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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.s.t.

**THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

REV. D. WAYNE BENDER, Chaplain of the House of Representatives and pastor of Paxton United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let each of us pause for a moment of silence before our prayer this morning in memory of Tyrone Wehry, Jr.; his sisters, Amanda and Toni; and the eight other victims of the tragic fire in Centre County. May God's deep peace come to all of these families and their loved ones and their community.

Good God, we come to You at the beginning of a difficult long week of deliberations. In a few moments or hours, the battle of the budget will begin. No doubt patience will wear thin, tempers may flare, blood pressures will rise, partisanship will divide us, and the desire for compromise will be tested.

Good God, do not desert us. Do not desert us when we are caught up in our political agendas. Help these members discern what is best for our Commonwealth with the wisdom of Solomon, with the justice of Amos, with the compassion of Boaz, with the vision of Jeremiah, and with the sacrificial nature of Abraham.

Good God, You know what we are all like when it comes to our own money, let alone the money of the Commonwealth. You know the evil of money and our love of it. Help these men and women to be legislators of great integrity as they make the best decisions possible for the betterment of our Commonwealth and its people everywhere. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 18, 1998, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Journals for Tuesday, October 28, 1997; Wednesday, October 29, 1997; and Monday, November 24, 1997, are prepared and will stand approved unless objected to. The Chair hears no objection.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. I would like to call the House's attention to the presence of several guests. First, as the guest of the gentleman, Mr. Wojnaroski, Mr. Nicholas Trovato of Pittsburgh, who is serving as a guest page. Would the gentleman, Mr. Trovato, please rise. With Nicholas is his mother, Charlene, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, and his sister, Felicia, who are also here as guests of the House. Would they please rise.

As a guest of Representative Perzel, the Chair takes this opportunity to introduce the mayor of New Castle, Mr. Tim Fulkerson, who is seated to the left of the Speaker. Would the mayor please rise.

COMMUNICATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of the initial report for the period February 18, 1997, to December 31, 1997, submitted by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board pursuant to Act 196 of 1996.

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

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SONG RELINQUISHMENT SUBMITTED

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Act 150 of 1990, the Chair hereby submits for the record the relinquishment of all claims to the copyright of the State song of Pennsylvania. This relinquishment is signed by Edward A. Khoury and by Virginia Bonawitz, the widow of Ronnie Bonner.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The members who are not yet on the floor should report to their caucus rooms; the members who are presently on the floor should report now to the caucus rooms. There will be no votes taken until after the caucuses. Both the Republican and Democrat caucuses will meet immediately. The members can expect to return to the floor at approximately 2:30. When the House breaks, it will break until 2:30. I hope you are not looking at the clock, the official clock, which says it is now 8:30. That has to be adjusted, of course.

SENATE MESSAGE

**AMENDED SENATE BILL RETURNED
FOR CONCURRENCE AND
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives by amending said amendments to **SB 640, PN 1812.**

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the floor of the House today, as the guest of Howard Fargo and Mike Gruitza, Denny Puko, the former director of the Mercer Planning Commission. His son, Brad, is a floor page today. Would Brad and Dennis please rise.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2438 By Representatives CLYMER, BAKER, BATTISTO, BENNINGHOFF, BROWN, M. COHEN, EGOLF, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GORDNER, GRUPPO, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, LYNCH, MAHER, MAITLAND, MASLAND, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, MILLER, OLASZ, ORIE, PLATTS, ROHRER, SATHER, SCHRODER, SCHULER, STEELMAN, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRUE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of gambling by computer.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 1998.

No. 2439 By Representatives KREBS, BELARDI, McCALL, CARONE, MASLAND, DeLUCA, TIGUE, DALEY, M. COHEN, HENNESSEY, S. H. SMITH, MILLER, LAUGHLIN, YOUNGBLOOD and STEELMAN

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for involuntary termination of parental rights in certain child dependency cases and for the determination of child dependency.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 1998.

No. 2440 By Representatives HANNA, COLAIZZO, GEORGE, GIGLIOTTI, TIGUE, MARKOSEK, SATHER, WOJNAROSKI, BELFANTI, McCALL, LAUGHLIN, COLAFELLA, MELIO, TRELLO, SHANER, DeWEESE, ROONEY, SAINATO, LEVDANSKY, SERAFINI, BELARDI, KENNEY, BUTKOVITZ, SCRIMENTI, TANGRETTI and OLASZ

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, raising the compensation rate for certain individuals; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 23, 1998.

No. 2441 By Representatives BROWNE, STEVENSON, GIGLIOTTI, BELFANTI, HERMAN, HARHART, BAKER, BROWN, BELARDI, LAUGHLIN, DeLUCA, VANCE, E. Z. TAYLOR, HALUSKA, TRELLO, C. WILLIAMS, STABACK, JOSEPHS, MANDERINO, GEORGE, PIPPY, CORRIGAN, HESS, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, J. TAYLOR, DALLY, STERN, YOUNGBLOOD, PRESTON, COLAFELLA, STEELMAN and SEMMEL

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for advanced health care directive declarations and for advance health care directive emergency medical services; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 23, 1998.

No. 2442 By Representatives BROWNE, STEVENSON, GIGLIOTTI, BELFANTI, HARHART, BAKER, BROWN, BELARDI, LAUGHLIN, DeLUCA, E. Z. TAYLOR, HALUSKA, TRELLO, C. WILLIAMS, STABACK, JOSEPHS, MANDERINO, GEORGE, PIPPY, CORRIGAN, HESS, BENNINGHOFF, RAMOS, J. TAYLOR, DALLY, STERN, YOUNGBLOOD, PRESTON, COLAFELLA, STEELMAN and SEMMEL

An Act providing for medical alert identifiers to be added to driver's licenses; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 23, 1998.

No. 2443 By Representatives CIVERA, MICOZZIE, GRUPPO, RAYMOND, LAWLESS, FLICK, J. TAYLOR, DeLUCA, MARKOSEK, VANCE, TRUE, ROBERTS, ITKIN, PETRONE, OLASZ, MELIO, TULLI, LEDERER, WILT, CORRIGAN, HORSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, GANNON, E. Z. TAYLOR and PISTELLA

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for physician assistant certificates.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 23, 1998.

No. 2444 By Representatives CLARK, STABACK, STERN, GEORGE, KENNEY, HALUSKA, TRELLO, SATHER, LYNCH, NICKOL, DALEY, M. COHEN, McNAUGHTON, CALTAGIRONE, SCHULER, READSHAW, MELIO, GODSHALL, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, ITKIN, OLASZ, COLAFELLA, GANNON, LAUGHLIN, ROBINSON, YOUNGBLOOD and WILT

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for referrals to county children and youth service agencies.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 23, 1998.

