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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. BRETT R. MILLER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, and good morning, everyone.

As we begin, I would like to read a brief passage from the Bible in the book of James 3:17-18. "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

Please join me as I pray:

Lord, we give You the first place today, for all things start with You. And we say that You are great and mighty, and we are so small and limited. As the heavens are higher than us, so too is Your wisdom higher and greater than what we have. And yet You have graciously taught us what wisdom is: that it is pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere.

Lord, how we need Your wisdom today. Please grant us Your wisdom. And please grant us to have eyes that are open to see Your wisdom and ears that are open to hear Your wisdom and a heart that is open and humble to receive and apply Your wisdom. I intercede on behalf of our Speaker, that You would grant her the wisdom that comes from above. I pray the same for our respective leaders from each caucus and for all of us here, that we would each have the same wisdom as we undertake the business of today on behalf of the citizens of our great Commonwealth. And may the work that we do, being sown in peace, yield a harvest of righteousness that is multiplied over and over again.

I offer these prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Members and guests, please take your seats so we can acknowledge our special guests that are here with us on the floor of the House today.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We are so very excited to have, all the way from Delaware County, seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum – I understand she might be the best constituent in the 164th Legislative District – our colleague, Representative Curry, has her firstborn child here today, her daughter, Rylee Curry. Rylee is an alumna from the Pennsylvania State University. In the fall of 2022, she earned two bachelor of arts degrees in journalism and also in African-American studies. She is still a student at the Pennsylvania State University, and she will be completing her master's in public policy next month. This semester Rylee has been interning with our colleague, Representative Cephas, and has been working on policy work for the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus. Colleagues, let us welcome Rylee Curry.

We also have, seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum – although it is April, we just finished celebrating Women's History Month a few days ago – we are thrilled to have one of the constituents from the 192d Legislative District, although I do believe she might be here with the majority Appropriations chair today. We are so excited to have the first at-large council member for the city of Philadelphia, who made history by becoming the majority leader last year in council. Please welcome council member Katherine Gilmore Richardson. Madam Leader.

### FORMER MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. We have another former colleague here this morning. We are so very excited to have a long-term chairman of the Appropriations Committee down through the years. Not only is he known as the chairman, my favorite memory early in my career here was greeting coach Jay Wright and the Villanova Basketball Team in 2016. We are so very excited to have a retired colleague, former member, Representative Billy Adolph. Let us give him a Harrisburg welcome.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Also seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague, Representative Scheuren, has Dave and Lynne Fazio, who live in Representative Malagari's district. Dave served our nation in the Navy from 1966 to 1969, working on top-secret anti-submarine electronic equipment, and also as an aircrew member. He is now a township supervisor in Franconia Township, which is in Representative Scheuren's district. Thank you for your service to our nation. We want to acknowledge you at this time. Please stand, if you are able.

Also seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague from York, Representative Grove, the chairman of Appropriations, has brought to us Vicki Hoffman-Churchill. She is retiring – we are sad, but she is very happy – from the House Appropriations Committee after 35 years of service. She is seated here with her husband, Mr. Randy Churchill; her mother, Mrs. Dodie Schweitzer; her brother, Craig, and his wife, Julie; along with her son, Brandon Hoffman. She has more guests that are in the gallery: family members, friends, and coworkers. And of course, her retirement is the occasion upon which we are all blessed to see retired member Representative Billy Adolph. Please stand, Vicki. Thank you for 35 years.

In the back of the House, our colleagues have some very special guests. Representatives Curry in Delaware County, Mayes in Allegheny County, and Cephas in Philadelphia County, who form the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus, have brought stakeholders, providers of health care, and advocates from across the Commonwealth to the Capitol in observance of this, which is Black Maternal Health Week. Please stand. We are so glad to have you today.

Also in the back of the House, our colleague from Chester County, Representative Friel Otten, has brought the West Chester University political science class, in which Representative Otten this semester is a coteacher, as well as a legislative fellow. West Chester University, please stand. We are so glad to have you.

Going up to the gallery, our colleague, also from Delaware County, Representative Borowski, has the Archbishop Carroll Girls Lacrosse Team. They are the reigning PIAA Girls Lacrosse AA Champions. They brought home their third consecutive championship in 2023. Archbishop Carroll, young ladies from the lacrosse team, congratulations. Please stand.

Also in the gallery, our colleague, Representative Gillen, has brought some students from Berks County. They are the students and the chaperones of the Daniel Boone Area High School Optimist Club. Optimist International is an international service club that has 3,000 clubs with 80,000 members in 20 countries all over the world. Boone students, please stand. We are so glad to welcome you.

Also in the gallery, our colleague from Allegheny County, Representative Kinkead, has the executive director, Corrie Lingenfelter, and the development and marketing director, Brad Gebhart, of Downtown Daily Bread. She is better known as Chef Corrie. We are so very glad that they are here. They are right across the street in Representative Kim's district. They are a walk-in resource center for all who are looking for meals, hungry, or homeless. Downtown Daily Bread leadership, where are you? Please stand so we can properly welcome you.

Representative Hill-Evans, who serves York, brought constituents from her district. They are seated in the gallery. We are so glad this morning to have Joanne Lasky, Lee Baldwin, and Kim Williamson visiting the Capitol today. York County guests of Representative Hill-Evans, please stand. Thank you for coming.

Representative Munroe, who serves Bucks County, has brought Susan Dorfman, Francine and Lou Sanutti, Steve and Joyce Pagano. They are members of the Congregation Tiferes B'nai Israel. They are in Warrington, Pennsylvania. Susan Dorfman is the copresident, Steve Pagano is the immediate past president of the congregation, and we are so grateful that they are seated in the gallery and they have come from Bucks County. Please stand so we can welcome you.

Representative Smith-Wade-El, who serves Lancaster County, has brought the Legislative Working Group on Homelessness from Lancaster. They are dedicated to countless hours of examining this crisis of homelessness, and they are working together with Representative Smith-Wade-El to create commonsense, on-the-ground solutions. The group, who is seated in the gallery, includes staff from Lancaster General Health, Millersville University, Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Ebenezer Baptist Church, the School District of Lancaster, Lancaster Food Hub, and Representative Smith-Wade-El's office. Can everyone please stand. Thank you for your hard work.

