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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. JUSTIN C. FLEMING, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

May the words from my mouth and the meditation of all of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Lord, we thank You for allowing us to experience nature's wonderful bounty. We thank You for allowing us to enjoy natural wonders like the solar eclipse that we saw earlier this week. And we thank You for the incredible responsibility that You have placed upon us, allowing us to do Your work in this place.

We thank You, Lord, for the ability we have to help Pennsylvanians every day, but we also admit that we have fallen short of the lofty standard that You have set for us.

Most merciful God of grace and peace, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to become more faithful and help us to be a light in Your world. For these and our other transgressions, we are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways.

In the name of Jesus Christ 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, April 9, 2024, will be postponed until printed.

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 the gentleman, Representative METZGAR, from Somerset is on leave for the day. Without objection, the leave of absence is granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
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
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	Mihalek	Staats
Causer	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
Davanzo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Ortitay	Warner
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-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Mr. KRAJEWSKI called up **HR 331, PN 2659**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 9, 2024, as "Paul Robeson Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-101

Abney	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Benham	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Borowski	Friel	Malagari	Sappey
Boyd	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Boyle	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Bradford	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Brennan	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Briggs	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Brown, A.	Guzman	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Bullock	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burgos	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	Kinthead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker
Evans	Krajewski	Rabb	

NAYS-99

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

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

The SPEAKER. If the colleagues can have their seats so we can acknowledge our guests. If the members can have their seats so we can acknowledge our guests.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum is a very special constituent of Representative Lisa Borowski. It was the Chair's honor to meet him in the office earlier this morning. We are thrilled to have in our midst Mr. David Welsh. He is a photographer from the 168th District, and he is working on a photography project. He also has his cousin, Bill Brady, who worked in the legislature for many, many years, and we are so excited to welcome both of them. Gentlemen from Delaware County, specifically from Radnor, please stand. Welcome to the floor of the House.

In the gallery, our colleague, who is also from Delaware County, Representative O'Mara, has brought the Cardinal O'Hara Girls Basketball Team, along with their coaches, to the Capitol today to celebrate them winning the 6A State Girls Championship this year, making this their third championship in 4 years. Congratulations, Cardinal O'Hara. Welcome.

Also in the gallery, our colleague from Cumberland, Representative Kutz, has someone who is shadowing him all day today in the Capitol. We have Jacob Budman, who is a junior at the Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School. Jacob, thank you for being here today. Welcome.

Also in the gallery, our colleague, Representative Ecker, has brought Isaac Smith, who is a constituent shadowing him in the Capitol today. Would Isaac please stand. We are so glad to have you.

Our colleague in Berks County, Representative Cepeda-Freytiz, has brought Mindy McIntosh and Dacey Horohoe from Safe Berks. That is an agency that helps and serves survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Berks County. They are here today to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mindy and Dacey, please stand. Thank you for your work.

Representative Cepeda-Freytiz also has additional guests in the gallery, the Junior League of Reading, an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for community impact through volunteer action is here. We are so glad to have you, Junior League. Welcome.

This morning the Chair has some very special guests from Temple University. Please join me to welcome to the hall of the House students – they are seated in the back of the House – they are from Temple University for the Owls on the Hill Day. This is an annual tradition in which Temple University from all of their campuses – but my favorite is in North Philly – they leave their campuses and come right here to Harrisburg. Welcome, Temple Owls.

Our colleague who serves Carbon County, Representative Heffley, has a constituent and family friend in the rear of the House this morning. We are so grateful to have Emily Brong. Miss Brong is here with her caregiver, Tamie Sturgis. We thank you for being present and we hope that you have a good visit today in the State Capitol. Thank you for being here.

SENATE MESSAGE

AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 917, PN 2874**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1795, PN 2211**, 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 1795, PN 2211

An Act amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, further providing for definitions and for exemptions.

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

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, there will be an immediate Rules Committee meeting in the majority caucus room at the break.

House Democrats will caucus at 12:30. We will be prepared to return to the floor at 1.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 12 o'clock. Republicans will caucus at 12 o'clock.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna County for a committee announcement, Representative Mullins.

Mr. MULLINS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately following the Rules Committee meeting, which is happening upon the break. So that is the Appropriations Committee meeting immediately after the Rules Committee in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately following the Rules Committee meeting, which is happening upon the break.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 1 o'clock p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:10 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 816, PN 2732 By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1512, PN 2883 By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for telemedicine.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1593, PN 2898 By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for title of the act; in general provisions, further providing for legislative findings for early intervention, for definitions, for State interagency agreement, for other duties of State agencies and for council; in Statewide system for provision of early intervention services, further providing for requirements, for program regulations and standards, for administration by Department of Public Welfare, for administration by Department of Education and for child identification, assessment and tracking system; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for effective date; and making editorial changes.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1598, PN 2899 By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts or practices and exclusions; and providing for child sexual abuse material generated by artificial intelligence.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1834, PN 2900 By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of June 19, 2018 (P.L.229, No.36), known as the Employment First Act, further providing for Employment First Oversight Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2055, PN 2651 By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1931 (P.L.594, No.203), referred to as the Township State Highway Law, adding a route in Dauphin County.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 656, PN 1519 (Amended)

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax, exemptions and deductions and providing for electric vehicle road user charge; and imposing a penalty.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1111, PN 1429

By Rep. HARRIS

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

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 917, PN 2874

By Rep. BRADFORD

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adopting the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act.

RULES.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 384 By Representatives KENYATTA, CEPHAS, GREEN, MAYES, CERRATO, N. NELSON, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, HANBIDGE, KHAN, DELLOSO, PARKER, KINSEY, WAXMAN, CIRESI, KIM, KAZEEM, SCOTT and BOYD

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study and issue a report on benefits cliffs in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, April 10, 2024.

No. 385 By Representatives MERSKI, BIZZARRO, HARKINS, KINSEY, KHAN, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, CONKLIN and D. WILLIAMS

A Resolution designating April 18, 2024, as "Eric Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 10, 2024.

