and State hearings, and conversations with constituents and stakeholders, it has become clear that it is time for a significant overhaul of our eviction process in Philadelphia to ensure that in the course of an eviction, process is also balanced with dignity, humanity, and compassion.

HB 287 will accomplish this in three ways. It will create an eviction advisory board to provide oversight and accountability to evictions in Philadelphia. This board will work with eviction agents on training, use-of-force guidelines, data collection, and issuing and responding to complaints. It will require that a behavior health professional is available during an eviction lockout. This professional will assist in de-escalation and provide transitional services for the person being evicted to ensure that all parties are being supported. It will also enshrine in State law that proper date and time is given to a tenant prior to an eviction to prevent surprise lockouts that are at higher risk of violent confrontation.

Before I close, I would like to address some of the concerns that I have heard about these reforms. The behavioral health professional will be an employee of the city of Philadelphia, not a private professional that must be paid for by the landlord during the eviction. We have also amended the bill to provide that a landlord is a member of the accountability board so that they can advocate for the interests as part of the transition. While HB 287 may seem like a dramatic shift, we are simply asking that Philadelphia join the rest of our Commonwealth in having an eviction process that is publicly accountable. Evictions are traumatic. Housing is a human right that we must protect at every opportunity.

I thank you all for your consideration, and I humbly ask for your support on HB 287. 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—102

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

NAYS—99

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 843, PN 2748**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency management services, providing for counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response; in Emergency Management Assistance Compact, providing for construction; and making repeals.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Mihalek.

Ms. MIHALEK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This is a good day for Pennsylvania. This is a really good day for western Pennsylvania. For the last two sessions I have had the honor of working across the aisle on this legislation with the good gentleman from Allegheny County, who has been a tremendous advocate for the firefighters in this Commonwealth.

HB 843 would give to western Pennsylvania what eastern Pennsylvania already has, and that is a highly skilled, well-equipped task force, strike team, that would be able to respond to the most egregious disasters that you can imagine. It is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when, and seconds equal lives in those instances. So this is going to allow the western side of the State to be equipped with equipment, high-tech equipment, highly skilled individuals that will be staffing this.

It has been a tremendous honor to work across the aisle on this legislation with my counterpart. I would also be remiss if I did not mention the Pittsburgh firefighters, who have not only been advocating for this bill, but other pieces of legislation that touch our first responders. And I would be really grateful to the rest of my colleagues if you would all vote "yes" on this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Representative Gillen.

Mr. GILLEN. I certainly want to echo the comments from my colleague from Allegheny County and commend the good gentleman on the other side of the aisle from Allegheny County.

About 2:30 this morning, I was up in my office at home in a very rural area; we live on a farm. And I noticed a light going by and some sort of emergency vehicle. And where I am situated, you cannot see a house from the farm that we are on, and so I looked outside and there was a police car, and there are only, probably, on this dead-end street, maybe a dozen houses past us. I did not become alarmed immediately. A minute or two later, an ambulance went up the street, and then I got myself dressed, and up the road proceeded probably a dozen emergency response vehicles, fire trucks, and tankers.

To make this part of the story a little bit more abbreviated, I went up there, and unfortunately, one of my neighbors lost their life in a very large structural fire. It collapsed into the basement, and I was out there from about 2:30 in the morning until after

4 o'clock. And it was a very sad day in our community and our road, but it also brought to light the necessity of having first-rate equipment. I probably saw \$10 million worth of equipment go by, from Mount Penn, from Boyertown, from Exeter, from Geigertown, from Gibraltar and those surrounding communities, and unfortunately, they were not able to rescue my friend and my neighbor. But I will say this: having the right equipment positioned at the right place and the right time and at the ready is critically important.

I think we are all familiar with Fern Hollow, the bridge collapse, over 400-foot bridge, on January 28, 2022. It collapsed at 6:30, 6:39 in the morning, and at 10:51 the PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) call went out for a PA type 1 task force of urban search and rescue, and that came in from Philadelphia at 4:15; that is the K-9 component. So it is a search, a rescue, the task force that we are talking about here. There is a technical, there is a medical, and there are doctors that come with that, and of course, there is a K-9 group that comes as well.