Also in the gallery, our colleague who serves Cumberland County, Representative Kutz, has brought his legislative intern, Andon Vonstein. He is working in his district office. Andon is a high school intern and he is a senior at the Cumberland Valley High School. Andon, please stand. We are so glad to have you here today.

### REMARKS BY MR. GROVE

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from York County rise?

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Just wanted to offer my well wishes to Vicki Hoffman upon her retirement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today to honor a hardworking and delightful public servant, Vicki Hoffman. Vicki will retire from the House of Representatives after 35 years of service. She started with former Chairman Bill Adolph at the young, young age of 19, and amazingly, she is retiring at the young, young age of 29.

After graduating from Cumberland Valley High School and then Central Penn Business School, Vicki started working for the House in 1989. Shortly after starting with the caucus, Vicki began working for Chairman Bill Adolph until his retirement. She became a valued member of the Republican Appropriations office. When my predecessor, Stan Saylor, was elected chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he wisely kept Vicki on board, as did I. Despite my best efforts to convince her to stay, Vicki has decided to enjoy her well-earned retirement with her husband, Randy, and enjoy more time with her son, Brandon, who are also here with us today. Please stand and be recognized.

As a member, now chairman, of the Appropriations Committee, I could always count on Vicki to handle any problem and keep the office running smoothly.

We are honored today to host Vicki's mother, Dodie Schweitzer, a House veteran who worked for the House for 30 years; along with her brother, Craig Schweitzer; and sister-in-law, Julie.

Vicki, we will miss your smile, your positive attitude – and your positive attitude tremendously – but we are excited for you to begin another chapter of your life. Thank you so much for your service to the State and your community. Again, best wishes, have a happy retirement, and thank you for your service.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The House will temporarily be at ease.

The House will come to order.

**GUEST INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. We have one final guest that just arrived. Seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague, Representative Krajewski, who serves Philadelphia County, has brought Shuja Moore, who is an award-winning filmmaker, dedicated community advocate who is based in West Philadelphia. He is doing so much work to help many people access pardons. After serving 12 years in prison, he has been instrumental in facilitating over \$100 million in business and resident support in the community. We appreciate everything that he has done. He has recently been honored as a "Remodeled Citizen" by the mayor's office, and he has also received numerous community service awards. Shuja, thank you for your work in our community. Please stand so we can welcome you.

**JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, April 15, 2024, will be postponed until printed.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

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

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

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**PRESENT—201**

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
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	Metzgar	Staats
Causer	Hogan	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	James	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufner	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinthead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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LEAVES ADDED—1

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

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

**HB 321, PN 2953 (Amended)** By Rep. BULLOCK

An Act providing for the implementation of the child welfare case management subsystem of the enterprise case management system of the Department of Human Services.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

**HB 1059, PN 1073** By Rep. BULLOCK

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

**HB 2150, PN 2951 (Amended)** By Rep. DEASY

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for hours of operation relative to manufacturers, importing distributors and distributors.

## LIQUOR CONTROL.

**HB 2174, PN 2838**

By Rep. CONKLIN

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, providing for Mixed-Use Revitalization Program; and establishing the Mixed-Use Revitalization Fund.

## COMMERCE.

**HB 2187, PN 2952 (Amended)**

By Rep. DEASY

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for extension of licensed service area and issuance of off-premises catering permits.

## LIQUOR CONTROL.

**HB 2202, PN 2950 (Amended)**

By Rep. CONKLIN

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; establishing the Minority Business Development Program; and providing for reports.

## COMMERCE.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 397** By Representatives OBERLANDER, ROWE, McNEILL, HEFFLEY, PICKETT, KINSEY, MALAGARI, SCHLOSSBERG, CURRY, CAUSER, CERRATO, NEILSON and CONKLIN

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 6 through 12, 2024, as "Women's Lung Health Week" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, April 16, 2024.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2204** By Representatives SCIALABBA, STAATS, MALONEY, KRUPA, HAMM, MARCELL, STAMBAUGH, BANTA, R. MACKENZIE, LEADBETER and BERNSTINE

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in inheritance tax, further providing for transfers not subject to tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, April 16, 2024.

**No. 2216** By Representative BRIGGS

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and with the approval of the Governor, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to quitclaim and release to the United States of America any right, title or interest it may have with respect to a certain use restriction and a related reversionary interest related to certain portions of Valley Forge National Historical Park situate in Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 16, 2024.

**No. 2217** By Representatives KRUPA, BERNSTINE and JAMES

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination.

Referred to Committee on CHILDREN AND YOUTH, April 16, 2024.

### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Republicans will also caucus at 12:30. Republicans will caucus at 12:30.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 1:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

### RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:45 p.m.; further extended until 2 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, the majority chair of Appropriations, for a committee announcement.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Colleagues, we have some special guests. If the members who are not going to Appropriations could have their seat so we can acknowledge our guests. We have some very special guests that have joined us this afternoon. If you can please take your seat if you are not headed to Appropriations. Colleagues, can you please take your seats so we can acknowledge our guests. Sergeants at Arms, please clear the aisles of the House. Thank you, colleagues. Thank you, Sergeants at Arms.

### GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, a trio of our colleagues, Representatives Stehr, Leadbeter, and Stender, have brought to us in our midst this afternoon the Richard "Dick" Knoebel, the president of the Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Knoebel, president of the amusement resort, is here today to celebrate his upcoming 85th birthday. It will be happening next week, April 28, and he is here to support HR 259, which will be recognizing April 28, 2024, as "Knoebels Amusement Resort Day" here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are so grateful that he is here with his son, Rick; his friends, Jeannie and Dan. Dick earned a degree in engineering from Lehigh University. He was a captain in the United States Marine Corps. He is a Hall of Fame member of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, and he has won numerous awards for his leadership in the amusement park industry. Thank you for your service to our nation. Happy early birthday. We are so grateful to have you, Mr. Knoebel. Thank you for being here.