No. 386 By Representatives DEASY, GREINER, KHAN, VENKAT, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, BERNSTINE, KINSEY and PISCOTTANO

A Resolution recognizing April 15, 2024, as "Jim Leyland Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 10, 2024.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2202 By Representatives CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS and DELLOSO

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.598, No.206), known as the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority Act, further providing for activities and powers of the authority in general; and establishing the Minority Business Development Program.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, April 10, 2024.

No. 2203 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, ROWE, FLICK, NEILSON, SMITH and GILLEN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for qualifications for school bus driver endorsement.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 10, 2024.

No. 2324 By Representative HARRIS

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Legislative Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2325 By Representative HARRIS

An Act providing for the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2326 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2327 By Representative HARRIS

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2024-2025; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance, redevelopment assistance projects, flood control projects and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects leased or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for

the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2328 By Representative HARRIS

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2329 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2330 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2331 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2332 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2333 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2334 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2335 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2336 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

No. 2337 By Representative HARRIS

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 10, 2024.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 819, PN 928

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 10, 2024.

SB 831, PN 1514

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, April 10, 2024.

SB 1120, PN 1436

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, April 10, 2024.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker grants Andrea O'Neill and Larry Zapotocky from Bloomsburg University access to the floor for the purpose of both videography and photography for a period not to exceed 10 minutes.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Colleagues, if I can have your attention. We do have some special guests who have joined us this afternoon, and they have come all the way from Westmoreland County.

We are so very excited that our colleague, Representative Cooper, has brought to us – and they are seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum; please stand when I say your name – Mayor Thomas Guzzo and Mrs. Amy Guzzo. And members of the New Kensington City Council, we have Dante Cicconi, Corey Pistininzi, Tim DiMaio, Todd Mentecki, and Dennis Scarpiniti. This fine group of public servants were honored this morning with the Local Government Award for Promoting Community and Economic Revitalization by the Department of Community and Economic Development. We congratulate these hardworking local officials and welcome them. Let us welcome them to the floor of the House.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 917, PN 2874**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adopting the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Chester County, Representative Shusterman, for a brief description of the Senate amendments.

Ms. SHUSTERMAN. This is a technical amendment and an agreed-to amendment. I encourage a "yes" vote. Thank you.

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

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

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
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D'Orsie	Kail	O'Mara	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufner	O'Neal	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Ortitay	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Otten	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Owlett	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Parker	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Pashinski	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pickett	Wentling
Donahue	Kinkead	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—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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 917, PN 2874

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adopting the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1111, PN 1429**, entitled:

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

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—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	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
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
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	Mihalek	Staats
Causer	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	Kaufner	O'Neal	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Ortitay	Warner

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—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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.

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:

SB 1111, PN 1429

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

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. FREEMAN called up **HR 326, PN 2632**, entitled:

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.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, the gentleman from Northampton County, the majority chair of Local Government, Representative Freeman.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

HR 326 was requested by the Department of Community and Economic Development on behalf of the Center for Local Government Services.

Since the establishment of our Commonwealth, local government has had a very important role to play in terms of the delivery of services, in terms of meeting the needs of their community. Counties, cities, boroughs, our one incorporated town, townships – as well as school districts and other authorities and units of government – all play a critical role in ensuring the delivery of services that our local communities depend upon. These services support nearly 13 million people who have lived and worked in our State for many years.

The work of local governments is critical and too often unrecognized. So it is in the spirit of giving recognition that this resolution is offered. Nearly 166,000 county and municipal employees spend their days keeping us safe, healthy, and moving along in terms of the operation of our local communities. Many individuals do these jobs with little compensation, if any, and it is important for us to recognize them with this resolution, because in so many ways, it really gives further appreciation to the fine work they do on behalf of all of our constituents.

So I urge a "yes" vote on HR 326.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Abney	Flood	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Labs	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gergely	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gillen	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Giral	Mako	Sappay
Borowicz	Gleim	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Green	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Gregory	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Greiner	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Grove	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Guenst	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guzman	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Haddock	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Hamm	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Heffley	Merski	Solomon
Cabell	Hogan	Mihalek	Staats
Causar	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	Kaufers	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	Kinthead	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			

NAYS—1

Fink

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

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Mrs. CURRY called up **HR 373, PN 2868**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 11 through 17, 2024, as "Black Maternal Health Week" in Pennsylvania to bring attention to the maternal health crisis and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Delaware County, the maker of the resolution, Representative Curry.

Mrs. CURRY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I urge a "yes" vote today on this resolution recognizing "Black Maternal Health Week" that starts tomorrow, April 11 through 17. It is important that we recognize as a legislature the important and critical issues that are going on with Black maternal health, and I just urge a "yes" vote. Thank you so much.

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

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

Rep. MAYES. Madam Speaker, a year ago Rep Curry had the idea to recognize and uplift "Black Maternal Health Week" here in the Capitol, building on the many years of leadership by Rep Cephas for Black maternal health and my continued leadership for the last 20 years in service of the health and well-being of Black women of the Commonwealth. This day was joyful. It was triumphant. It was action-oriented.

In the year since we hosted the first ever Black Maternal Health Week here in the Capitol, Rep Curry, Rep Cephas, and I have continued to work to advance and save Black moms from preventable mortality and morbidity. And when we save Black moms, we save all moms from maternal mortality and morbidity across the Commonwealth. This is why we launched the groundbreaking Black Maternal Health Caucus in October 2023, with nearly 70 members in the House and the Senate on both sides of the aisle. We have advanced or supported multiple bills to the Governor's desk. We introduced a Pennsylvania Momnibus in March 2024, which is lifesaving, lifesaving legislation to increase access to maternal health, eliminate maternal health deserts, and address the social determinants of health that we need to make sure that all moms live the lives that they deserve.