This does not obligate a specific number of State dollars, and probably one of the lesser-known elements of this particular bill is it establishes a Joint State Government Commission study of the Commonwealth's urban search and rescue capabilities. And I think it is critically important that we do this, that we pass this piece of legislation, and I could not be more proud of the work that my colleagues in both parties are doing out in Allegheny, and I was very pleased to participate in a hearing out there, a Senate and a House hearing.

So I heartily put my stamp of approval on this piece of legislation.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, the gentleman, the majority whip, Representative Dan Miller, from Allegheny County.

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

And I appreciate the recognition that the bill currently is under my name, but I want to note that it was not, that last session it was under my colleague's, Representative Mihalek's name, because it is her bill and my bill and Senator Robinson's bill and Senator Costa's bill. And it has been supported by everyone from the mayor of Pittsburgh to Republicans throughout the Senate. We have had great chairmen on both sides doing work here to make the bill better. We had a brother firefighter from the minority side here give us an amendment that made sure we were even doing a study that worked out, and I appreciate that as well.

The reality of it is that emergency responses are supposed to be things that we do together. They were never supposed to be the purview of one party or another. And while we are definitely looking to build out the capacity in western PA, the reality of it is that it is a system improvement statewide. So while we build out capacity in western PA, that capacity will help out eastern PA. And the difference there will be sure that we are able to have more resources to deploy, more trained firefighters and emergency responders ready to go. And we are going to be—
The State is making a step forward together.

If this bill here was meant to be seen or ever to be seen as a bill solely for western PA, then we did a bad job. It was never designed that way. And when Representative Mihalek and I started our work on this bill, it was never designed to be a western PA bill. We saw a problem, we worked to fix it, but it is

not to say that any other part of the State was not somehow worthy of development. We need to watch what we are doing.

I will tell you, you know, through my service with the fire department, that the type of work that is necessary for US&R (urban search and rescue) is not what typical firefighters do. The men and women who are doing it across the State are taking upon them those extra hundreds of hours to be ready in those special circumstances that require more. There is a difference between showing up and knowing how to get into a structure and knowing how to flow water on a fire compared to knowing how to go into something that is collapsed, and not only come back out of it, but bring somebody with you.

So I want to thank again all of my colleagues that have been helpful along this path. It is never the goal for it to be a solely Representative Miller bill or a western PA bill. I again thank my colleague for her long work, and I thank the Senate as well for their work, and we look forward to getting this done. Please vote "yes."

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—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
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Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	McNeill	Shusterman
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Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
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Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
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Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
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Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
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Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
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Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinthead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
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Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair wants to recognize some very special guests in this moment of timeliness. In the gallery, Representative Dan Miller has brought several members of fire departments from across western Pennsylvania. We are thrilled to have firefighters from Pittsburgh, Washington County, and from the city. Would everybody please stand. Thank you all for your service.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1399, PN 1567**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for visible badges required.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(RYAN A. BIZZARRO) PRESIDING**

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1745, PN 2749**, entitled:

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 providing for 529 savings account employer contribution tax credit.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 the question, the Chair recognizes Representative Marcell.
The Chair recognizes Representative Friel.
Mr. FRIEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill addresses affordability of higher education, and it is a serious issue that impacts students and families all across Pennsylvania. For many, loan repayments can rise as high as \$400 a month, and Pennsylvania college graduates face the third highest student loan debt in the nation, with 7 of the top 30 high-debt colleges located in the Commonwealth. And there are two important facts, I think, to take into consideration: most Pennsylvanians access benefits through their employer, and we have employers across the State that are trying to attract and retain employees.

So HB 1475 addresses the student loan debt by creating the PA 529 TAP (Tuition Account Program) tax credit. This program would offer tax incentives to employers who make contributions to their employees in 529 savings accounts.