Also seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague, Representative Borowski, has this afternoon Colleen and John Hosbach. Their members of their family are here, including their son, John III. Colleen and John are the parents of Morgan Rose, who passed away in 2022. They are here at the Capitol advocating for Morgan Rose's law, to bring awareness to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. We thank you all for being here and continue to pray for your family.

The House will temporarily be at ease.

The House will come to order.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 398** By Representatives SCHLOSSBERG, GROVE, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, R. MACKENZIE, KHAN, HANBIDGE, ROWE, NEILSON, HADDOCK and BELLMON

A Resolution designating the week of August 5 through 9, 2024, as "National Conference of State Legislatures Week" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 16, 2024.

### HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 2218** By Representatives KINKEAD, ABNEY, McANDREW, PISCIOTTANO, BURGOS, HOHENSTEIN, KINSEY, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, MAYES, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS and KENYATTA

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special vehicles and pedestrians, providing for shared electric low-speed scooters; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 16, 2024.

**No. 2219** By Representatives SHUSTERMAN, PIELLI, KINKEAD, POWELL, SIEGEL, HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, BIZZARRO, D. WILLIAMS, BOYD, DELLOSO, SCHLOSSBERG, GREEN, CONKLIN, DALEY and KINSEY

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, repealing provisions relating to compliance with Federal health care legislation.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, April 16, 2024.

**No. 2220** By Representatives GUZMAN, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, ABNEY and T. DAVIS

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for application and qualifications.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 16, 2024.

### CALENDAR

### RESOLUTIONS

Miss STEHR called up **HR 259, PN 2720**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 28, 2024, as "Knoebels Amusement Resort Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

### YEAS—200

Abney	Flood	Labs	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Lawrence	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Madden	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Madsen	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gergely	Major	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gillen	Mako	Sanchez

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

NAYS-1

Fink

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Kerwin

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

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Mr. MATZIE called up **HR 299, PN 2544**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

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

NAYS-1

Fink

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Kerwin

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

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE****HB 105, PN 2806**

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 254, PN 2740**

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of General Services to lease certain submerged lands within Erie County and associated wind, water and solar resources for the assessment, development, construction and operation of utility scale offshore wind, solar or kinetic energy generation facilities; providing for collection of certain lease and royalty payments; establishing the Lake Erie Large-Scale Energy System Development Fund; and providing for distributions and transfers from the fund.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 1220, PN 2940**

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 1472, PN 2941**

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons and for late contributions and independent expenditures.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

**HB 1903, PN 2942**

By Rep. HARRIS

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

## APPROPRIATIONS.

**SB 979, PN 1206**

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in domestic animals, providing for posted notice with information on dangerous transmissible diseases.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 538, PN 511**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2161, PN 2794**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in scenic highways, providing for designation of Allegheny River Boulevard as scenic byway.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 945, PN 1111**, entitled:

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

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1166, PN 2742**, entitled:

An Act providing for restrictions on the sale and application of high-PAH sealants; establishing the Safer Sealant Fund; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; authorizing certain municipal ordinances; and imposing penalties.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20: A04027, A04028.

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

Mr. GROVE offered the following amendment No. **A04014**:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 10 through 13, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(a) Establishment.—The Safer Sealant Fund is established as a restricted fund within the State Treasury. Money in the fund may only be used, upon appropriation by the General Assembly, to further the purposes of this act.

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 York, the chair of Appropriations, Representative Grove.

Mr. GROVE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today to ask members to support A04014. Under the underlying bill, the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) has full discretion over the use of the dollars in the fund. This amendment simply makes the fund subject to the legislative appropriation process. My amendment adds a layer of oversight and transparency to ensure that we, quote, "don't let the fox guard the henhouses." I ask members for an affirmative vote on A04014.

This is actually one of the reasons we do not allow the State Police, when they issue citations, to keep the money, so they cannot self-fund themselves through investigation and action. I appreciate the members' support.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Steele.

Mrs. STEELE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This is not an agreed-to amendment, and I am requesting a "no" vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—99

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

NAYS—102

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mrs. STEELE offered the following amendment No. A04029:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "Protection;" authorizing certain municipal ordinances;  
Amend Bill, page 2, lines 6 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(a) Prohibitions.—

(1) A person may not supply, sell or offer for sale a high-PAH sealant for application on a driveway or parking area after December 31, 2024.

(2) A person may not apply or solicit the application of a high-PAH sealant to a driveway or parking area after December 31, 2025.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 26 through 30; page 3, lines 1 and 2; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

(a) General rule.—A municipality may enact an ordinance that provides:

(1) A person may not supply, sell or offer for sale a high-PAH sealant for application on a driveway or parking area in the municipality.

(2) A person may not apply or solicit the application of a high-PAH sealant to a driveway or parking area in the municipality.

(b) Construction.—Nothing in this act shall be construed to:

(1) prohibit a municipality from enacting an ordinance that is more stringent than the ordinance authorized under subsection (a); or

(2) affect an ordinance enacted by a municipality prior to the effective date of this section that is at least as stringent as the ordinance authorized under subsection (a).

Amend Bill, page 3, line 5, by striking out "ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS IN SECTION 3(A)." and inserting

the amount of which may be determined by the municipality.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 7 and 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

ordinance that municipalities may use under this section.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out "administered" and inserting

used

Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by striking out "this act" and



inserting  
 section 3  
 Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by striking out "this act" and  
 inserting  
 section 3  
 Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "department shall"  
 and inserting  
 Environmental Quality Board may  
 Amend Bill, page 3, line 24, by striking out "in 60 days" and  
 inserting  
 immediately

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment and the bill, the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Steele.

Mrs. STEELE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I would request a "yes" vote on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair requests the gentlelady to give a brief summary of the amendment.