So thank you to the maker of the resolution, Rep Curry; thank you to Chair Kinsey and the Human Services Committee, who voted this resolution out of committee unanimously; and on behalf of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, we invite every single person in this chamber to participate in our second annual Black Maternal Health Week at the Capitol, April 15, 16, and 17.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I urge a "yes" vote as well.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Abney	Flood	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Labs	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Madden	Salisbury
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Bizzarro	Gillen	Major	Sanchez
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Borowski	Green	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Gregory	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Greiner	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Grove	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Guenst	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guzman	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Haddock	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Hamm	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
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Cooper	Jones, T.	Neilson	Takac
Curry	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Cutler	Kail	Nelson, N.	Topper
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Delozier	Kim	Pashinski	Webster
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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			

NAYS-1

Fink

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of SB 709, PN 841, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in game or wildlife protection, further providing for the offense of unlawful taking and possession of protected birds and for endangered or threatened species.

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

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 1730, PN 2066, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in application of the act and penalties, further providing for exclusions.

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

Mrs. FINK offered the following amendment No. A02995:

- Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "exclusions" and providing for municipalities
- Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 6 and 7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read: Section 304.1. Municipalities.
- A municipality shall provide for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds. A municipality shall not operate a cemetery for the purpose of selling plots or burial grounds for profit.
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "2" and inserting

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 York, Representative Fink.

Mrs. FINK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to offer amendment A02995, which prohibits municipalities from operating a cemetery for the purpose of selling plots or burial grounds for profit. As municipal codes dictate, a municipality must provide for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds, especially a cemetery that has been abandoned or neglected. Maintaining the grounds is where the municipality's responsibility should end. Selling plots or burial grounds for profit is not the responsibility of the local government.

This is a commonsense amendment that makes the bill better, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, the maker of the bill, Representative Brennan.

Mr. BRENNAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Local government is the owner of last resort for these cemeteries. Not allowing them to actually sell the plots that they have been stuck with holding and also maintaining is going to add that cost to the taxpayers. I think that is a mistake. Creating a broad maintenance requirement without funding it is also a problem.

So I vetted this bill with the PA Realtors before I introduced it. I worked with the PA Local Government Commission. And this amendment is opposed by the Township Supervisors Association.

So I would urge a "no" on the amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-24

Benninghoff	Gleim	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bernstine	Grove	Maloney	Schlegel
Borowicz	Hamm	Ortitay	Stambaugh
Cooper	Jones, M.	Rapp	Stehr
D'Orsie	Keefer	Roae	Venkat
Fink	Klunk	Rossi	Watro

NAYS-176

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

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

RULING OF CHAIR APPEALED

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

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to appeal the ruling of the Chair on amendment A3925.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Heffley, appeals the ruling of the chair that A03925 violates House rule 20. House rule 20 provides that no bill shall be passed containing more than one subject. The subject of HB 1799 provides for the redevelopment of shopping malls. A03925 adds a second subject to the bill by establishing Homeowners' Property Tax Rebate.

On the question,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

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

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The underlying bill actually provides for a 17 1/2-year tax abatement, which is tax relief on real estate property. My amendment deals directly with tax relief on property. If we are going to give a 17 1/2-year property tax abatement to corporations – international corporations – to redevelop property, can we not, from the surplus, give our homeowners some property tax relief?

This amendment would provide a \$1,000 rebate to every homeowner on their primary residence. We are giving property tax abatements to major corporations to come in and do millions of dollars of renovations, and they are going to make a profit on it, but yet our homeowners, when we have a surplus and we could take these dollars—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman's comments should be contained to whether or not the Chair's decision should be sustained, not on argument advocating for the passage of the amendment. It is not the time for that.

Mr. HEFFLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The underlying bill deals with tax relief on real estate. The amendment directly applies tax relief on real estate. The underlying bill does it for corporations. My amendment does it for homeowners. Vote to appeal the ruling of the Chair. Vote for the property tax relief for your homeowners. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes gentleman from Lancaster, Representative Cutler, on the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, quite simply, I think it is important that we highlight why the ruling of the Chair should be overruled. Quite simply, the bill does in fact deal with tax abatement for real estate development. The gentleman's amendment that he is seeking to offer – and he could do so if this ruling were in fact successfully appealed – simply also looks to provide tax relief to homeowners.

Madam Speaker, I believe that is a worthwhile cause and one that should be supported by the members here in the chamber. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1799, PN 2754**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

AMENDMENTS RULED OUT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20: A03922, A03925, A03932.

On the question recurring,
Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

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	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
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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	Kinkead	Powell	
Deloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NAYS—98

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.	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Miller, B.	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Moul	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Mustello	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufer	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	O'Neal	Topper
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Ecker	Kephart	Ortitay	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Owlett	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Pickett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Rader	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rapp	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lawrence		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin	Metzgar
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Less than a majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the negative, the decision of the Chair stood as the judgment of the House.

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

The SPEAKER. The House will temporarily be at ease.

The House will come to order.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker grants Mark Pynes of the Associated Press access to the floor of the House for the purpose of taking still photographs for a period not to exceed 10 minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1799 CONTINUED

Mr. **B. MILLER** offered the following amendment No. **A03727**:

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 14 through 17, by striking out "A" in line 14 and all of lines 15 through 17

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 28 through 30; page 8, line 1; by striking out "AND EACH LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY MUST POST A" in line 28, all of lines 29 and 30 on page 7 and "ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE" in line 1 on page 8

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster—

It is the Chair's understanding the amendment is withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. **JAMES** offered the following amendment No. **A03739**:

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 10 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 15; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

(b) Schedule.—Notwithstanding if an assessment eligible for exemption is based upon actual cost or a maximum cost, the actual amount of taxes exempt must be in accordance with the following schedule:

Year	Portion
First year	100%
Second year	90%
Third year	80%
Fourth year	70%
Fifth year	60%
Sixth year	50%
Seventh year	40%
Eighth year	30%
Ninth year	20%
Tenth year	10%
After the tenth year	0%

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Representative James.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to offer amendment A03739. This is a much better amendment than the one I offered yesterday. It adjusts the assessment exemption schedule to reflect Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance, commonly known as LERTA. The bill authorizes local taxing authorities to provide tax exemptions for the redevelopment of shopping malls into affordable housing.