And this bill is a strong bipartisan bill, and I want to thank both Chairman Schweyer, and Chairman Topper, who worked with myself and Rep Marcell as we brought this bill forward to make it and improve it through amendments. So thank you to both of you. This bill is much better because you were able to help and guide it.

I also want to thank my friend and colleague from Bucks County, who was one of the first people I met here in the House, and we have shared school board stories and our past and we are able to find common ground. So in the spirit of that, I want to just thank that we are able to work across the aisle and get something, I think, really important for both families and children and our employers who want to support families and children and make this a reality.

So the tax credit represents a positive step forward, and I urge my colleagues to support it. So thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.
The Chair recognizes Representative Marcell.

Mrs. MARCELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I rise in support of HB 1745. College affordability and workforce development are problems in our Commonwealth that must be addressed and are top priorities for many of us in this chamber. One significant step we can take today is to pass HB 1745.

I am very proud to have worked on this legislation with the good gentleman from Chester County. We both previously served on school boards prior to joining the State House, and we both place high value on quality K-12 education and affordable college and career and technical education.

Addressing the skills gap and strengthening our workforce starts with access to education. This legislation will foster a culture of saving for education by offering tax incentives to employers who make contributions to their employees' 529 college savings accounts. These 529 accounts can be effective ways for families to save for college through tax-preferred savings accounts. Many people know that Pennsylvania's 529 program, which is run by the State Treasury, is among the best in our nation, and this legislation builds on the good work of our State Treasury over the past several years.

In fact, Pennsylvania's 529 plan was awarded the gold star rating by Morningstar, one of only two 529 programs to receive that award in the nation. Our Pennsylvania 529 program has seen an increase of \$1.2 billion in assets since early 2021, a 20-percent increase. Not only will this initiative, this bill, facilitate employer support for our employees and their families, but it will also foster investment in our future workforce, which Pennsylvania is in dire need of. By encouraging employers to invest in their employees' futures, this bill not only supports Pennsylvania families, but also contributes to building a more skilled and educated workforce.

I urge an affirmative vote on HB 1745.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
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Borowicz	Giral	Malagari	Schemel
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Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
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Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	McAndrew	Scott

Brown, M.	Haddock	McNeill	Shusterman
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D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
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Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1748, PN 2413**, entitled:

An Act providing for the registration of labor brokers; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and the Secretary of Labor and Industry; establishing the Labor Broker Registration Account; 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 pro tempore. 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?

The Chair recognizes Representative McNeill.

Mrs. McNEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My legislation, HB 1748, the Labor Broker Registration Act, will require labor brokers working in the construction industry to register with the State Department of Labor and Industry prior to doing business in the Commonwealth. It would also require contractors using a labor broker to check the broker's registration status, and prohibit contractors from doing business with unregistered labor brokers.

This bill would enact one of the Joint Task Force on Misclassification's unanimous recommendations. The task force noted that labor brokers presently operate in Pennsylvania without regulation and are key contributors to the problem of the misclassification of employees in construction and other industries. Too many labor brokers take advantage of workers by misclassifying them as independent contractors. Some labor brokers engage in insurance fraud schemes, tax avoidance plans, wage theft violations, and even use workers' immigration status for leverage to rob workers of their wages and neglect other important workplace protections. These practices negatively impact workers, legitimate contractors, and contractors who choose only to work with responsible labor brokers.

The joint task force recommended that the legislature require labor brokers doing business in the Commonwealth to be registered and bonded to safeguard workers from being misclassified as independent contractors. HB 1748 enacts this unanimous recommendation. I ask all members for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—117

Abney	Fleming	Labs	Ryncavage
Bellmon	Frankel	Madden	Salisbury
Benham	Freeman	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Friel	Malagari	Sanchez
Borowski	Gallagher	Marcell	Sappey
Boyd	Gergely	Markosek	Schlossberg
Boyle	Giral	Matzie	Schweyer
Bradford	Green	Mayes	Scott
Brennan	Gregory	McAndrew	Shusterman
Briggs	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
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Bullock	Haddock	Merski	Solomon
Burgos	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Steele
Burns	Harkins	Mullins	Sturla
C Freytiz	Harris	Munroe	Takac
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Cerrato	Hohenstein	Nelson, E.	Venkat
Ciresi	Howard	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Conklin	Isaacson	O'Mara	Warren
Curry	Kaufer	Otten	Watro
Daley	Kazeem	Parker	Waxman
Davanzo	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Khan	Pielli	White
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Williams, C.