No. 2445 By Representatives LaGROTTA, HASAY, DALEY, COY, STABACK, NAILOR, MAITLAND, HERMAN, GODSHALL, SHANER, LAUGHLIN, RAMOS, SAYLOR, ROBERTS, WALKO, B. SMITH, YOUNGBLOOD and STEELMAN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for damages for conversion of timber.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 1998.

No. 2446 By Representatives LaGROTTA, VAN HORNE, SAINATO, ITKIN, BELARDI, M. COHEN, LYNCH, McCALL, TRAVAGLIO, READSHAW, HALUSKA, DRUCE, SANTONI, JAMES, DALEY, COLAFELLA, RAMOS, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, WALKO, LAUGHLIN, WASHINGTON, PRESTON, HORSEY, DERMODY, MELIO, TRELLO, A. H. WILLIAMS, BISHOP and STEELMAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for professional sports plates; and establishing the Stadium and Auditorium Fund.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 23, 1998.

No. 2447 By Representatives LaGROTTA, DeWEESE, COY, BELARDI, M. COHEN, STABACK, KIRKLAND, CORPORA, OLASZ, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, DONATUCCI, RAMOS, TRICH, CORRIGAN, WASHINGTON, PETRONE, SURRA, GIGLIOTTI, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, TRELLO, HORSEY, DALEY, BELFANTI and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, regulating the sale of diet pills.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 23, 1998.

No. 2448 By Representatives STURLA, BAKER, BLAUM, ROSS, ROONEY, SAYLOR, BUXTON, READSHAW, OLIVER, GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, MELIO, GEORGE, COY, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, VAN HORNE, BELARDI, SHANER, TRELLO, DeWEESE, HENNESSEY, SURRA, McCALL, CAPPABIANCA, YOUNGBLOOD, PISTELLA, C. WILLIAMS, TANGRETTI, PETRONE, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, RAMOS, THOMAS, BEBKO-JONES, SANTONI, MANDERINO, BELFANTI, DeLUCA, McNAUGHTON, PETRARCA, WOJNAROSKI, ITKIN, BROWNE, TIGUE, COWELL, MUNDY, STABACK, JAMES, WALKO, HERMAN, KIRKLAND and STEELMAN

An Act establishing the Day-care Facilities Loan and Loan Guarantee Fund; providing for terms and conditions of loans and for a penalty; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 23, 1998.

No. 2449 By Representatives RAYMOND and TULLI

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, adding definitions relating to contractors, construction, buildings and building machinery and equipment; further providing for an exclusion from sales tax for certain charitable organizations and for refunds; and providing an exclusion from sales tax for sales of building machinery and equipment.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 23, 1998.

No. 2451 By Representatives CURRY, HORSEY, PESCI, LYNCH, ORIE, FICHTER, STURLA, SHANER, GEORGE, OLASZ, PETRARCA, SERAFINI, A. H. WILLIAMS, BELFANTI, COY, HANNA, DeWEESE, MANDERINO, STABACK, SANTONI, JAMES, DALEY, McGEEHAN, CALTAGIRONE, BOSCOLA, LEVDANSKY, BARD, RAMOS, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, JOSEPHS, M. COHEN, TANGRETTI, LAUGHLIN, WASHINGTON, BELARDI, C. WILLIAMS, WALKO, HENNESSEY, TRELLO, ROBERTS, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, BISHOP and CORRIGAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the annual fee for passenger car registration.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 23, 1998.

No. 2452 By Representatives VEON, BELARDI, BELFANTI, GEORGE, SANTONI, CAPPABIANCA, ITKIN, CURRY, WALKO, OLASZ, JOSEPHS, M. COHEN, DeWEESE, STABACK, BEBKO-JONES, ROBINSON, ORIE, MUNDY, JAMES, SURRA, TRAVAGLIO, SCRIMENTI, CORPORA, VAN HORNE, ROONEY, BOSCOLA, KENNEY, TRELLO, TRICH, DeLUCA, RAMOS, COLAFELLA, LAUGHLIN, McCALL, PETRARCA, CASORIO, TANGRETTI, WILT, GIGLIOTTI, C. WILLIAMS, MELIO, CORRIGAN, SAINATO, YOUNGBLOOD, COLAIZZO, STEELMAN and BISHOP

An Act providing for remedies for retaliation to workers' compensation claims and for penalties and costs.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, March 23, 1998.

No. 2453 By Representatives VEON, COLAFELLA, DeLUCA, SURRA, MANDERINO, CURRY, OLASZ, WALKO, OLIVER, LLOYD, SANTONI, MARKOSEK, HALUSKA, CAPPABIANCA, ITKIN, WOJNAROSKI, JOSEPHS, M. COHEN, DeWEESE, STABACK, BEBKO-JONES, ROBINSON, GORDNER, ORIE, STURLA, BELARDI, MUNDY, JAMES, TRAVAGLIO, BELFANTI, SCRIMENTI, CORPORA, BOSCOLA, READSHAW, WOGAN, ROONEY, WAUGH, COY, KENNEY, TRELLO, TRICH, CARN, SHANER, LAUGHLIN, McCALL, TANGRETTI, CASORIO, LUCYK, HORSEY, MELIO and SAINATO

An Act providing for confidentiality of medical records, for financial incentive restrictions on managed care plans, for health insurance policy disclosures, for the Office of Consumer Advocate for Insurance, for access to women's health care providers, for utilization review and appeals and for safeguards under managed care plans.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 23, 1998.

No. 2454 By Representatives LUCYK, GEORGE, BELARDI, BROWN, HESS, HALUSKA, MUNDY, ZIMMERMAN, McCALL, TRELLO, HASAY, ZUG, SHANER, COY, DALEY, BAKER, WAUGH, CALTAGIRONE, BELFANTI, SAYLOR, SCHULER, MELIO, TANGRETTI, WALKO, COLAFELLA, LEH, ROBERTS, KAISER, LEVDANSKY, C. WILLIAMS, HERSHEY, PETRARCA, STABACK, PESCI, OLASZ, FICHTER, GIGLIOTTI, COLAIZZO, DEMPSEY, WOJNAROSKI, READSHAW, JAMES, CLARK, ARGALL, PIPPY, LAUGHLIN, SANTONI, HERMAN, VAN HORNE, CASORIO, RAMOS, EGOLF, HARHAI, ITKIN, DeWEESE, PLATTS, RIEGER, DALLY, BOSCOLA, CAWLEY, SERAFINI, CURRY, MICOZZIE, PETRONE, E. Z. TAYLOR, CORRIGAN, HANNA, ALLEN, GANNON, BEBKO-JONES, SAINATO, SURRA, ROHRER and DeLUCA

An Act exempting volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies from all State and local taxes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 23, 1998.