Under HB 1799, if a developer meets all the criteria, they could be 100 percent exempt for at least 10 years, possibly extensions of 2 and 5 years. My amendment would limit the exemption period to a maximum of 10 years to reflect what is currently already provided for under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance program. The first year starts at 100 percent and then is reduced by 10 percent annually until the 10-year period is up.

Seventeen years is a very long period of time for developers to be 100 percent tax exempt. It does not seem fair to the boroughs, townships, and counties in which these abandoned or seldom-used malls are in trouble. So at this point I urge a "yes" vote to bring the exemption period in line with an already current practice.

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—98

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
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D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Moul	Stender
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Fee	Krupa	Pickett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Rader	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rapp	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lawrence		

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Krajewski	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
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Brennan	Giral	Mayes	Scott
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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—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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. KUZMA offered the following amendment No. A03940:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "the" Economic Development and

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "the" Economic Development and

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "Affordable" and inserting

Attainable

Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "AFFORDABILITY" and inserting

attainable

Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by inserting after "THE" Economic Development and

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by inserting after "FOR" economic development and

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 27 and 28 "Economic development." Creating the conditions for economic growth and improved quality of life by expanding the capacity of individuals, businesses and communities to maximize the use of their talents and skills to support innovation, job creation and private investment.

"Economic development and mixed-use redevelopment." An urban, suburban, village development or single building that combines residential, commercial, cultural, institutional or industrial uses to provide efficiency for the community in terms of space, transportation and economic development.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 2 through 6, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out "MIXED-USE"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 8, by inserting after "4."

Economic Development and

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by inserting after "THE" where it occurs the first time

Economic Development and

Amend Bill, page 4, line 14, by striking out "affordable" and

inserting
 attainable
 Amend Bill, page 6, line 30, by striking out "mixed-use" and
 inserting
 the
 Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "mixed-use"
 Amend Bill, page 8, line 16, by inserting after "for"
 economic development and
 Amend Bill, page 8, line 17, by inserting after "~~following~~"
 economic development and
 Amend Bill, page 8, line 29, by striking out "affordable" and
 inserting
 attainable
 Amend Bill, page 9, line 6, by inserting after "the"
 economic development and
 Amend Bill, page 9, line 14, by striking out "MIXED-USE"

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Kuzma.

The gentleman will suspend so that we can all hear you. The Chair apologizes. The Mace is busy.

Mr. KUZMA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to offer amendment A03940 to the underlying bill. One of the greatest problems in our Commonwealth is blight. I represent the Mon Valley and the South Hills of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County and Washington County, and I can tell you that at one time, at Pittsburgh's peak, we had 1 million residents within the city limits of Pittsburgh. Since that time, we went from 1 million residents down to 300,000. Well, where do you think the homes went where those 700,000 people were living in? They are still there. And not only do we have problems with blight in Allegheny County and Washington County, but we also have issues with abandoned shopping malls, factories – carcasses of industry that was once there that is no longer there.

The underlying bill I believe is a good bill that would help incentivize redevelopers to remediate blight throughout our Commonwealth with abandoned shopping malls. One of the greatest eyesores at the border of my district is Century III Mall in Allegheny County. This is a 1-million-square-foot facility that is totally abandoned and is totally empty. At one time it was one of the largest facilities and the nicest shopping malls on this side of the country. Since that time it is gone; it is totally gone. It is plagued with vandalism, with trespassers – one of which just fell through the roof of Century III Mall – and I am hopeful that this amendment and this underlying bill will help incentivize redevelopers to come in and fix our mess in Allegheny County, along with the rest of the messes in the Commonwealth.

I thank Representative Siegel for his bipartisan nature in working on this amendment together, and I look forward to having an affirmative vote.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, the gentleman from the Lehigh, Representative Siegel.

Mr. SIEGEL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I thank the good gentleman from Allegheny for his bipartisan nature as well, and working with me to refine the language here in this legislation. I believe both the language amended and the

underlying bill will go a long way to making sure that we revitalize blighted communities around our Commonwealth and make sure that struggling towns where there were once prosperous malls and shopping plazas can be reborn anew.

I look forward to working with the good gentleman as we continue to move this legislation across the finish line, and I thank him once again for working with me in a bipartisan fashion.

I urge my colleagues to support this agreed-upon amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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
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Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Stender
Cook	James	Munroe	Struzzi
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Sturla
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Takac
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Topper
Daley	Kaufner	O'Mara	Twardzik
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Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Watro
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Waxman
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Webster
Donahue	Kinthead	Pickett	Wentling
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	White
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Williams, D.
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Young
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	Zimmerman
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	
Fink	Kulik	Rader	McClinton,
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	Speaker

NAYS—2

Burgos Guzman

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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 1853, PN 2325**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for administration.

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

Mr. **GROVE** offered the following amendment No. **A03567**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out "a meeting of long-term care nursing facilities" and inserting

meetings of health care facilities by facility specialization

Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by striking out "conduct of surveys, with the"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 21; page 2, line 1; by striking out "long-term care" in line 21 on page 1 and "nursing" in line 1 on page 2 and inserting

health care

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, the chair of Appropriations, Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment would actually expand the scope of this to everything the Department of Health actually does oversight. I will be withdrawing this, but let me state this for the record. The simple fact that we, under the underlying bill, have to tell a State agency to go communicate and work with those that have oversight is just ridiculous. This is a complete failure of the State agency to do the basic job that they are set out to do.

I appreciate the prime sponsor of the bill in chief to bring this forward to make a department do their simple job that they are supposed to. I look forward to working with the makers in advancing this forward to make sure State agencies get back to the basics.