Deasy	Kinlead	Powell	Williams, D.
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	Young
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	
Emrick	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton,
Evans	Krueger	Rigby	Speaker
Fiedler	Kulik	Rozzi	

NAYS—84

Armanini	Flood	Kuzma	Rader
Banta	Fritz	Lawrence	Rapp
Barton	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Bernstine	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bonner	Greiner	Major	Schemel
Borowicz	Grove	Mako	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Hamm	Maloney	Schlegel
Cabell	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Causar	Irvin	Mentzer	Scialabba
Cook	James	Mercuri	Smith
Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Staats
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stambaugh
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stehr
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Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Topper
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Twardzik
Fee	Klunk	Ortitay	Warner
Fink	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Flick	Kutz	Pickett	Zimmerman

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 115, PN 41**, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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?

The Chair recognizes Representative Neilson.

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SB 115 has been introduced by Senator Stefano. This bill extends the requirements for engine oil and oil filter changes for diesel-powered coal mining equipment from every 100 hours to

up to 200 hours with a waiver that will be issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. This change is recommended by a task force that was established, and I ask for an affirmative vote on this legislation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

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

NAYS—1

Madden

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 740, PN 856**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for auditor's compensation.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Abney	Flick	Kutz	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Kuzma	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Labs	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Lawrence	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Leadbeter	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Mackenzie, R.	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sappery
Borowicz	Giral	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
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Conklin	Isacson	Mullins	Struzzi
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Fee	Krueger	Rabb	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rader	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rapp	Speaker
Fleming			

NAYS-2

Madden Parker

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Kerwin

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

Ordered, That the clerk return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same without amendment.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of SB 654, PN 1433, entitled:

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 establishing the Public Transportation Trust Fund.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 Pisciottano.

Mr. PISCIOTTANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As the delegation chair for Allegheny County and the Democratic Caucus's appointment to the Pittsburgh Regional Transit Board, I would ask the House for a "yes" vote on SB 654.

Every dollar invested into public transit delivers a return of about \$5 to the community and the Commonwealth, and currently there is an annual need of over \$1 billion to support mass transit. And transit not only provides a direct opportunity for employment, but it also connects people to other job opportunities throughout Pennsylvania. Finally, treating mass transit as the economic driver it is would lead to 50,000 direct and ancillary jobs across the Commonwealth. Transit means more money in our communities, more people on the job, more sales tax and payroll tax and property tax collected. Transit agencies procure goods and services that support both jobs and economies across the Commonwealth. By procuring these goods and services from those businesses, transit agencies further support revenue collections for the Commonwealth.

Investing in transit means more small businesses being created and a stronger economy for everyone. But it is not just about buses and trains; it is about jobs. At PRT, we have good union jobs with real wages and benefits – jobs you cannot outsource, jobs that let workers be part of their communities and spend their community right here at home. Pittsburgh Regional Transit is, of course, one of the biggest operators anywhere: 700 buses and 80 trains is a fleet taking countless cars off the roads, which has a massive impact when you get downtown and drive on streets laid out for horse carts, not Suburbans and Navigators.

Regional Transit is more than just our name. They are investing \$100 million a year in buying local. They are purchasing goods and services at home and multiplying the power of the money we invest here in Harrisburg. Regional Transit is making it possible for our newest graduates to live where they want and still work in an amazingly vibrant city, a hub of technology and learning and growth.

Investing in transit raises the bar for everyone. Properties are worth more; businesses have an easier time hiring workers and can spend less on the massive costs of parking. And we can do it all with a shift of existing revenue, not raising a single tax. We can bump our investment in public transit by 14 percent and multiply the power of that money over and over again, which is what this bill does.