No. 2455 By Representatives VEON, LaGROTTA, DeLUCA, GEORGE, LUCYK, KENNEY, BELARDI, DeWEESE, RAMOS, COLAFELLA, JAMES, ROONEY, SATHER, COY, BELFANTI, MANDERINO, WALKO, FAIRCHILD, TRAVAGLIO, KIRKLAND, STURLA, OLIVER, BOSCOLA, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, SCRIMENTI, C. WILLIAMS, JOSEPHS, READSHAW, TRELLO, GIGLIOTTI, CURRY, CORPORA, MELIO, ITKIN, CORRIGAN, LAUGHLIN, STABACK, TRICH, YOUNGBLOOD and STEELMAN

An Act prohibiting certain provisions in contracts between managed care entities and participating practitioners; establishing a standard of care for coverage determinations; and providing for a cause of action.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 23, 1998.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 385 By Representatives BLAUM, OLIVER, DeWEESE, ITKIN, FICHTER, GEORGE, MELIO, WAUGH, GORDNER, TRAVAGLIO, SHANER, CAPPABIANCA, GIGLIOTTI, CORRIGAN, McCALL, LAUGHLIN, WALKO, JAROLIN, OLASZ, SANTONI, MANDERINO, PESCI, STABACK, M. COHEN, VEON, EVANS, MUNDY, BELARDI, READSHAW, LaGROTTA, COY, CURRY, PIPPY, WOJNAROSKI, HALUSKA and BELFANTI

A Resolution providing for a joint investigation by the Health and Human Services Committee and the Aging and Youth Committee into the roles of the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Aging and the Department of Health in insuring adequate health, safety and quality standards in long-term care facilities.

Referred to Committee on RULES, March 23, 1998.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 252, PN 1779

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 1998.

SB 508, PN 1792

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 23, 1998.

SB 1013, PN 1736

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, March 23, 1998.

SB 1239, PN 1793

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 1998.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. KREBS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Lebanon, Mr. Krebs. For what purpose does the gentleman seek recognition?

Mr. KREBS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce a meeting at the recess of the eminent domain committee in room 18, East Wing.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Krebs, announces the meeting of the select committee, the eminent domain committee. Would the gentleman state again where and when.

Mr. KREBS. It will be at the call of the recess in room 18, East Wing.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF SPONSORS

The SPEAKER. The Chair acknowledges receipt of additions and deletions for sponsorships of bills, which the clerk will file.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move from the tabled calendar at page 7 SB 981.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that SB 981, PN 1615, be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 789, PN 3261 (Amended) By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonschool service.

EDUCATION.

HB 1228, PN 3259 (Amended) By Rep. BUNT

An Act providing for the establishment of an automotive fuel testing and disclosure program, for standards for automotive fuel and for inspection, sampling and testing of automotive fuel; imposing powers and conferring duties on the Department of Agriculture; and providing for penalties.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HB 2268, PN 3260 (Amended) By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act providing for screening of certain patients for symptoms of domestic violence.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

SB 494, PN 1817 (Amended)

By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, authorizing school districts to impose dress codes and to require students to wear standard dress or uniforms; and making an appropriation.

EDUCATION.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Do the Republican leaders have anything further prior to the declaration of a recess? Any announcements? The Democratic leaders?

Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce an immediate meeting upon recess of the House Democratic Caucus to go over the various amendments to the budget that we are going to be voting on today.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Both caucuses are meeting immediately on budget-related items, amendments to the budget. So it is in the best interest of all the members to report to their caucus rooms.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The Chair sees no other members seeking recognition and declares a recess until 2:30 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker or extended by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

FORMER MEMBER WELCOMED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today Tom Fee, a longtime member of this House and a good friend of everybody that has ever known him.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. TAYLOR. The Chair hears no objection. The leave will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, Mr. Itkin, who requests a leave for the lady from Erie, Ms. BEBKO-JONES, and the gentleman from Luzerne, Mr. BLAUM. The Chair hears no objection. The leaves will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take today's master roll call. The members not on the floor should report immediately to the floor. The members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stern
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Civera	Horsely	Petrone	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
Corpora	Keller	Readshaw	Waugh
Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

LEAVES ADDED—5

Itkin Perzel Phillips Platts
Masland

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Blaum

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. RUBLEY called up HR 378, PN 3205, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 24, 1998, as "World TB Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stern
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Civera	Horsely	Petrone	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
Corpora	Keller	Readshaw	Waugh
Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

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Mrs. COHEN called up **HR 380, PN 3207**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating March 1998 as "Mental Retardation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution ?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Eachus	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McIlhinney	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	McNaughton	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Melio	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Michlovic	Stern
Brown	Gruitza	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Miller	Stevenson
Bunt	Habay	Mundy	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Myers	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nailor	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	Nickol	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hasay	Olasz	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Oliver	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Orie	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Perzel	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Pesci	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Petrarca	Truc
Clark	Hutchinson	Petrone	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Platts	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
Corpora	Keller	Raymond	Waugh
Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Ryan,
Druce			Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Roebuck

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as the guest of Representative Masland, Kelly Reynolds, a senior at Dickinson College, who is serving as an intern of Representative Masland. She is located to the left of the Speaker. Kelly, would you please rise.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. May I have your attention, please.

Tyrone Wehry, Jr., an employee in the House Republican Communications Department, was one of the persons tragically killed in a fire at his family's camp in Centre County early Sunday. He was 23 years of age and had worked for the House since September of 1995.

Eleven young people died in that fire in the cabin. Among them were Tyrone's sisters, Amanda, aged 18, a senior at Line Mountain High School, and Toni, 21, a senior at Millersville University.

Our prayers and thoughts of concern today are not only with the Wehry family but with the families of all of the victims of this tragedy, and I do not think it would be inappropriate if we would rise for a moment of silent prayer for all of these victims.

Guests will please rise.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence.)

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The SPEAKER. Mr. Barley and Mr. Evans, are we ready?

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2281, PN 3013**, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and for the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Ben Franklin/IRC Partnership Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department Fund and the Firearm Ownership Fund to the Executive Department; to provide

appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the establishment of restricted receipt accounts for the fiscal year July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

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

Mr. REBER offered the following amendment No. A0939:

Amend Sec. 213, page 71, by inserting between lines 11 and 12
For transfer to the Wild Resources
Conservation Fund.
State appropriation 900,000

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Will Mr. Barley and Mr. Evans come to the desk, please.

The first amendment— I would remind the members, we are now about to take up the appropriation bill and all of the amendments thereto. It is my understanding that everyone has been briefed to the effect that there is a 5-minute limit on debate.