Mrs. STEELE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment would make technical changes and clarify the intent of the bill and how municipality enforcement would work. The amendment would no longer require municipalities to base their ordinance on DEP's model ordinance and instead provides for minimum requirements for ordinances in the act.

I would request a "yes" vote on this amendment. Thank you.

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

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

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	Sappery
Boyle	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Brennan	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Briggs	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Bullock	Guzman	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burns	Hanbidge	Mullins	Steele
C Freytiz	Harkins	Munroe	Sturla
Cephas	Harris	Neilson	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Nelson, N.	Venkata
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	
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NAYS—99

Armanini	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
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Borowicz	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
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Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
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Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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

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

Mr. **METZGAR** offered the following amendment No. **A04032**:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "ENACT AN ORDINANCE" and inserting  
 adopt a model municipal ordinance published under subsection (d)(4)

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of line 1 and "(D)" in line 2 and inserting

the same as the final municipal ordinance published under subsection (d)(4)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by striking out "AN ORDINANCE UNDER THIS SECTION" and inserting

a final municipal ordinance published under subsection (d)(4)  
 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 6 through 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(d) Model ordinance.—The following shall apply:  
 (1) The department may draft a preliminary model municipal ordinance for any municipality that opts to enforce the provisions of this act.

(2) Upon the drafting of a preliminary model municipal ordinance under paragraph (1), the department shall transmit a copy of the preliminary model municipal ordinance to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(3) Upon the adoption of a resolution approving the preliminary model municipal ordinance by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the department shall transmit notice that the preliminary model municipal ordinance has been adopted as a final model municipal ordinance to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

(4) Upon receipt of a notice under paragraph (3), the Legislative Reference Bureau shall publish the final model municipal ordinance in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 19 through 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(b) Rules and regulations.—As follows:

(1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), the department shall adopt or promulgate any rules or regulations necessary for the administration of this act, including the use and disbursement of money from the fund.

(2) The department may not adopt or promulgate any rules or regulations under paragraph (1) if the Senate or the House of Representatives have adopted a resolution disapproving the proposed rules or regulations.

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 Somerset, Representative Metzgar.

Mr. METZGAR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

You know, when I first joined this august body, I would ask some of the more seasoned members about things and how they worked, and they told me, they said, "Carl," they said, "do you, do you know why we created the PUC (Public Utility Commission)? Do you know why we created all of these bureaucracies around the General Assembly?" And I, of course, did not know. I thought that, you know, they were there to make good policies and show us how to do things. They said, "No," they said, "the reason why we created them was because we did not have the fortitude to do things like increase people's rates or take things from them on our own, and so that is why we created those bodies."

This bill delegates authority from this legislature to do just that type of thing. It bans the use of a product. I think, if it is such a good idea, that we should do it ourselves. We should give some legislative oversight. My amendment simply adds that legislative oversight. If we want to do it, if we want to create these rules, then we should have to vote on them and have that legislative oversight.

So I ask my colleagues to vote in support of that amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Steele.

Mrs. STEELE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This is not an agreed-to amendment, and I am requesting a "no" vote. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
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NAYS—102

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Bellmon	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
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Conklin	Isaacson	Otten	Warren
Curry	Kazeem	Parker	Waxman
Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinhead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration 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 1633, PN 2817**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the enforcement of certain noncompete covenants entered into by health care practitioners and employers.

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

Ms. **OBERLANDER** offered the following amendment No. **A04011**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "Contracting" and Fair Legal Proceedings

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

"Medical professional liability action." Any proceeding in which a medical professional liability claim is asserted against a health care practitioner, including an action in a court of law or an arbitration proceeding.

"Medical professional liability claim." Any claim seeking the recovery of damages or loss from a health care practitioner arising out of any tort or breach of contract causing injury or death resulting from the furnishing of health care services which were or should have been provided.

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 4 and 5 Section 5.1. Venue in medical professional liability actions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a medical professional liability action may be brought against a health care practitioner for a medical professional liability claim only in the county in which the cause of action arose.

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 Clarion, the chair of Tourism, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. **OBERLANDER**. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to speak on amendment A04011, which will restore the fair venue rules for medical malpractice claims that had been effective in addressing the doctor shortage facing the Commonwealth 20 years ago.

In 2002 and in 2003, the Commonwealth was facing a crisis. Medical providers were fleeing the State due to the skyrocketing costs of malpractice insurance. That crisis was only mitigated when the General Assembly passed Act 127 of 2002, which prevented venue shopping for medical malpractice cases, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted that rule in the Rules of Civil Procedure. The Supreme Court, through a rulemaking procedure, has unilaterally now decided to undo that process and return to the days of venue shopping for medical malpractice cases.

My amendment would restore the venue rules that were enacted by the legislature in Act 127 of 2002. We cannot go back to a time where doctors were fleeing the State because of out-of-control malpractice insurance costs, when renewal premiums were well into the double digits. And I just recently heard of several orthopedic surgeons who, through no fault of their own, their increases were going to be 30 percent. Thirty percent of their insurance premium was going to be an increase specifically because of this change in Pennsylvania. I also know that since the rule change, cases in the Judicial District 1 have doubled by the counties surrounding Philadelphia – excuse me, they have doubled; however, the counties surrounding Philadelphia have seen a significant decrease in the number of cases. I do not believe that is a coincidence.

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Ms. **OBERLANDER**. I do, however, know how the vote for this amendment will go and I do not want to jeopardize the underlying bill. So for that reason I will withdraw this amendment.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

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

Mr. **FRANKEL** offered the following amendment No. **A03902**:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 3 and 4, by striking out "work independently or for a competing employer" and inserting practice independently or in the employment of a competing employer after the term of employment

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 7 through 10, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

(1) Section 5 shall take effect in 30 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect

immediately.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment and the bill, Representative Frankel.

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

I am offering amendment A03902, which I consider a technical amendment. The amendment refines the definition of "restrictive covenant" to make it clear that the prohibition on restrictive covenants is specific to the provision of health care. Many business executives may also happen to have a health-care license covered under the language of the bill. The intent of the legislation is not to impact noncompete clauses related to business dealings, only to health-care practice.