This funding will make a difference. This funding will create jobs and support jobs and build a stronger economy for everyone, while helping to keep our air clean even more for our future growth. It is about jobs, and I would ask the House for a "yes" vote on SB 654.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The Chair recognizes Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we have SB 654 in front of us. This was amended in the Appropriations Committee, so there was a very, very small fraction of this overall caucus that had any – or, this body – that had any say over the amendments adopted. There are a couple reasons that was restricted a long time ago, so you do not have bill A come out that is amended into bill Z. That has happened in the past, and again, we have the same process here today.

We had a bill, the underlying bill, SB 654, that would allow landowners to depreciate well values, a very pro-fracking bill. I am very excited about the kind of past few bills we have had here today. We supported the coal industry and fossil fuel use in the coal industry now today. This next bill is a bill that will help landowners depreciate, which means we are supporting the fracking industry, which will reduce reliance on foreign oil and help spur a wonderful industry here. The net result: increasing our prominence in an energy-use field.

But the amendment put in has nothing to do with income tax depreciation, farmers, individuals; it has to do with mass transit funding and sales tax – a clear violation of the single-subject rule.

Now, a lot of my constituents ask me, you know, Representative Grove, do you go to Harrisburg and have these 1,000-page bills where they jam everything together? I said, it happens sometimes with the code bills, but normally, we have had strict adherence in making sure unlike things do not get meshed together on regular business.

Today that is not the case. Today we have two completely separate issues; obviously, a constitutional issue of which the courts have ruled repeatedly we cannot do. Now, I am not going to challenge the constitutionality, because I do not need to. If this were ever to pass into law, we know what would happen: it would get struck down by the courts. So I am not overly worried about it. But I did want to stand and commend the new direction of the humble majority party, supporting coal and natural gas extraction in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is a good sign of energy independence, and hopefully, it is something that we can continue moving on and support as a bipartisan gesture of this august body.

Now, the amendment that was adopted – there were actually two amendments adopted in the Appropriations Committee. The first one actually gave mass transit a 2-percent increase in sales tax. Yesterday that was cut. You know, some people believe in a cut of an increase is a cut, so a cut from the 2 percent down to the 1.75 percent, which does mirror the Governor's budget request, and that is what is in today.

Now, part of that amendment I found interesting – because I believe the Governor in his budget address did mention that he would like to see mass transit agencies match the State funding – this amendment actually gets rid of matching funds from local communities, so the only new dollars to mass transit would be from the State. So local entities all across Pennsylvania that have a 15-percent required match on the Public Transportation Trust Fund would not be paying any new dollars over the next 5 years into that. So it solely becomes a mass transit bailout from the State end.

Now, I will be a "no" vote on the constitutionality. I do not think we should be melting these two issues together. They have no business together. But I just wanted to say, I do appreciate the focus on fossil fuels in today's body.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes Representative O'Mara.

Ms. O'MARA. I rise today – well, good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to support SB 654. I do so as a member of the Transportation Committee, as the chair of the southeast delegation in our caucus, and also as a lifelong resident of southeastern Pennsylvania.

I come from the great County of Delaware – or as we know, Delco – and in Delco, SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) is instrumental to moving residents and consumers and workers through our region. I grew up utilizing the system to take the train to visit my grandparents in the city. For 7 years I rode from, well, Whitford Station near West Chester to UPenn. As an employee who was making \$28,000 a year and could not afford to move into the city of Philadelphia, relying on SEPTA was really critical for me, and at that time my monthly pass was \$204.

My district in Delco is home to the historic 101 trolley line. It cuts through most of the communities in Delaware County, and in Media Borough, it goes right along State Street. Some of you joined me riding that trolley last fall. This service is instrumental to our small businesses, to patients that are getting to doctor's appointments, to residents that are going to work; 700,000 people utilize SEPTA every single day. They do that on the buses and the trolleys. In my district, we even have three regional rails, regional rail stations. Just last week I used one to go to a meeting in the city. It was the same amount of time for \$12 instead of the \$34 an hour it is to park in the city. And I got to see, when I rode home at 5 o'clock, just how many of my constituents are relying on SEPTA to get home from work every single day.