The first 60 amendments, I am told, are agreed to, although some members of the two caucuses may not necessarily agree with one or the other of the amendments. It is my intention to announce that the amendments are agreed to and then mention the name of the sponsor to see if he or she wishes to make comments on their amendments. Everyone should have copies of the amendments in packets in front of them.

The first amendment, which has been read by the clerk, is amendment 0939, which has been agreed to by the Appropriations Committee chairs, sponsored by the gentleman, Mr. Reber.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Reber, have any comments? He waives the right to comment on it.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-197

Adolph	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Serafini
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Seyfert
Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Gannon	McIlhattan	Staback
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhinney	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McNaughton	Steelman
Bishop	Gigliotti	Melio	Steil

Boscola	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhai	Olasz	Thomas
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Tigue
Carone	Hasay	Orie	Travaglio
Casorio	Hennessey	Perzel	Trello
Cawley	Herman	Pesci	Trich
Chadwick	Hershey	Petrarca	True
Civera	Hess	Petrone	Tulli
Clark	Horsey	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Hutchinson	Pippy	Van Home
Cohen, L. I.	Itkin	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jadlowiec	Platts	Vitali
Colafrilla	James	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	Jarolin	Ramos	Washington
Cornell	Josephs	Raymond	Waugh
Corpora	Kaiser	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Donatucci	Maher	Saylor	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-3

Keller	Lederer	Roebuck
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EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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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 third consideration as amended?

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read— The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Scrimenti.

Mr. TIGUE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Tigue.

Mr. TIGUE. Mr. Speaker, I understand that we want to do things fast that are agreed to, but I would appreciate if someone would just mention what line items are being cut, because there are some of these amendments or some of these programs I know we are going to go through this exercise. I would like to know where they are taking money from so that I have at least an idea. They may be agreed to by someone other than I. So I would just like to know where the money is coming from and what we are adding it to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In answer to the inquiry, on the lines that are being cut, the first I believe it is 60 amendments that we are taking in order — they are in your packets that have been distributed; I believe it is the first four packets that have been distributed — those amendments will be voted in order, and they do not cut or do not require an offset.

HR 357 that we passed a week or two ago basically allowed for \$132 million that we could spend down without requiring a cut. So the amendments that we will be dealing with in these initial packs will not be required to cut spending. They will be utilizing the \$132 million that otherwise in the budget would be utilized for tax reductions.

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman state it.

Mr. LLOYD. That is a good explanation, and I would be content with that. The problem is that the second amendment in the packet, in fact, on lines 8 through 10 includes a cut, and if we are not— If the intention is that we are deleting the cuts out of all of these amendments, then I think a motion of some kind has to be made to suspend the rules on these packets and delete the sections which would make reductions.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Lloyd, the sponsors— Your packet, the leaders' packets, and the Speaker's packets have stars on certain of the amendments that require a division, and the gentleman, Mr. Scrimenti, for instance, will move to divide his amendment, and the second portion of his amendment will be withdrawn.

Mr. LLOYD. Well, would it be possible to move to do that on all of them at one time?

The SPEAKER. I would rather do that one at a time so that it is—

Mr. LLOYD. Okay. But that is, that is going—

The SPEAKER. There are only, for instance, there are only four of them on the first page.

Mr. LLOYD. Okay. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. And unless there is objection, I will just— When I see it, I will just do it myself.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SCRIMENTI offered the following amendment No. A0893:

Amend Sec. 202, page 26, by inserting between lines 3 and 4

For a competitive grant program for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to target law enforcement activities in areas that show an increase in crime.

State appropriation 3,000,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 41, line 9, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,800,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Scrimenti, who moves that amendment A0893 be divided at lines 8, 9, and 10 to delete the said lines. The amendment will be divided.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, it is my understanding that these first seven lines are agreed to.

On the question, those in favor of the amendment will vote—
Mr. SCRIMENTI. Sir?

The SPEAKER. Mr. Scrimenti.

Mr. SCRIMENTI. I would like to speak on the amendment, please.

The SPEAKER. You may.

Mr. SCRIMENTI. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment establishes a competitive grant program for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to target law enforcement activities in areas that show an increase in crime. We hear all this talk about being tough on crime. Well, this amendment is both tough on crime and smart on crime, and I ask the members for their support.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question of the adoption of the amendment, those in favor will vote "aye"; opposed, "no." We are now voting on lines 1 through 7 inclusive of amendment 0893.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Eachus	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGechan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McIlhinney	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	McNaughton	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Melio	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Michlovic	Stern
Brown	Gruitza	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Miller	Stevenson
Bunt	Habay	Mundy	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Myers	Sturla

Buxton	Hanna	Nailor	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	Nickol	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cam	Hasay	Olasz	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Oliver	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Orie	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Perzel	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Pesci	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Petrarca	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Petrone	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Platts	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
Corpora	Keller	Raymond	Waugh
Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Roebuck

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. ARGALL offered the following amendment No. A0938:

Amend Sec. 210, page 47, line 26, by striking out all of said line and inserting
 State appropriation 5,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, it is the understanding of the Chair the amendment is agreed to.

Does the gentleman, Mr. Argall, desire recognition? The gentleman waives off.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Eachus	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McIlhinney	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	McNaughton	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Melio	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Michlovic	Stern
Brown	Gruitza	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Miller	Stevenson
Bunt	Habay	Mundy	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Myers	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nailor	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	Nickol	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hasay	Olasz	Thomas
Casorio	Hennessey	Oliver	Tigue
Cawley	Herman	Orie	Travaglio
Chadwick	Hershey	Perzel	Trello
Civera	Hess	Pesci	Trich
Clark	Horsey	Petrarca	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Petrone	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Platts	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
Corpora	Keller	Raymond	Waugh
Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Roebuck

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. **HARHAI** offered the following amendment No. **A1032**:

Amend Sec. 212, page 64, by inserting between lines 19 and 20
 For payments to financially distressed school districts. Payments shall be made during the 1998-1999 fiscal year to any district eligible for payments under the provisions of section 2502.30 of the Public School Code of 1949. Payments to school districts during the 1998-1999 fiscal year shall be equal to the amounts received by school districts during the 1994-1995 fiscal year under the provisions of section 212 of the General Appropriation Act of 1994 from the appropriation entitled "For temporary special aid to school districts suffering reductions in assessed valuation of taxable property."

State appropriation 5,451,000

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

The **SPEAKER**. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman. Does the gentleman, Mr. Harhai, desire recognition on the amendment?