Similarly, the intent of the bill is not to prohibit noncompete clauses as they relate to health-care practitioners working for two different employers at the same time. This language clarifies that the restrictive covenant is specific to after a health-care practitioner ends employment with one health-care system or

employer. As amended, after a provider leaves one employer, that health system or employer cannot stop them from seeking employment with a different hospital, health system, or provider group.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I ask for an affirmative vote.  
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Venkat, rise?

Mr. VENKAT. Conflict of interest request, Madam Speaker. As a licensed health practitioner, I ask for a judgment from the Chair as to whether I can participate in this debate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair finds that you are a member of a class, and you may participate in this vote. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY**

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

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, similarly, I have a family member who is in such an arrangement currently and was wondering if that in fact also precludes me from voting on the underlying amendment or the bill? And I would just ask for a ruling from the Chair.

The SPEAKER. The Chair finds that the gentleman's family member is a member of a class, and he may participate on the vote.

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Khan, rise?

Mr. KHAN. Madam Speaker, I also request a ruling of the Chair. I, too, am a health-care provider and want to see if I would be able to vote on this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The Chair finds that the gentleman is a member of a class and may participate in the vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—124**

Abney	Freeman	Labs	Rabb
Bellmon	Friel	Madden	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Madsen	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Gallagher	Major	Samuelson
Borowski	Gergely	Malagari	Sanchez
Boyd	Giral	Marcell	Sappey
Boyle	Green	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Guenst	Marshall	Schweyer
Brennan	Guzman	Matzie	Scott
Briggs	Haddock	Mayes	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Hanbidge	McAndrew	Siegel
Bullock	Harkins	McNeill	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Harris	Mehaffie	Solomon

Burns	Hogan	Merski	Steele
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Cephas	Howard	Miller, D.	Takac
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Frankel	Kutz		

**NAYS—77**

Armanini	Flick	Lawrence	Roae
Banta	Flood	Leadbeter	Rossi
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Fink			

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—1**

Kerwin

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

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

Mr. ECKER offered the following amendment No. **A03913**:

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 3 and 4  
(c) Non-affiliation.—Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) and subject to subsection (b)(2) and (3), an employer in any county of this Commonwealth may enforce a noncompete covenant if the employer is a provider-owned independent practice not affiliated with any health care system, health care provider or hospital.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by striking out "(b) (C)" and inserting (d)

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Adams, Representative Ecker.

Mr. ECKER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment being offered would exempt independent, private practice, nonaffiliated physicians within a health-care system that are not affiliated with a larger health-care system, provider, or hospital. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the bill, the chair of Health – the Chair did not say that earlier – Representative Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I certainly appreciate the work the maker of the amendment has done on this legislation in the past and during this cycle, but this amendment is not agreed to. The reasoning behind my request for a "no" vote on this is that the bill states that any provider-owned group can utilize noncompetes, but due to the Pennsylvania Corporate Practice of Medicine Doctrine in Pennsylvania, only providers can own these types of groups, and so as written, this would apply to every provider group from small practices of 2 to 5 doctors to practices of 1,000 doctors or more. It states that they cannot be affiliated with any other provider group, but of course they would be, by nature, affiliated with other providers.

Ultimately, this bill undermines the ability to regulate huge corporate medical groups that are also working to gain market share advantage. So I would ask for a "no" vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—99

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

NAYS—102

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 105, PN 2806**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

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 Montgomery County, Representative Ciresi.

Mr. CIRESI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, today we have an opportunity to thank those who have served in our military; those who have gotten Congressional Medals of Honor, Purple Hearts; those who were injured in military action; POWs (prisoners of war). Right now we charge them a fee to get license registration for their cars or titles. This bill exempts them from one title or one registration. And I think that, as we look at what we have been charging, this is a small thank-you to each and every one of them who have served in this Commonwealth who have received these types of commendations.

So I would ask that each and every member of the House votes "yes" on this bill.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Representative Banta.

Mr. BANTA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today in support of HB 105 and thank the sponsor for thinking of veterans. Knowing that others are considering their sacrifice they made may help in the very real battle when they return home: the battle of veteran suicide. From this veteran today, thank you very much, sir.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	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	Metzgar	Staats
Causer	Hogan	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	James	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac

Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufner	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinthead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 254, PN 2740**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of General Services to lease certain submerged lands within Erie County and associated wind, water and solar resources for the assessment, development, construction and operation of utility scale offshore wind, solar or kinetic energy generation facilities; providing for collection of certain lease and royalty payments; establishing the Lake Erie Large-Scale Energy System Development Fund; and providing for distributions and transfers from the fund.

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 Erie, Representative Merski.

Mr. MERSKI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

HB 254 is an important piece of legislation that would help us diversify our energy portfolio and be another source of clean energy in Pennsylvania. It would also be a great source of family-sustaining jobs for the Erie region and help us in our quest

to make America energy-independent. The legislation would allow certain areas of the bed of Lake Erie to be leased by the Commonwealth to an entity or entities for renewable energy projects. DGS (Department of General Services), DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), the Fish and Boat Commission, and the Game Commission would all have to be consulted by DEP in developing the maps for the areas of Lake Erie that could be used for this purpose.

Further, the area that would be used would be concentrated in the central and western portions of Lake Erie and avoiding developing near shore areas, avoiding shipping lanes, and avoiding the areas of Lake Erie where pathways of migratory birds and species are concentrated. This legislation would empower DEP to make and execute leases where they determine that it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth. Prior to entering any long-term lease, the lessee would be required to conduct a feasibility study to assess the viability of the project and to assess the environmental, navigational, public safety, and structural, and any other impacts that the project may have.

With this legislation, we have an opportunity to grow our energy portfolio and invest in our workforce. Please join me in voting in favor of HB 254.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Representative Banta.