If we do not get this funding across the finish line – and we were really close in the budget last year – if we do not get this funding across the finish line, SEPTA is going to have to announce historic cuts that are going to impact our constituents this year. That SEPTA pass that I used to pay \$204 would now cost – would cost if this does not get passed – \$255. That can cut a hole in someone's budget.

And the thing I want to emphasize is, what we are talking about today, it is not a tax increase. It is a change in the allotment that is not just going to benefit SEPTA; it is going to benefit public transit in all of our counties across the Commonwealth. And SEPTA right now benefits most of our counties across the Commonwealth.

SEPTA has over \$1.14 billion in contracts in Pennsylvania companies across 39 counties, and I have a couple to point out, because they are far from where we live. In Westmoreland County, they have \$2.6 million a year. In Centre County, \$5.75 million a year. In Jefferson, \$1.13 million. These are real numbers to show the impact that mass transit has not just here in the southeast.

The last thing I want to point out is the southeast counties, which is only 5 percent of the land in our State, generate 41 percent of our economic activity with a third of the State's population. That economic productivity would not be possible without a mass transit system that is able to keep our region moving. If you drive through our region, you understand just why SEPTA is so important.

And so I urge you today to vote "yes" on this bill because this is going to benefit all of us, and it is going to keep Pennsylvania moving.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman from Luzerne County rise?

Mr. HADDOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. HADDOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am requesting a ruling of the Chair concerning a potential conflict of interest I may have under House rule 65, extension, Article III, section 13, under the Pennsylvania Constitution. I am a part owner of a business that deals with mineral rights.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's opinion that you are a member of a class and may vote on the bill.

Mr. HADDOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes Representative Takac.

Mr. TAKAC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Regardless of anyone's personal feelings or opinions about the oil and gas industry, the reality is that royalty payments from oil, gas, mining, and mineral rights are a critical source of income for many individuals and families in rural Pennsylvania. Individual farmers and landowners, many of whom are retired, living on fixed incomes, or of limited financial means, often rely on modest royalty payments they receive in order to make ends meet. However, at this time the Pennsylvania Tax Code treats such income differently for individuals than it does for corporations.

Today individual Pennsylvania taxpayers are not allowed to take an estimated percentage depletion allowance on their royalty income. They are allowed to do so on their Federal taxes, but not on their Pennsylvania taxes. However, corporate entities are allowed to take such depreciation allowances and can often afford the thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars needed to get an appraisal of the value of their holdings so that they can take a basis point depreciation. However, such appraisals are often cost-prohibitive, especially to small landowners.

SB 654 closes this loophole and levels the playing field for individual farmers and landowners in rural Pennsylvania. This is not a bill that benefits large oil and gas companies or speculators. We are talking about leveling the playing field for thousands of individuals and families, and yet the estimated tax impact to the Commonwealth is minimal: roughly \$7.3 million in the next fiscal year. However, with that benefit occurring to tens of thousands of farmers and landowners, the individual benefit is, on average, a few hundred dollars more each tax year, but that money can often make a big difference.

I believe it is important to support rural working people, their families, and their communities. And at the end of the day, this is about fairness and leveling that playing field. This is an important issue for many of my constituents, and they have been waiting years to have this loophole closed, as my colleague from Westmoreland County, Representative Dunbar, can attest. Let us show them that we are listening, and please join me in voting "yes" on SB 654.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentlelady from Fayette rise?

Mrs. KRUPA. I would like to make a parliamentary inquiry regarding a conflict of interest.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlelady will state her inquiry.

Mrs. KRUPA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to request a ruling concerning any potential conflict I may have under House rule 65, and by extension, Article III, section 13, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, with respect to SB 654. In my particular case, I do get a small royalty check based on gas and oil mineral rights.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's opinion that you are a member of a class and may vote on the bill.