Mr. **HARHAI**. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. **HARHAI**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment is going to see that seven distressed school districts in western Pennsylvania will be receiving special assistance that they first received in the fiscal year 1994-95 in the amount of \$5,451,000. Thank you.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—182

Adolph	Donatucci	Lloyd	Santoni
Allen	Druce	Lucyk	Sather
Argall	Eachus	Lynch	Schroder
Baker	Evans	Maher	Schuler
Bard	Fairchild	Maitland	Scrimenti
Barley	Fargo	Major	Semmel
Barrar	Feese	Manderino	Serafini
Battisto	Fichter	Markosek	Seyfert
Belardi	Fleagle	Marsico	Shaner
Belfanti	Flick	Masland	Smith, B.
Benninghoff	Gannon	Mayernik	Smith, S. H.
Birmelin	Geist	McCall	Snyder, D. W.
Bishop	George	McGeehan	Staback
Boscola	Gigliotti	McIlhinney	Stairs
Boyes	Gladeck	McNaughton	Steelman
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stell
Bunt	Gordner	Michlovic	Stem
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Micozzie	Stetler
Buxton	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
Caltagirone	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Cappabianca	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Carn	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Carone	Harhai	Olasz	Tangretti
Casorio	Harhart	Oliver	Taylor, E. Z.
Cawley	Hasay	Orie	Thomas

Chadwick	Hennessey	Perzel	Tigue
Civera	Herman	Pesci	Travaglio
Clymer	Hershey	Petrarca	Trello
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Petrone	Trich
Cohen, M.	Horsey	Phillips	Tulli
Colafella	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Colaizzo	James	Pistella	Van Home
Cornell	Jarolin	Preston	Veon
Corpora	Josephs	Ramos	Vitali
Corrigan	Kaiser	Raymond	Walko
Cowell	Keller	Readshaw	Washington
Coy	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Curry	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Daley	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Dally	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dent	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
Dermody	Leh	Ross	
DeWeese	Lescovitz	Rubley	Ryan, Speaker
DiGirolamo	Levdansky	Sainato	

NAYS—17

Armstrong	Jadlowiec	Platts	Waugh
Brown	McGill	Rohrer	Wilt
Clark	McIlhattan	Saylor	Zimmerman
Egolf	Miller	True	Zug
Hutchinson			

NOT VOTING—1

O'Brien

EXCUSED—3

Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,
 Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Mr. **ROONEY** offered the following amendment No. **A1080**:

Amend Sec. 212, page 64, by inserting between lines 19 and 20
 For class size reduction grants. School districts which provide for kindergarten classes with not more than 20 students per classroom shall be reimbursed for all costs associated with their class size reduction efforts.

State appropriation 10,000,000

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

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Rooney.

Mr. **ROONEY**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment A1080, the funds from which, the proceeds from which, will be used for grants to school districts which organize all of their kindergarten classes with no more than

20 students per classroom. The Commonwealth will reimburse all costs associated with the district class-size-reduction efforts.

My colleagues may remember that we first passed the class-size-reduction legislation in 1997. The legislation that we passed at that time called for a 4-year phase-in. Kindergarten through third were to be reduced to a size of no more than 20 students per classroom. My amendment to the budget bill is a direct response to the legislation that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have embraced en masse.

I would ask for a "yes" vote on the class-size-reduction amendment. Thank you, Mr. 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-174

Adolph	Donatucci	Lloyd	Ross
Allen	Druce	Lucyk	Rubley
Argall	Eachus	Lynch	Sainato
Baker	Evans	Maher	Santoni
Bard	Fairchild	Major	Sather
Barley	Fargo	Manderino	Schroder
Barrar	Feese	Markosek	Scrimenti
Battisto	Fichter	Marsico	Semmel
Belardi	Fleagle	Masland	Serafini
Belfanti	Flick	Mayernik	Seyfert
Bishop	Gannon	McCall	Shaner
Boscola	Geist	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Boyes	George	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Browne	Gigliotti	McIlhinney	Staback
Bunt	Gladeck	McNaughton	Stairs
Butkovitz	Godshall	Melio	Steelman
Buxton	Gordner	Michlovic	Stetler
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Micozzie	Strittmatter
Cappabianca	Gruppo	Miller	Sturla
Carn	Haluska	Mundy	Surra
Carone	Hanna	Myers	Tangretti
Casorio	Harhai	Nailor	Thomas
Cawley	Harhart	O'Brien	Tigue
Chadwick	Hasay	Olasz	Travaglio
Civera	Herman	Oliver	Trello
Clark	Hershey	Perzel	Trich
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Pesci	Tulli
Cohen, M.	Horsey	Petrarca	Vance
Colafella	Hutchinson	Petrone	Van Horne
Colaizzo	Itkin	Phillips	Veon
Cornell	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Vitali
Corpora	James	Pistella	Walko
Corrigan	Jarolin	Platts	Washington
Cowell	Josephs	Preston	Waugh
Coy	Kaiser	Ramos	Williams, A. H.
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DeLuca	Krebs	Reinard	Wright, M. N.
Dempsey	LaGrotta	Rieger	Yewcic
Dent	Laughlin	Roberts	Youngblood
Dermody	Lederer	Robinson	
DeWeese	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Levdansky	Rooney	Speaker

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Armstrong	Hennessey	Rohrer	Stevenson
Benninghoff	Lawless	Saylor	Taylor, E. Z.
Birmelin	Leh	Schuler	True
Brown	Maitland	Smith, S. H.	Wilt

Clymer	McGill	Steil	Zimmerman
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Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Mr. KENNEY offered the following amendment No. A0966:

Amend Sec. 204, page 29, by inserting between lines 22 and 23
For drug law enforcement agents to be
assigned to cities of the first class.

State appropriation	1,537,000
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Kenney.

Mr. KENNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment allocates \$1.5 million to the Office of the Attorney General to hire 25 new drug law enforcement agents in Philadelphia.

During our budget hearings and working with the Attorney General, he noted that the port to illegal drugs is through Philadelphia, which has an impact on the rest of the State. We are in a battle, in a war on drugs, and this would add more troops to that battle, and I would ask for the House to support the additional funding so we can put more troops on the ground by hiring an additional 25 agents to fight illegal drugs throughout the State.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. James.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to question the maker of the amendment, please.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I am sure all of us would like to increase the funds to attack and fight drugs in our communities and neighborhoods. I would just like to ask you, Mr. Speaker, this sounds like the same amount of money that the district attorney of Philadelphia just went to city council for and was asking. Is this going to the district attorney, through the Attorney General's Office, in Philadelphia?

Mr. KENNEY. Absolutely not, Mr. Speaker. Long before the issue that you bring up with the district attorney in Philadelphia, I have been working with the Attorney General, who was down in west Philadelphia several months ago talking to community groups. He made that issue public that he was interested in creating 25 new drug agents in the city. That is what this funding is for, for

his office to go out and hire 25 new drug agents to put on the streets to fight illegal drug use in Philadelphia. It has nothing to do with funding the district attorney's office in Philadelphia.