I will be withdrawing this amendment, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mrs. **MARCELL** offered the following amendment No. **A03924**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 18 through 21; page 2, line 1; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

(c.1) Annual meeting.—

(1) The department shall annually convene a minimum of one meeting of long-term care nursing facilities to receive input regarding the department's conduct of surveys, with the goal of promoting cooperation and communication between long-term care nursing facilities and the department. The department shall ensure that each meeting under this subsection occur at a regional field office of the department and allow long-term care nursing facilities within the region to participate in each meeting. The department may conduct each meeting under this subsection virtually or in-person.

(2) Information provided to the department at each meeting under this subsection may not be discoverable, used as a basis for criminal action or used as a basis for civil or administrative liability under the laws of this Commonwealth, unless any of the following apply:

(i) The information is unrelated to the performance of the duties and functions of a long-term care nursing facility.

(ii) The information is false and the person who provided the information knew, or had reason to believe, that the information was false to avoid a criminal action or civil or administrative liability.

(iii) The information is independently corroborated.

(3) Information, data or records obtained by the department under this subsection shall not be accessible under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentelady from Bucks County, Representative Marcell.

Mrs. MARCELL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

My amendment seeks to strengthen the partnership between long-term care nursing facilities and the Department of Health, fostering an environment of open communication and continuous improvement in the quality of care provided to our most vulnerable citizens.

Our nursing homes are not just facilities. They are homes to our seniors and disabled community members. They are places where lives are lived, stories are shared, and dignity is preserved. The staff in these facilities work tirelessly to provide care and comfort to residents, often under very challenging circumstances. It is paramount that we create a framework that supports these facilities in their mission, while ensuring the highest standards of care are maintained.

This amendment proposes a balanced approach. It ensures that statements made by nursing homes during their annual meetings with the Department of Health are protected from being used against them in criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings without additional evidence. This protection is crucial for

promoting open dialogue and sharing of information that can lead to improvements in care quality and patient safety.

However, this amendment also enshrines accountability. It specifies exceptions where statements can be used by the Department of Health: first, if the information is unrelated to the duties and functions of a long-term care facility; second, if the information provided is knowingly false, aimed at evading legal responsibility; or third, if the statements are independently corroborated.

The idea for these exceptions comes from existing State law, the Peer Review Protection Act. As some of these standards are already in place in the health-care arena, it made sense to use those existing exceptions in this amendment. By setting these parameters, we are not only protecting our nursing homes from unjust liability, but also ensuring that any egregious or willful misconduct does not go unchecked.

Our goal is to promote cooperation and communication between our nursing facilities and the Department of Health. This amendment is a step forward in our ongoing commitment to our elderly and disabled populations. It acknowledges the challenges faced by long-term care facilities, while upholding our collective responsibility to safeguard the well-being of their residents.

I ask for an affirmative vote from my colleagues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, the gentlelady from Chester, Representative Shusterman.

Ms. SHUSTERMAN. I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment. It is an agreed-to amendment. Thank you.

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

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	Madden	Salisbury
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Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
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Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
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Bullock	Hamm	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
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Causer	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
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Davanzo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
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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.
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Evans	Krajewski	Prokopiak	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Rabb	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rader	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rapp	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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 2119, PN 2701**, 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.

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

AMENDMENTS RULED OUT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20: A03939, A03941, A03952.

RULING OF CHAIR APPEALED

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Centre County, Representative Benninghoff, rise?

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to appeal the Chairwoman's ruling that this amendment is not germane to HB 2119.

The SPEAKER. Representative Benninghoff appeals the ruling that the Chair's decision, amendment A03952, violates House rule 20. House rule 20 provides that no bill shall be passed containing more than one subject. The subject of HB 2119 provides for the taxation of PA 529 tuition accounts. Amendment A03952 adds a second subject to the bill by providing for the income tax rate.

On the question,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

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

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

While I agree with a lot of your opinions, in this one specifically, I am struggling, considering this bill and my amendment deal with the exact same subject: the personal income tax. How can that not be germane?

For the members who may not have read through it, my amendment simply returns the personal income tax rate back to 2.8 percent, which is the rate the Commonwealth had for decades before the Rendell era increased it to 3.07. Keeping in mind that at a time when gas prices are out of sight, skyrocketing grocery bills, and an inflationary rate where we do not know if it is ever going to come back down, people are struggling, income earners. People are trying to pay their bills, are trying to get money into—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will suspend.

The gentleman will contain his comments to whether or not this body shall appeal the ruling of the Chair. This is not an open debate. The gentleman will continue.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. I was circling around to that, Madam Speaker, but I will circle around a little faster.

The other day folks were talking about people's income, the amount of money, what they can put into a Roth IRA or whatever else. I believe they are both dealing with people's income, and if we want to help out struggling members that both sides of the aisle talk about – our constituents – then we should be voting for this amendment to reduce the PIT back to 2.8 percent, and I would ask for a unanimous vote on amendment 03952.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the floor leader, the gentleman from Lancaster, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I think the good gentleman raises some very significant issues with the ruling of the Chair regarding the amendment. Quite simply, the underlying bill deals with the taxation of 529 plans. All the good gentleman's amendment does is simply lower the personal income tax rate, which I believe is on point, given the current economic climate.

Madam Speaker, those issues are in fact interlinked, and it does not matter at what rate it is in terms of where we want to go; the rate is still contained in the bill. The good gentleman's amendment lowers that rate from 3.07 down to 2.8, and I would encourage the members to allow the vote on the underlying amendment so we can have a meaningful debate on lowering the PIT during a time of our current surpluses.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

Abney	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Benham	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Borowski	Friel	Malagari	Sappey
Boyd	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Boyle	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Bradford	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Brennan	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Briggs	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Brown, A.	Guzman	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Bullock	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mullins	Steele
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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
Evans	Krajewski	Rabb	

NAYS—99

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin	Metzgar
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Less than a majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the negative, the decision of the Chair stood as the judgment of the House.