Mrs. KRUPA. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

The Chair recognizes Representative Kim. Waives off.

The Chair recognizes the Republican leader.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Appropriations chair has already hit on some of this, but I think it is worth noting. What we have seen is the consistent misuse of the parliamentary procedures that we have here, as well as our rules. Because of that, that likely jeopardizes both sections of this bill as they are currently drafted. The House's inconsistent stance upon what can and cannot be included in the single-subject rule likely jeopardizes this bill going forward.

Now, I know that individuals wish to get funding to SEPTA — I understand that and the mass transit world. However, there was one point that was made on this floor that I think is simply inaccurate, and that is this is the only way by which those funds can be derived. I know for myself, less than probably about 3 years ago, we were paying somewhere between \$1.70 and \$1.90 per gallon for gas. So yes, I heard the good lady's pleas that the SEPTA transit card price would go up a set amount; I understand that. So have our transportation costs for those of us who do not use SEPTA. That is the reality of a system that is based on increasing costs, and in this case, fuel.

We all know how expensive gas is now thanks to the inflation and the poor energy policies of this country nearly doubling those prices. And then we have an inappropriate maneuver made in the Appropriations Committee jeopardizing, quite frankly, the legality of the bill and both issues.

So let us talk about this proposal that was inserted in the bill in the Appropriations Committee. Now, we do know that the Governor last month did share a desire for some increased funding, but that proposal was a little short on details. You know, what about the amount heading towards mass transit is certainly eye popping. I think we would all agree with that, as we look for a balanced approach to the Commonwealth's transportation needs. And in fact, it was not that long ago that we tried to strike balance between EVs (electric vehicles) and offsetting gas tax here, but that amendment failed which would have provided the relief for drivers and now we have a bill that only provides relief for mass transit.

This plan would tie mass transit funding to sales taxes as a revenue stream going forward in a greater amount and is slightly troubling. Sales tax, you see – as we all know and have experienced in the last 4 years from the COVID shutdowns, which we fought, to the current economic conditions of inflation – you see, sales tax is subject to the whims of the economy and a downturn in consumer confidence and spending that could easily put other State revenue resources and taxes on the hook to make up this difference in mass transit funding. With a budget proposal already set to lead us to higher and newer taxes, this will simply dig a little deeper into the pockets of the people of the Commonwealth and make them a little poorer a little sooner.

Much like our education system, there are structural problems in the mass transit system that funding alone will not solve. Let me run through them, because I think they are important. Ridership is down, but it is increasing since the pandemic shutdown; costs, especially fuel and personnel, are going up; and crime continues to be a huge problem, diminishing the usefulness, and quite frankly, some people's desire to utilize mass transit to those who simply want to remain safe.

It is clear this legislation is being positioned for further budget discussions and negotiations. I understand the need to have a starting place to have negotiations, I honestly do. But this amount of funding inappropriately inserted into the bill with the severe structural issues that we have already outlined in our mass transit systems and a number of other issues contained with the process by which this legislation arrived here, including the amendments – I will be a "no" vote today and look forward to future discussions.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, the floor leader, Representative Bradford.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

About 6 months ago this body first took action to deal with this challenge that we have with statewide mass transit. For 6 months there has been almost no response. At the time that that bill was passed in October, my recognition was that the idea was we were against it because there were some business tax cuts we could not support and there was a dependent care credit program that was created that the minority party was not supportive of.

Since then we have passed the dependent care program that we talked about 6 months ago. We have yet to make any movement on business tax cuts, but we still sit with an issue with statewide mass transit funding. And if you recognize the important role that mass transit provides in terms of employees and employers and keeping our economy strong, if you are pro-business or pro-worker or just pro-common sense, you would recognize this has gone on for too long. So whether you are in Bucks County, Montgomery County, Chester County, Philadelphia County, Delaware County, you recognize that SEPTA is the lifeline to so much of our economy.

Anything other than a "yes" vote at this time is highly irresponsible. It is way past due, and we need to get about the people's business. Let us get to passing this without any more whataboutism. Let us pass statewide transit funding.