Mr. BANTA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today to oppose HB 254. My constituents include anglers and charter captains who are concerned for the environmental hazards windmills will pose when installed in Lake Erie. Their concerns include oil leakage, contamination, toxic sediment on the bottom that will be stirred up from the installation, and the threat to birds and the fish industry as a whole. Research shows that these windmills have been struck by lightning, can wear out or leak, and sometimes come apart in high winds. If this bill was proposed for environmental stewardship, it is anything but.

We should also consider the negative impact of vibrations of these windmills to the lake, bedrock, and aquatic life. Homeowners who enjoy the sunset on the lake are also opposed to replacing their views with wind turbines and noise pollution that comes with it.

Madam Speaker, I stand with my Erie County constituents that want to preserve their peaceful way of life. Madam Speaker, the risks of these windmills on the lake are not worth the reward. I rise today to ask for a "no" vote on HB 254.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. STRUZZI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The bill before us will allow for the construction of utility level windmills and solar panels in Lake Erie; in Lake Erie. I have nothing against solar, I have nothing against wind, and I mean no disrespect to the maker of this bill, but this is wrong on so many levels.

Have you been to Lake Erie? Have you seen Presque Isle State Park? Four million visitors a year come to Pennsylvania for the Erie shoreline. Vineyards across the coast, all the way up to New York. It is pristine. It is beautiful. The property values in Erie are there because of the view of the lake. And I am not from Erie. I am from Indiana County – right? – about a 2-hour drive to Erie. But I have spent my entire life vacationing in Erie. As a child, my family went there. You know, we swam on Presque Isle, sat on

the beaches, fished in the lake. I continue that same tradition with my family today, and I cannot sit back and think what it would look like when we are there vacationing and we see windmills across the horizon. And we do not even know where they are going to be. We are asking the DEP to create a map showing us where these windmills are going to be.

I do not know how anyone who supports the environment, who supports our outdoor spaces, who supports tourism, who supports fishing, who supports wildlife and all the great assets we have in this State – particularly in Erie County and in Presque Isle State Park and in Lake Erie – could support this bill. I ask you to please vote "no" on this. This is not ready, this is not a good idea, and it will destroy one of our greatest assets in this Commonwealth. Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from McKean, Representative Causer.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to express a number of concerns with this particular legislation. And I am not opposed to wind or solar, but what about other energy sources? I think we have to be looking at all of our energy sources rather than just a very narrow view.

In the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, an amendment was adopted that was quite expansive. It removed the Department of General Services from this process and designated sole authority to the Department of Environmental Protection to negotiate these leases. It further said that the Department of Environmental Protection could waive the competitive bidding process. It further granted the Department of Environmental Protection the power and ability and authority to negotiate the terms of the leases which are in the best interest of the Commonwealth. Those are frightening words for an agency that many of us feel has way too much power right now – way, way too much power.

This bill is not well thought through, and I would request a negative vote.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS—102

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

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

NAYS—99

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

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1220, PN 2940**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons.

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 chair of Local Government, Representative Freeman, from Northampton.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

HB 1220 would amend the campaign finance law to require all candidates for State office to file not only the second-Friday-before-the-election report, but the 6-weeks-before-the-election report as well. Under current law, only statewide candidates file the 6-weeks-before-election report. The aim of this legislation is to create greater transparency, and in some respects, provide for a structure of reporting that will, in a way, be more user-friendly to candidates. By having candidates file both the 6-weeks and the second-Friday reports, it will create reports that are much more compact in size, easier to comply with, and be much more usable in terms of complying with the law.

The key of this legislation is transparency. Too often in the course of a campaign, the information from the second-Friday-before-the-election report gets lost in the last week of campaigning, the hurly and burly of the campaign process. By having an earlier look at what candidates are raising, where they are raising money from, that enables the voters and the campaign process to more clearly indicate where people are gaining their support. Earlier understanding of where candidates receive their contributions is an important part of voters' ability to make a decision on candidates.

And I urge the House to adopt this bill as a way to provide for, again, greater transparency and a reform of the campaign finance law process that will be much more beneficial to voters' knowledge of who is backing whom and how voters would wish to vote.

I urge a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—190

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



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

NAYS—11

Banta	Davanzo	Irvin	Mackenzie, M.
Benninghoff	Grove	James	Nelson, E.
Causar	Heffley	Jozwiak	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1472, PN 2941**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons and for late contributions and independent expenditures.

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 Philadelphia, Representative Kenyatta.

Mr. KENYATTA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

HB 1472 is a part of a package of bills introduced by myself and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Chairman Solomon, to try to make our system what it should be: fair, open, transparent.

Every 6 months Pennsylvanians have an opportunity to weigh in about who is going to represent them here in this body and at multiple levels of government, and also every 6 months, Madam Speaker, dark money groups, special interest groups spend thousands, tens of thousands, in some instances, millions of dollars trying to impact the outcome of those elections without having a lot of the simple safeguards in terms of allowing voters to understand who is paying for the ads, who is paying for certain communication, and what their interests may be.

This bill is very simple. Yesterday in this body, in a bipartisan way, we made this bill even better, included even more groups to ensure that anybody who wants to influence our elections, that voters get to understand who those people are, what donations they are making, and then can make a decision based off of that information.

And so I want to thank the majority leader for calling this bill up and for us doing everything we can in this body to move from the Wild, Wild West of no rules as it relates to campaign finance, to a better, fairer system where voters understand who is trying to impact their vote and influence their decision.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Representative Bonner.

Mr. BONNER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

HB 1472 requires any person, including 501(c) organizations, who make a political contribution to any entity which is independent and separate from the candidate, to report such contribution to the Department of State. This has been the law for decades in Pennsylvania. The only substantive change we are making in the law is to eliminate the threshold of \$100 that had to have been met before the report was due. Now a report will be due from any contribution starting at dollar one that must be reported to the Department of State. This bill, then, is a de minimis change in the law, simply reducing the \$100 threshold each year to no dollars.

The amendment to the bill does include a definition that the word "person" will now include all 501(c) corporations, but they were already included under the act. The act says that any person shall report such a contribution. Pennsylvania law defines "any person" as an individual or a corporation. This provision now being added to the bill only reinforces the requirement that all 501(c) corporations must report such contributions.