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

Ms. SCIALABBA offered the following amendment
No. **A03953**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "income"
; and, in inheritance tax, further providing for transfers not subject to
tax

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 5 and 6
Section 2. Section 2111 of the act is amended by adding a
subsection to read:

Section 2111. Transfers Not Subject to Tax.—* * *

(v) The transfer of amounts in a qualified tuition program to the
designated beneficiary or the parent or guardian of the designated
beneficiary. For the purposes of this subsection:

(1) The term "qualified tuition program" shall have the same
meaning as provided in section 529(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
of 1986, as amended.

(2) The term "designated beneficiary" shall have the same
meaning as provided in section 529(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
of 1986, as amended.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 6, by striking out "2" and inserting
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Ms. SCIALABBA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

My amendment will simply bring our law into the realm of
constitutionality, following an Allegheny County case that
declared our current practice of exempting only some
529 accounts from inheritance tax as unconstitutional.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Ms. SCIALABBA. The substance of my amendment is being
introduced as HB 2204, and after speaking with Representative
Samuelson, the chair of the House Finance Committee, I have
been assured that the bill will be the subject of a hearing next
week, on the 17th of April, and I will be withdrawing my
amendment on that condition.

And so I look forward to its passage following the committee
hearing, and hopefully, on the floor of the House. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 816**,
PN 2732, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania
Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for
removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

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,
the gentleman from Philadelphia, Representative Giral.

Mr. GIRAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my
colleagues for an affirmative vote on HB 816. HB 816 will
require tow truck drivers in Philadelphia to take photographs as
evidence before the car is towed for a violation and provide it to
the owner. This bill will go a long way to protect both my
constituents and the cars that are wrongfully towed, but also help
tow truck drivers in Philadelphia that are unfairly accused of
wrongdoing. It introduces accountability and transparency in a
system that has been filled with mistrust.

To be clear, Madam Speaker, this would only take effect in
tow companies in the city of the first class, which is Philadelphia.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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—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	Madden	Salisbury
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Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sappey
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Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
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Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
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Causer	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
Davanzo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Ortitay	Warner
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—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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 1512, PN 2883**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for telemedicine.

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, the gentlelady from Chester County, Representative Sappey.

Ms. SAPPEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of HB 1512, a bill that finally moves the conversation of telemedicine forward.

Most of us have experienced or heard of the convenience telemedicine brings to patients' lives, both on the physical and behavioral health sides of the equation. I do not personally believe that telemedicine will ever replace on-site health care, but it certainly enhances the ability for patients to keep consistent with their medical appointments, and there are clearly times when a televisit is appropriate, more convenient, or even the only possibility at that time, particularly for the disability community.

Telemedicine is also a huge advancement for behavioral health services, where there is a shortage of therapists in many areas of the State. Telemedicine saves time from traveling for some who cannot travel, and sometimes it is the only option, particularly in our rural populations and our agricultural communities.

HB 1512 does not regulate providers. Instead, it lets health-care professionals do their jobs and provide care in an appropriate setting. Further, HB 1512 is not a mandate. It is a nondiscrimination bill. If a health insurer covers a medically necessary health-care service that is provided in an in-person setting, the insurer must also cover the service if it is appropriately provided through telemedicine.

In closing, over 100 stakeholders were surveyed for positions, and not one group opposed this bill. I respectfully ask my colleagues for their support of this legislation, and I thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the floor leader, the gentleman from Lancaster, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this is an issue that I, too, have worked on for some time, and I would like to submit my comments for the record.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

With this bill before the House, it is important we note that HB 1512 does not either explicitly or implicitly remove any of the provisions of the Abortion Control Act from our laws.

For example, this means that minors still will need to inform their parents or receive judicial authorization before having an abortion.

Abortions would continue to be prohibited on or after 24 weeks' gestational age of the unborn child, except in cases to prevent either the death of the pregnant woman, the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the woman, or because the physician reasonably believed the gestational age of the unborn child was less than 24 weeks.

Informed consent would still be required and retained at least 24 hours after a woman seeking an abortion has been provided with materials containing descriptions of her unborn child, the probable gestational age of the unborn child, and information on medical assistance benefits which may be available to her and her unborn child, including information regarding the financial liability of the unborn child's father.

These, and other lifesaving measures passed by this body in a bipartisan manner and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision, are not amended by this bill.

We also must keep in mind that currently pending before the United States Supreme Court is whether the Federal Food and Drug Administration acted properly in changes it made in 2016 and 2021, which significantly broadened access to mifepristone, and whether those changes should remain in effect.

In that case, the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, the Court is determining whether the FDA's relaxing of the rules to obtain this drug was properly done. Before those regulation changes, mifepristone had to be prescribed and dispensed

only by a specially certified doctor and picked up in person by the patient. In 2016 the FDA extended the timeframe for mifepristone use during pregnancy, authorizing it until 10 weeks instead of 7 weeks. In 2019 the FDA approved a generic version of mifepristone, and then in January 2023, after easing some requirements during the pandemic, the agency permanently lifted the in-person dispensing requirement, allowing the medication to be prescribed through telehealth appointments, dispensed at retail pharmacies, and sent through the mail.

Depending on how the Court rules, we may need to revisit any laws or policies that govern the use of telemedicine, and in particular, how certain drugs may be accessed via telemedicine.