Mr. JAMES. Okay. So they would be State agents similar to what was in southwest Philly before?

Mr. KENNEY. Correct. They would be in the bureau of narcotics enforcement.

Mr. JAMES. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.
On the question, Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Mr. Speaker, about 60 percent of all crimes in this country are a result or direct result of drugs. Mr. Speaker, anything that we can propose to stem or stop the tide of drug use and drug abuse in our communities I would be in favor of, and I would ask for a positive vote on this particular amendment. Thank you, Mr. 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:

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Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Mr. DiGIROLAMO offered the following amendment No. A0930:

Amend Sec. 223, page 118, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting
State appropriation 4,914,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, nowhere can our tax money better be spent or invested than on the money that we appropriate for our State Police. Whether it be patrolling or safeguarding our streets, fighting crime or working with our local police departments, the men and women of the State Police who put their lives on the line every day certainly deserve our support and help. That is why I am offering amendment 0930 that will add \$2 million for the purchase of an additional 95 police vehicles, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. 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:

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. ITKIN offered the following amendment No. A1155:

Amend Sec. 204, page 29, by inserting between lines 24 and 25
For Office of Consumer Advocate.
State appropriation 5,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin.
Mr. ITKIN. Mr. Speaker, this amendment will provide for a State appropriation for the Office of Consumer Advocate. It puts the money in place when the General Assembly creates the new position. This revenue would come from industry surcharges, like the public utility advocate's money comes from.

I just want to reiterate, the amendment appropriation will be reimbursed by surcharges of the insurance, from the insurance industry. Everyone realizes that the role that insurance plays in our lives grows every day. The consumer needs a stronger voice, and this amendment, I believe, is a first step.

I urge its approval, and I would thank the House for your support.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, Mr. Micozzie, do you desire recognition on this amendment?

Mr. MICOZZIE. Yes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MICOZZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Having a Consumer Advocate, the problem we would have would be duplication of effort. Every time there is a proposal for a rate review, the Insurance Department, who already is geared up to address such issues, then has to send all the information over to the Consumer Advocate, which would be nothing but a delay and probably come up with the same conclusions.

We debated this issue on the floor many times. This amendment has been offered on other insurance issues, and I think this is not the place to debate it. It should be debated in the committee, if we want to do it in the committee or whatever, but this is not the place. I ask for a negative vote.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the lady, Ms. Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The issue with the Consumer Advocate for Insurance is not just about rates. If it were just about rates, I might oppose it. It is about quality assurance.

During the Appropriations Committee hearings, we talked to the Insurance Commissioner about quality-assurance issues. What happens when an insurance company denies coverage, denies payment for a claim that is covered by the policy? She referred me to the Secretary of Health, ask the Secretary of Health what happens when an insurance company denies a claim for covered services. Well, if it is an HMO (health maintenance organization), he may be able to intervene, but not really, because there is really nothing that he can do to an insurance company who denies coverage, denies a payment for a covered service.

This is a gaping hole in our insurance system, and there is no recourse currently within our State government for people who are denied payment for claims supposedly covered by their insurance companies. Why do we even have insurance if people cannot, when they need it, access coverage?

This is a very needed line item in the budget. If it is not there, the debate will stop, as it usually does, with the insurance companies being the winner. I might even, I might even be able to support a Consumer Advocate for Insurance just for health insurance, but with all of the cases coming to my office having to do with quality assurance and the Insurance Commissioner unable to do anything about these issues, now is the time and this is the vote that will tell us exactly where people are when it comes to the insurance industry.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Colafella.

Mr. COLAFELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the people in my legislative district have time and time again told me that there is no consumer voice in the Insurance Department's office, in the Commissioner's office, for years. It is time that Pennsylvania does the things that other States are doing, and that is to have a Consumer Advocate. We have a Consumer Advocate in the Attorney General's Office, we have a Consumer Advocate in the public utility area, and I think it is time for Pennsylvania now to have a Consumer Advocate in the insurance area.

I think it is very, very important that people in Pennsylvania, who a big part of their budget is spent on auto insurance and health insurance, have someone who speaks for them, and I think that we are presented with this opportunity today, and I hope that everyone will vote for this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Itkin.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. Mr. Reinard.

Mr. REINARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to just stand and make a few comments.

First off, I would like to say that I agree with the majority chairman's position regarding this legislation that is currently before us. However, a previous speaker on the floor spoke about potential claims not being paid, and I would hate this House to be under any impression that a policy claim can be simply not paid by the insurer. There is one thing that is very important to understand about an insurance policy sold in this Commonwealth and sold anywhere in the United States. It comes with a protection that goes far beyond what an appointed Consumer Advocate can provide. Quite simply, an insurance policy is a contract. It is a contract that is governed by the statutes, it is governed by law, and if anyone wants to challenge whether or not an insurer is simply meeting his responsibilities of that contract, there are parameters for them to follow. So I would question—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The gentleman's comments I do not believe are relevant to what is before us. What we have before us is a very simple amendment that says, "For Office of Consumer Advocate. State appropriation.... 5,000,000." The word "insurance" does not appear anywhere in this amendment. I do not know how we got off into the insurance industry, frankly.

Mr. REINARD. Mr. Speaker, I was simply responding to a comment made by a previous speaker regarding the payments of claims. I was simply alerting the House that an insurance contract is simply that, and it does have the protections of a contract.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Olasz.

Mr. OLASZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Since the previous speaker alluded to a contractual obligation about the insurance companies, I am not going to debate it, but I would sincerely hope that he would give me the address of the person I can contact, because I have an ambulance service in my community that is owed \$27,000—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The gentleman is not talking on the amendment. The gentleman is out of order.

Mr. OLASZ. Mr. Speaker, I was just asking for the address so that I could—

The SPEAKER. You can do that after session today. He will be glad to give it to you.

Mr. OLASZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. And if not, I will give you an address.

Mr. OLASZ. I can imagine where that would be, and it is not St. Patrick's.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the gentleman, Mr. Olasz — on the amendment.

Mr. OLASZ. Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Olasz.

Mr. OLASZ. I, too, was a military man, and I can follow your orders, sir.