This bill does not require the names of the initial donors to the nonprofit corporation to be disclosed, nor could it require such a disclosure because the United States Supreme Court ruled in 2021, in the case of *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Bonta*, that the names of the initial donors to the nonprofit corporations cannot be released to the public, as it would violate

the donors' right of freedom of speech and freedom of association. Every statute passed in the United States must be read in conjunction with Supreme Court constitutional decisions, and so must this act, and that prohibits the release and disclosure of names of donors.

Dark money, then – where the names of the initial donors seeking to influence our elections – very much remains with us. Although this legislation is more optics than substance, the message it sends is still very important: that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is very concerned with the power and influence of dark money in our elections.

It is very clear, then, that American citizens strongly object to dark money deciding our elections. In a recent poll, 75 percent of all Americans oppose corporations and unions making unlimited contributions to independent PACs (political action committees). Eighty-five percent of all Democrats oppose such contributions. Sixty-six percent of all Republicans oppose such contributions. In 2006 we had \$5 million going to these independent PACs. Now we have over \$1 billion annually going to these independent PACs as dark money.

Frankly, this bill does nothing to stop the flow and use of dark money, but it will signal where we stand on this issue as the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This bill sends a greater long-term message that this body, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, wants to regulate dark money in our political process; that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives wants the public to know who is funding our election process and why; and that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives not only wants transparency and light in our governing process, but also in the process by which we elect our leaders to public office.

I would ask for your support for this legislation. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
(ROBERT F. MATZIE) PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS—127**

Abney	Freeman	Madsen	Rozzi
Bellmon	Friel	Major	Salisbury
Benham	Gallagher	Malagari	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Maloney	Sanchez
Bonner	Gergely	Marcell	Sappey
Borowski	Gillen	Markosek	Schlossberg
Boyd	Giral	Marshall	Schweyer
Boyle	Green	Matzie	Scott
Bradford	Guenst	Mayes	Shusterman
Brennan	Guzman	McAndrew	Siegel
Briggs	Haddock	McNeill	Smith-Wade-El
Brown, A.	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Solomon
Bullock	Harkins	Mercuri	Staats
Burgos	Harris	Merski	Steele
Burns	Hogan	Metzgar	Sturla
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Cephas	Howard	Miller, B.	Tomlinson
Cerrato	Isaacson	Miller, D.	Topper

Ciresi	Kail	Mullins	Twardzik
Conklin	Kaufert	Munroe	Venkat
Curry	Kazeem	Neilson	Vitali
Daley	Kenyatta	Nelson, N.	Warren
Davis	Khan	O'Mara	Waxman
Dawkins	Kim	Otten	Webster
Deasy	Kinhead	Parker	Wentling
Delloso	Kinsey	Pashinski	White
Delozier	Kosierowski	Pielli	Williams, C.
Donahue	Krajewski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Krueger	Powell	Young
Evans	Kulik	Probst	
Fiedler	Labs	Prokopiak	McClinton,
Fleming	Madden	Rabb	Speaker
Frankel			

**NAYS—74**

Armanini	Flick	Kutz	Rigby
Banta	Flood	Kuzma	Roae
Barton	Fritz	Lawrence	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gleim	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Mackenzie, M.	Ryncavage
Borowicz	Greiner	Mackenzie, R.	Schemel
Brown, M.	Grove	Mako	Scheuren
Cabell	Hamm	Mentzer	Schlegel
Causar	Heffley	Moul	Schmitt
Cook	Irvin	Mustello	Scialabba
Cooper	James	Nelson, E.	Smith
Cutler	Jones, M.	O'Neal	Stambaugh
D'Orsie	Jones, T.	Oberlander	Stehr
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Stender
Diamond	Kauffman	Owlett	Struzzi
Dunbar	Keefer	Pickett	Warner
Ecker	Kephart	Rader	Watro
Fee	Klunk	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fink	Krupa		

**NOT VOTING—0**

**EXCUSED—1**

Kerwin

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

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has received a request from the minority whip asking for leave for Representative LEADBETER. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1903, PN 2942**, entitled:

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the prime sponsor from Montgomery County, Representative Cerrato.

Mrs. CERRATO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to ask for your support for HB 1903. Private lateral water and sewer lines connect a house or property to the main lines of the water and sewer system. These lines play a crucial role in ensuring the efficient functioning of our infrastructure. However, when they deteriorate and develop leaks, experience root intrusions, or allow rainwater infiltration, they can have a detrimental impact on the entire system. While making these repairs is essential, they are extremely costly, creating unnecessary burdens on Pennsylvania homeowners.

By passing this bill, we can achieve several important objectives. First, we can enhance the effectiveness of maintenance efforts, leading to a more robust and reliable water and sewer system. Second, we will reduce long-term costs associated with infrastructure repair and replacement, ultimately saving taxpayers dollars. Third, we will improve public health outcomes by addressing issues such as leaks and sewer backage more promptly and efficiently.

By enabling access to public funds and workers for lateral line maintenance, we can alleviate the financial burden placed on individual residents and promote a healthier, more sustainable community. Thank you for your support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady and recognizes the gentlelady from Fayette, Representative Krupa.

Mrs. KRUPA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 1903. I want to thank the maker of the bill, as I believe that the underlying intent is good. I absolutely support the idea that municipalities should have the authority to repair, replace, and maintain private lateral lines to municipal water lines when there is a public health and safety issue. But I do have serious reservations about this bill because of the potential for it to be abused at the taxpayer's expense. Let me be clear: I would not hesitate to support this bill if it included provisions that the property, the privately owned property would ultimately have a lien against it or the property owner would bear the financial responsibility of the maintenance work.

Pennsylvania taxpayers are already living under the burden of inflation and rising taxes. It is our responsibility here in Harrisburg to ensure that those tax dollars are used wisely. I will be a "no" vote on HB 1903 as written because taxpayers should not have to bear the ultimate financial burden of maintaining privately owned water and sewage lines.