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—197

Abney	Flick	Labs	Roae
Armanini	Flood	Lawrence	Rossi
Banta	Frankel	Leadbeter	Rowe
Barton	Freeman	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benham	Fritz	Madden	Salisbury
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madsen	Samuelson
Bernstine	Gaydos	Major	Sanchez
Bizzarro	Gergely	Mako	Sappey
Bonner	Gillen	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Giral	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Gleim	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Green	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Gregory	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Greiner	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Grove	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guenst	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Guzman	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Haddock	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Merski	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
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Davis	Kazeem	Ortitay	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Otten	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Owlett	Watro
Delloso	Khan	Parker	Waxman
Delozier	Kim	Pashinski	Webster
Diamond	Kinthead	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,
Fink	Kutz	Rapp	Speaker
Fleming	Kuzma	Rigby	

NAYS—3

Borowicz Hamm Kephart

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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 1593, PN 2898**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for title of the act; in general provisions, further providing for legislative findings for early intervention, for definitions, for State interagency agreement, for other duties of State agencies and for council; in Statewide system for provision of early intervention services, further providing for requirements, for program regulations and standards, for administration by Department of Public Welfare, for administration by Department of Education and for child identification, assessment and tracking system; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for effective date; and making editorial changes.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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	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
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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	Kinkead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NAYS—98

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.	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Miller, B.	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Moul	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Mustello	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufner	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
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Ecker	Kephart	Ortitay	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Owlett	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Pickett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Rader	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rapp	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lawrence		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin	Metzgar
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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.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentlady from Chester County, Representative Howard, rise?

Ms. HOWARD. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the comments of Representative Friel Otten for the record.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlady.

Ms. HOWARD submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal on behalf of Ms. OTTEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

One year ago I attended a symposium on early childhood education and the economic value of high-quality child care. The keynote speaker that day was Dr. Jack Shonkoff, the founding director of the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard. He reviewed the latest research from the center and spoke about findings on the long-term outcomes of quality early childhood intervention services – including lifelong implications for individuals and communities.

My colleague from Philadelphia, Chairwoman Donna Bullock, was also there that day. Listening to Dr. Shonkoff's presentation, we were reminded of the work of our former colleague across the aisle, Representative Tarah Toohil, whose legislation to expand early intervention services advanced through committee unanimously in 2020 and nearly unanimously in 2021, but never received a vote on the House floor. Last summer Chair Bullock and I worked together to introduce similar legislation.

HB 1593 expands access to Early Intervention services to children born to mothers who are considered high-risk for, or who are diagnosed with, postpartum depression.

Welcoming a new baby should be a joyous time for a family. And yet the reality is that a new baby can also mean sleepless days and nights; isolation from friendships; anxiety about stretched finances or missed career opportunities; and physical, hormonal changes that trigger postpartum depression.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, untreated postpartum depression can hurt parents' ability to bond with and care for their baby, and lead to discontinued breastfeeding, family dysfunction, and an increased risk of child abuse and neglect. Untreated depression also can affect a baby's brain development by increasing the risk of toxic stress, which delays the infant's language, cognitive, and social-emotional development.

Research from the Harvard Center on the Developing Child has found that responsive, supportive relationships are fundamentally important to children's development and their ability to build resilience throughout childhood and into adulthood.

Specifically, the Harvard Center finds that "Responsive relationships early in life are the most important factor in building sturdy brain architecture," and "When an infant or young child babbles, gestures, or cries, and an adult responds appropriately with eye contact, words, or a hug, neural connections are built and strengthened in the child's brain. Given the foundational importance of the first few years of life, the need for responsive relationships in a variety of settings, starting in infancy, cannot be overstated."

Conversely, children who grow up in an environment of mental illness and other extreme sources of stress are at higher risk for developmental delays and long-lasting impacts on their physical and mental health. We can help to prevent and counteract these poor outcomes through Early Intervention services.

The importance of early intervention is already well established. Currently in Pennsylvania, we provide Early Intervention services to families with children from birth to age 5 with developmental delays and disabilities. These supports help to nurture healthy growth and development, and ensure better outcomes for children and their families. Early Intervention services can also serve as a protective factor against trauma, abuse, and neglect.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that between 11 percent and 18 percent of Americans experience symptoms of depression after giving birth. Among low-income parents, the percentage is 25 percent. And in low-income adolescents who give birth, it is as high as 40 percent to 60 percent.

Expanding eligibility for Early Intervention services to children from birth through 2 years old, born to mothers with or at high risk for postpartum depression, would ensure that these children and their families have access to services already available in Pennsylvania. Early Intervention can help to provide support, reduce families' sources of stress, and facilitate essential, responsive relationships between children, families, and caregivers.

Given the prevalence of postpartum depression and the importance of the very earliest months and years in a child's development, expanding eligibility for these services would be a lifeline for children and families in need of support.

I ask for a "yes" vote on HB 1593.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1598, PN 2899**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts or practices and exclusions; and providing for child sexual abuse material generated by artificial intelligence.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Representative Pielli.

Mr. PIELLI. Thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me this opportunity to speak to you about HB 1598. In particular, I want to thank my colleagues, Chair O'Mara and Chair Merski, for getting this bill this far. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, you may recall the legal term "caveat emptor," Latin for "buyer beware." This legal doctrine used for hundreds of years places the burden on buyers to reasonably examine property before making a purchase. A buyer who fails to meet this burden is unable to recover for defects in the product that would have been discovered had the burden of examination been met. In other words, the law supposes that we have two eyes to see, two ears to listen, and presumably two brain cells to rub together in our head so that we could, quote, "read the fine print" and, quote, "kick the tires" before making a purchase.

But what if a consumer can no longer see or listen to something that is real when they are considering purchases? What if seeing is not believing, and the term, quote, "I saw it with my own eyes" no longer holds merit? What if our very perception of reality is turned on its head when we seek to purchase goods?

Madam Speaker, we are now entering a brave new world where what you see is not necessarily what you get, where 3 seconds of your recorded voice can make you do a full speech you never made, or generated content can depict that you are doing things that you have never dreamed of doing. Bottom line: people have the right to know if what they are looking at is real or fake when making important purchases. This bill sets guardrails around the use of AI (artificial intelligence) to protect consumers.

Now, let me be clear, this is not an anti-AI bill. This is not a bill that states you cannot use AI in advertising. Advertisers, you can use as much legal AI content that you want. This bill is simple. If it is AI, it has to say it is AI. Buyer beware.