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—106

Abney	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Bellmon	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Benham	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Bizzarro	Friel	Malagari	Sappety
Borowski	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Boyd	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Boyle	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Bradford	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Brennan	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Briggs	Guzman	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
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Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Waxman
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Webster
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	White
Deasy	Kinhead	Powell	Williams, D.
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	Young
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	
Evans	Krajewski	Rabb	McClinton, Speaker
Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi	

NAYS—95

Armanini	Flood	Labs	Rapp
Banta	Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby
Barton	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Bernstine	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bonner	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
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Brown, M.	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
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Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Wentling
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Williams, C.
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	Zimmerman
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

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

SB 115, PN 41

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.

SB 740, PN 856

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for auditor's compensation.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 348 By Representatives HEFFLEY, STEHR, BERNSTINE, GUENST, R. MACKENZIE, GLEIM, KINSEY, WAXMAN, MALONEY, FLICK, JAMES, JOZWIAK, MALAGARI and TWARDZIK

A Resolution honoring Jacobus Franciscus "Jim" Thorpe by designating May 28, 2024, as "Jim Thorpe Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 20, 2024.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2142 By Representatives CURRY, GIRAL, KINSEY, BULLOCK, KENYATTA, PROBST, SCHLOSSBERG, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, BOYD, MERSKI, SHUSTERMAN, SANCHEZ, KHAN, DONAHUE, D. WILLIAMS, STEELE, DELLOSO, GREEN and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in additional special funds and restricted accounts, providing for Safe Path Restricted Account; and making a transfer.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2024.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1054, PN 1435

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, March 20, 2024.

SB 1111, PN 1429

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2024.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of the following report from the Committee on Committees, which the clerk will now read.

The following report was read:

Committee On Committees Report

March 20, 2024

Kevin Boyle is removed from Insurance Committee

Patty Kim resigns from Aging and Older Adult Services Committee
Patty Kim is elected to Insurance Committee and appointed Chair

Maureen Madden is elected to Aging and Older Adult Services Committee and appointed Chair

Jennifer O'Mara is elected to Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response Readiness, and appointed Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Carol Hill-Evans, Chairwoman
Committee on Committees

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?
Resolution was adopted.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 1434;
HB 1446;
HB 1553;
HB 1665;
HB 1762;
HB 1956;
SB 45; and
SB 55.

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 1030;
HB 1549;
HB 1842;
HB 1869; and
HB 2017.

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.

STATEMENT BY MR. HOGAN

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House rule 17, the Chair recognizes Representative Hogan, who would like to address the House regarding the 215th anniversary of the Bethlehem AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Hogan.

Mr. HOGAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I rise to recognize and honor a church in my community that is celebrating its 215th anniversary. Founded in 1809 in a humble log cabin, Bethlehem AME Church has been a home for the African-American community in Bucks County since its founding in Attleborough, now Langhorne. This also makes it the oldest house of worship established by people of color in Bucks County.

But while celebrating this milestone is important, it is also worth noting that Bethlehem AME has had a long history of standing up for what is right. Starting in the 1840s, the parish was a member of the anti-slavery league, advocating for the abolishment of slavery in the United States. Undaunted by the threat of retribution, the church was a stop on the New Jersey branch of the Underground Railroad, being a safe haven for those escaping from the clutches of slavery.

Bethlehem AME continues that fearless tradition by being an anchor for other congregations in the region and a ministry to those who are less fortunate. Its mission today, as it was over two centuries ago, is simple: to be an example of God's loving grace to all people through the preaching and teaching of Scripture, ministering of the sacraments, and service to the community through Christian fellowship.

I also would like to take a moment to thank the congregation for increasing the capacity and the potential of our youth, and for strengthening our community and contributing immensely to our shared history in Bucks County and Pennsylvania. Congratulations on 215 years of active and historic service.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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 by the gentleman from Luzerne County, Representative Kaufer, that the House now adjourn until Monday, March 25, 2024, at 12 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 3:21 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.