As I was contemplating the pros and cons of this bill, I was reminded of a particular incident in my district. During the winter months, there was a mobile home park, and because of the dilapidated condition of those privately owned lateral lines, it resulted in multiple residents being without water for days and days. In this particular situation, I believe that there is a serious health and safety issue and that the municipalities should be able to step in and repair those. However, as the bill is currently written, there is neither a lien against the property or a judgment against the property owner who reaps the rewards of those

improvements. How would you feel if you have to write a check to do repairs to your privately owned line only to find out that your neighbor, who is in an equal or possibly better financial situation, had his paid by the municipality?

Until HB 1903 is amended to require a lien against the property if it is being improved, I will be a "no" vote, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—133

Abney	Flood	Madden	Rader
Bellmon	Frankel	Madsen	Rozzi
Benham	Freeman	Major	Salisbury
Benninghoff	Friel	Mako	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Fritz	Malagari	Sanchez
Bonner	Gallagher	Marcell	Sappery
Borowski	Gergely	Markosek	Schemel
Boyd	Giral	Marshall	Scheuren
Boyle	Green	Matzie	Schlossberg
Bradford	Grove	Mayes	Schweyer
Brennan	Guenst	McAndrew	Scott
Briggs	Guzman	McNeill	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Haddock	Mehaffie	Siegel
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Harkins	Merski	Solomon
Burns	Harris	Metzgar	Steele
C Freytiz	Hogan	Mihalek	Stender
Causer	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Struzzi
Cephas	Howard	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cerrato	Irvin	Mullins	Takac
Ciresi	Isaacson	Munroe	Tomlinson
Conklin	Jones, T.	Neilson	Topper
Curry	Kaufer	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Daley	Kazeem	O'Mara	Vitali
Davis	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warren
Dawkins	Khan	Otten	Waxman
Deasy	Kim	Parker	Webster
Delloso	Kinkead	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Donahue	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Young
Emrick	Krajewski	Powell	
Evans	Krueger	Probst	McClinton,
Fiedler	Kulik	Prokopiak	Speaker
Fleming	Labs	Rabb	

NAYS—67

Armanini	Flick	Kutz	Rossi
Banta	Gaydos	Kuzma	Rowe
Barton	Gillen	Lawrence	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Schlegel
Borowicz	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Schmitt
Brown, M.	Greiner	Maloney	Scialabba
Cabell	Hamm	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	Heffley	Moul	Staats
Cooper	James	Mustello	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, M.	Nelson, E.	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Twardzik
Davanzo	Kail	Oberlander	Warner
Delozier	Kauffman	Owlett	Watro
Diamond	Keefer	Pickett	Wentling
Ecker	Kephart	Rapp	White
Fee	Klunk	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fink	Krupa	Roae	

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin                      Leadbeter

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 979, PN 1206**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in domestic animals, providing for posted notice with information on dangerous transmissible diseases.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-166

Abney	Flick	Lawrence	Rabb
Armanini	Flood	Mackenzie, R.	Rader
Barton	Frankel	Madden	Rigby
Bellmon	Freeman	Madsen	Rozzi
Benham	Friel	Major	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Fritz	Mako	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Gallagher	Malagari	Samuelson
Bonner	Gaydos	Marcell	Sanchez
Borowski	Gergely	Markosek	Sappery
Boyd	Giral	Marshall	Scheuren
Boyle	Green	Matzie	Schlossberg
Bradford	Grove	Mayes	Schmitt
Brennan	Guenst	McAndrew	Schweyer
Briggs	Guzman	McNeill	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Haddock	Mehaffie	Scott
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Shusterman
Burgos	Harkins	Mercuri	Siegel
Burns	Harris	Merski	Smith
C Freytiz	Heffley	Metzgar	Smith-Wade-El
Cabell	Hogan	Mihalek	Solomon
Causser	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Staats
Cephas	Howard	Miller, D.	Steele
Cerrato	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Ciresi	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Conklin	James	Munroe	Sturla
Curry	Jozwiak	Mustello	Takac
Cutler	Kail	Neilson	Tomlinson

Daley	Kaufer	Nelson, N.	Topper
Davis	Kazeem	O'Mara	Twardzik
Dawkins	Kenyatta	O'Neal	Venkat
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Delloso	Kim	Ortitay	Warren
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Diamond	Kinsey	Owlett	Waxman
Donahue	Klunk	Parker	Webster
Dunbar	Kosierowski	Pashinski	White
Ecker	Krajewski	Pickett	Williams, C.
Emrick	Krueger	Pielli	Williams, D.
Evans	Kulik	Pisciottano	Young
Fee	Kutz	Powell	
Fiedler	Kuzma	Probst	McClinton,
Fleming	Labs	Prokopiak	Speaker

NAYS-34

Banta	Gillen	Kephart	Rowe
Bernstine	Gleim	Krupa	Schemel
Borowicz	Gregory	Mackenzie, M.	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Greiner	Maloney	Stambaugh
Cook	Hamm	Nelson, E.	Stehr
Cooper	Jones, M.	Rapp	Warner
D'Orsie	Jones, T.	Roae	Wentling
Davanzo	Kauffman	Rossi	Zimmerman
Fink	Keefer		

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Kerwin                      Leadbeter

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.

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

**BILLS RECOMMITTED**

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

- HB 538;
- HB 1166;
- HB 1633;
- HB 2161; and
- SB 945.

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 1632;  
HB 1657;  
HB 1806;  
HB 2084;  
HB 2096; and  
HB 2177.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SPEAKER**

The SPEAKER. Colleagues, if I can have your attention, as both of these members are leaving the floor. We do have two special birthdays: the gentlelady from Clarion, the Chair apologizes, was yesterday. Happy belated, Representative Oberlander. And the gentlelady from Lancaster, Representative Fee, is today. Happy birthday to our colleagues, these great chairs and hardworking members of the institution.

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

#### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a motion by the gentlelady from Lancaster, Representative Fee, that the House now adjourn until Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the motion?  
Motion was agreed to, and at 3:20 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.