I also want to stress that we have worked with many stakeholders to address their concerns. Let me reiterate some of these issues. Number one, innocent news stations, newspapers, etc., who unknowingly share AI content will not be liable. This bill is clear in their protection, specifically section 3 and a requirement that a violator would have to knowingly or recklessly post AI content without a proper disclaimer or notice. The same intent-based requirement applies to any other person

who disseminates AI material. As such, there should be no innocent parties charged with violating this law due to a mistake or lack of knowledge. Number two, this bill is not overly restrictive or redundant or repetitive in its application to certain new technology, as it only requires the notice to be displayed on the first instance when the content is presented to the consumer. Third, this is a consumer protection bill. This bill simply requires a notice or disclaimer on AI-generated content on consumer products. This disclosure will give people who are reading or viewing the content the information they need to make informed decisions and not be misled.

Throughout the history of consumer protection law, advertisers have been required to make certain disclosures related to their products, like health warnings on cigarettes and possible side effect notices on medicine. And although AI is fairly new, this requirement is not unusual or burdensome.

As legislators, we must set commonsense baselines in the face of these cataclysmic, consumer-related changes that we will be seeing from AI. This bill amends the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, which was created in 1968, prohibiting unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.

I thank you all again for the opportunity to present this bill and ask for your vote, as together we begin to navigate the unknown waters that is AI, because this is not just a Republican bill that we are creating here or a Democrat bill; Madam Speaker, this is a consumer protection bill for all Pennsylvanians, helping them to be better informed and make safer, more secure purchases. Thank you.

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—146

Abney	Fee	Krajewski	Probst
Banta	Fiedler	Krueger	Prokopiak
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Rabb
Benham	Frankel	Kuzma	Roae
Benninghoff	Freeman	Labs	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Friel	Lawrence	Salisbury
Borowicz	Gallagher	Madden	Samuelson
Borowski	Gergely	Madsen	Sanchez
Boyd	Giral	Major	Sappay
Boyle	Green	Malagari	Scheuren
Bradford	Gregory	Marcell	Schlossberg
Brennan	Greiner	Markosek	Schmitt
Briggs	Grove	Marshall	Schweyer
Brown, A.	Guenst	Matzie	Scott
Brown, M.	Guzman	Mayes	Shusterman
Bullock	Haddock	McAndrew	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	McNeill	Smith-Wade-El
Burns	Harkins	Mehaffie	Solomon
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Causar	Heffley	Merski	Steele
Cephas	Hogan	Mihalek	Sturla
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Takac
Ciresi	Howard	Miller, D.	Tomlinson
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Venkat
Cook	James	Munroe	Vitali
Curry	Jones, M.	Neilson	Warner
Cutler	Jones, T.	Nelson, N.	Warren
Daley	Jozwiak	O'Mara	Waxman
Davis	Kail	O'Neal	Webster

Dawkins	Kazeem	Oberlander	Wentling
Deasy	Kenyatta	Ortitay	White
Delloso	Khan	Otten	Williams, C.
Delozier	Kim	Parker	Williams, D.
Donahue	Kinkead	Pashinski	Young
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	
Emrick	Klunk	Pisciottano	McClinton,
Evans	Kosierowski	Powell	Speaker

NAYS-54

Armanini	Gaydos	Mako	Ryncavage
Barton	Gillen	Maloney	Schemel
Bernstine	Gleim	Mercuri	Schlegel
Bonner	Hamm	Moul	Scialabba
Cabell	Irvin	Mustello	Smith
Cooper	Kaufner	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
D'Orsie	Kauffman	Owlett	Stehr
Davanzo	Keefer	Pickett	Stender
Diamond	Kephart	Rader	Struzzi
Ecker	Krupa	Rapp	Topper
Fink	Kutz	Rigby	Twardzik
Flick	Leadbeter	Rossi	Watro
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe	Zimmerman
Fritz	Mackenzie, R.		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin	Metzgar
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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 1834, PN 2900**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 19, 2018 (P.L.229, No.36), known as the Employment First Act, further providing for Employment First Oversight Commission.

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-110

Abney	Dunbar	Krajewski	Rabb
Bellmon	Evans	Krueger	Rigby
Benham	Fiedler	Kulik	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Fleming	Madden	Salisbury
Borowski	Frankel	Madsen	Samuelson

Boyd	Freeman	Malagari	Sanchez
Boyle	Friel	Markosek	Sappery
Bradford	Gallagher	Matzie	Schlossberg
Brennan	Gergely	Mayer	Schweyer
Briggs	Giral	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, A.	Green	McNeill	Shusterman
Brown, M.	Guenst	Mehaffie	Siegel
Bullock	Guzman	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Haddock	Merski	Solomon
Burns	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Steele
C Freytiz	Harkins	Mullins	Sturla
Cephass	Harris	Munroe	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Neilson	Venkat
Ciresi	Howard	Nelson, N.	Vitali
Conklin	Isaacson	O'Mara	Warren
Curry	Jozwiak	Otten	Waxman
Cutler	Kazeem	Parker	Webster
Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	White
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinkead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NAYS-90

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

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin	Metzgar
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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 2055, PN 2651**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1931 (P.L.594, No.203), referred to as the Township State Highway Law, adding a route in Dauphin County.

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—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	Madden	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
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Cabell	Heffley	Mihalek	Staats
Causer	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
Davanzo	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Ortitay	Warner
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—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Kerwin Metzgar

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Colleagues, if I can have your attention. We do have some people to acknowledge before we adjourn for the day.

We are very excited that some of the hardest working people in the building are at work on this special day which is their birthday, and if I say your name, please stand. Happy birthday to Patrick McVitty, happy birthday to Paul Brungard, and in her absence, we do wish a very happy birthday to Lori Hoffman and are praying for her family.

Thank you all for your hard work.

For the information of the members, there will be no further votes.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

- HB 1730;
- HB 1799;
- HB 1853;
- HB 2119; and
- SB 709.

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 105;
- HB 254;
- HB 1220;
- HB 1472;
- HB 1903; and
- SB 979.

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

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 Chester County, Representative Pielli, that the House now adjourn until Monday, April 15, 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 2:43 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.