The reason why we need this Consumer Advocate I think is fairly obvious. We need someone to stand up for the little guy — yeah; Nick Colafella. But years ago I made the statement on this House floor, where is the person or persons that are supposed to represent the little guy, and I look around this House, and there are 203 of us that are supposed to represent the little guy. I think that this amendment does what is right for the little guy, and for that reason I would recommend support for the amendment.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and give it some serious thought. Think about it.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Argall	Evans	Markosek	Santoni
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Scrimenti
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Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Miss **ORIE** offered the following amendment No. **A0979**:

Amend Sec. 219, page 109, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 11,234,000

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

The **SPEAKER**. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady.
Miss **ORIE**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a veteran 10-year prosecutor both at the Attorney General's Office and the Allegheny County D.A.'s office, I specialized in prosecuting rape and child abuse cases and witnessed firsthand the devastation of this crime on the victims.

I rise to ask my colleagues to support my amendment that adds an additional \$500,000 to the rape crisis program State appropriations. These funds will provide rape crisis service for an additional 1,000 victims. Adoption of this amendment would result in a \$917,000 increase, or a 22-percent increase, to this appropriation, from \$4,166,000 to \$5,083,000.

Mr. Speaker, this additional funding will ensure that State programs can continue to aid local communities' rape crisis programs. This session, the General Assembly has passed legislation toughening the penalties of date-rape offenders and drug-induced rapists. Now I urge my fellow colleagues to assist

local rape crisis centers by voting in favor of this amendment and protecting victims and our most vulnerable.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The **SPEAKER**. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Mr. HARHAI offered the following amendment No. A0934:

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 11,678,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 4,300,000

Amend Sec. 223, page 118, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 4,914,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Harhai, moves that amendment 0934 be divided. Is it correct that the division would delete lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 from your amendment?

Mr. HARHAI. That is correct.

The SPEAKER. And 6?

Mr. HARHAI. And 6, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. All right. The amendment is so divided, and lines 1 through 6 are withdrawn by the gentleman. Is that correct?

Mr. HARHAI. Yes, sir.

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

The SPEAKER. On the balance of the amendment, the gentleman is recognized.

Mr. HARHAI. Thank you.

I would like to add an additional \$2 million for State Police patrol vehicles to the appropriation, thus creating a total of \$4,914,000.

I also would like to add that roughly 65 percent of the active State Police vehicle fleet have over 50,000 miles, and they are not getting any younger, and I thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

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Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment as divided was agreed to.

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

Miss ORIE offered the following amendment No. A0978:

Amend Sec. 219, page 110, line 5, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,083,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the lady.

Miss ORIE. Mr. Speaker, this would again add an additional \$500,000 to the rape crisis program and increase it to an additional 1,000 individuals, and the increase would be from \$4,166,000 to \$5,083,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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Butkowitz	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
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Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
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Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
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Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
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DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

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EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. SANTONI offered the following amendment No. A1158:

Amend Sec. 228, page 123, by inserting between lines 4 and 5
For child care loan forgiveness.
State appropriation 1,150,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. SANTONI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just briefly on the amendment, what this amendment will do is it will provide \$1,150,000 for child-care loan forgiveness. With the heightened interest of our child-care facilities throughout this Commonwealth, we not only need adequate and affordable child care but we need to make sure that the people that watch our most precious resource — our children — have the adequate resources to provide that service.

What this would do is it will allow child-care workers to pursue education in our institutions of higher learning with the opportunity to have their loans forgiven if they pursue their line of work. Right now, the average salary is about \$18,500, and these are the lower paid people, and we need to make sure that we have quality individuals to watch our children, so this would give an incentive to them.

So I ask for your support and the support of the House on this amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Druce	Lynch	Sather
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Stairs
Bishop	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Steelman
Boscola	Gladeck	Melio	Steil
Boyes	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern

Brown	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Browne	Gruitza	Miller	Stevenson
Bunt	Gruppo	Mundy	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Habay	Myers	Sturla
Buxton	Haluska	Nailor	Surra
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhai	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Harhart	Olasz	Thomas
Carone	Hasay	Oliver	Travaglio
Casorio	Hennessey	Orie	Trello
Cawley	Herman	Perzel	Trich
Chadwick	Hershey	Pesci	True
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Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kenney	Reber	Wilt
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important program at the same level as it did last year. This amendment would ask for an increase of \$300,000. This amount may seem like a small amount when you take a look at our overall budget, but for the members' information, some of our surrounding States contribute as much as \$1 million to these very important epilepsy programs.

The Epilepsy Foundation is a statewide foundation. There are offices in Pittsburgh, an office here in central Pennsylvania, as well as in southeast Pennsylvania. Half the fund will go to employment services and the other half will go to a project called Project School Alert.

Over 2 million people in the United States have epilepsy. My family members have epilepsy, and we have lived with this disease for many years. There is a terrible stigma and myth about this disease, and education of this disease is really needed. This appropriation will give this Epilepsy Foundation an opportunity to educate the public, especially where it is needed, and that is in our schools at a very early age.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to rise in support of this amendment. Also having two children suffer with this, one of the most frustrating problems with epilepsy is the lack of money that is available to do research, and because it is an illness that affects the brain, oftentimes we are not able to do the research because of being an internal problem, a biological problem, or a chemical problem.

So I just ask the members to consider this and give their strongest consideration for the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
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Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini
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Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue

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Maher	Rohrer	Schroder	Tigue
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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

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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 recurring,

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

Mr. ADOLPH offered the following amendment No. A0981:

Amend Sec. 215, page 81, line 9, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 450,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Adolph, on the amendment.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am offering this amendment to ask the State to show its commitment to epilepsy support services in the Department of Health. The Governor's proposed budget funds this

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The SPEAKER. The balance of the amendment, being lines 4, 5, and 6, is now before the House.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Michlovic.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This would increase the line item for the community-based family centers by \$1 million. Two years ago this line item was at \$4 million, and this amendment restores the amount to that level. Last year, for some inexplicable reason, the line item was cut \$2 million.

The community-based family centers are providing very good work in reducing child abuse, teenage pregnancies, in reduction of teenage crime and school delinquencies. There are over 5,000 families across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with 15,000 participants in these programs in just 48 centers. We have to expand those centers. They are providing good work in our communities where it is most needed, trying to reduce crime and reduce problems for children in the Commonwealth, and I urge adoption of the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. MICHLOVIC offered the following amendment No. A1027:

Amend Sec. 202, page 22, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,571,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 107, line 28, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 4,061,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Michlovic, who asks that the amendment be divided so that lines 1, 2, and 3 are separated from the balance of the amendment. Is that correct?

Mr. MICHLOVIC. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The amendment is divided, and lines 1, 2, and 3 are withdrawn, I understand. Is that correct?

Mr. MICHLOVIC. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

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DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker

NAYS-2

Maher Rohrer

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

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

Ms. **BARD** offered the following amendment No. **A0964**:

Amend Sec. 212, page 54, by inserting between lines 29 and 30

For supplemental payments of basic education funding to school districts to provide a minimum 1% increase in the Basic Education Funding per Average Daily Membership.

State appropriation 6,396,000

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

The **SPEAKER**. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, does the lady care to be recognized? The lady waives off.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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Druce	Maher		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A1176**:

Amend Sec. 212, page 54, line 28, by inserting after "open."

Any school district with market value income aid ratio equal to or greater than .5000 and 1500 or fewer students and already qualified under the small district assistance formula shall be eligible for payment at the rate of \$150 per average daily membership.

Amend Sec. 212, page 54, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,578,988,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, does the gentleman, Mr. George, care to speak on the amendment?

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, this just increases the sparsity formula. It takes nothing away from any school district. Hopefully you can agree to support it.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini
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Cappabianca	Harhart	Cappabianca	Taylor, E. Z.
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EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A0957:

Amend Sec. 209, page 43, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,700,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, does the gentleman, Mr. Browne, care to— The gentleman, Mr. Browne.

Mr. BROWNE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment A0957 increases the appropriation for the small business development centers by \$1 million. I think their accomplishments speak for themselves. They have had a tremendous impact on our small business community, creating new businesses and new jobs at a very efficient cost to the taxpayer. It will allow for an appropriation for a tremendous asset to our Commonwealth's economic development, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Eachus	Maier	Sather
Allen	Egolf	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Marsico	Serafini
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Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Veon
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Colaizzo	Josephs	Preston	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Ramos	Washington
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Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
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Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
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Dermody	Levdansky	Ross	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Rubley	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Sainato	Ryan,
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EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones	Blaum	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,

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

Mr. SAINATO offered the following amendment No. A1149:

Amend Sec. 212, page 63, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	1,050,000
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Amend Sec. 216, page 81, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	16,474,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER. This has been passed out under Mr. LaGrotta's name, amendment A1149.

It is the understanding of the Chair that the gentleman wishes the amendment divided. The amendment is divided. It is the understanding of the Chair that lines 4, 5, and 6 will be divided and deleted. Is that correct?

Mr. SAINATO. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Lines 4, 5, and 6 are withdrawn. The balance of the amendment, being lines 1, 2, and 3, is before the House.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. SAINATO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support this amendment. This is a very important amendment. It increases the State appropriation by \$50,000. The money will be used for the Lawrence County Learning Center.

The Lawrence County Learning Center is a school in Lawrence County. We have no community college, and it was established 3 years ago to try to attract universities and colleges to teach courses in Lawrence County. What is very important is this will give them the money to be able to attract schools such as Slippery Rock, Westminster, Penn State, to come to Lawrence County to teach a school and to provide an educational opportunity.

We have no State schools in Lawrence County; we have no community college in Lawrence County, so I ask my colleagues to support this amendment to help the Lawrence County Learning Center. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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Battisto	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Bellant	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
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Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stetler
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Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Blaum Taylor, J.

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today Dante Santoni, Sr., the father — oh, pardon me — Mr. and Mrs. Santoni, Dante and Sharon Santoni, the father and wife— Boy, I have this messed up. Why do you not tell me who is here today?

I think we have his wife, Sharon; his daughter, Emma Rose; and his father, Dante, Sr. How is that?

The Chair requests the gentleman, Mr. Chadwick, to preside temporarily.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(J. SCOT CHADWICK) PRESIDING**

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Itkin, who requests that the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Blaum, be added to the master roll call. The Chair hears no objection.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We are now on packet No. 2.

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

Mr. HERMAN offered the following amendment No. A0952:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, by inserting between lines 9 and 10
For a housing research center.
State appropriation 250,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Herman.

Mr. HERMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides a \$250,000 appropriation for the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center. The money is provided for out of the current budget revenues. I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	Druce	Lynch	Sather
Allen	Eachus	Maher	Saylor
Argall	Egolf	Maitland	Schroder
Armstrong	Evans	Major	Schuler
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Bard	Fargo	Markosek	Semmel
Barley	Feese	Marsico	Serafini
Barrar	Fichter	Masland	Seyfert
Battisto	Fleagle	Mayernik	Shaner
Belardi	Flick	McCall	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
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Blaum	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Strittmatter
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Curry	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
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DeWeese	Levdansky	Rubley	
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Donatucci	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Amendment A1316 offered by the gentleman, Mr. Ramos, will be over temporarily.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. HERMAN offered the following amendment No. A0928:

Amend Sec. 225, page 120, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	250,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
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Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.

Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
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Browne	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
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Butkovitz	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
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Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
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Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
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NOT VOTING-1

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,

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

Mr. PETRONE offered the following amendment No. A0999:

Amend Sec. 209, page 44, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	22,000,000
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Amend Bill, page 127, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

Section 240. Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency:

For transfer to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for the Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program.

State appropriation 6,000,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair understands that the gentleman, Mr. Petrone, wishes to divide the amendment between lines 3 and 4. Hearing no objection, the amendment is so divided.

Lines 1 through 3 are deleted from the amendment. Lines 4 through 13 are before the House.

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

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| Barrar | Fleagle | McCall | Shaner |
| Battisto | Flick | McGeehan | Smith, B. |
| Belardi | Gannon | McGill | Smith, S. H. |
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| Birmelin | Gigliotti | McNaughton | Stairs |
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| Boscola | Gordner | Micozzie | Stern |
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| Browne | Habay | Myers | Strittmatter |
| Bunt | Haluska | Nailor | Sturla |
| Butkovitz | Hanna | Nickol | Surra |
| Buxton | Harhai | O'Brien | Tangretti |
| Caltagirone | Harhart | Olasz | Taylor, E. Z. |
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| Carn | Hennessey | Orie | Tigue |
| Carone | Herman | Perzel | Travaglio |
| Casorio | Hershey | Pesci | Trello |
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| Cohen, L. I. | James | Platts | Veon |
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| Colafrilla | Josephs | Ramos | Walko |
| Colaizzo | Kaiser | Raymond | Washington |
| Cornell | Keller | Readshaw | Waugh |
| Corpora | Kenney | Reber | Williams, A. H. |
| Corrigan | Kirkland | Reinard | Williams, C. |
| Cowell | Krebs | Rieger | Wilt |
| Coy | LaGrotta | Roberts | Wogan |
| Curry | Laughlin | Robinson | Wojnaroski |

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| Dempsey | Lescovitz | Ross | Zimmerman |
| Dent | Levdansky | Rubley | Zug |
| Dermody | Lloyd | Sainato | |
| DeWeese | Lucyk | Santoni | Ryan, |
| DiGiroiamo | Lynch | Sather | Speaker |
| Donatucci | | | |

NAYS—2

- Egolf Maher

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

- Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. GODSHALL offered the following amendment No. A0953:

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, by inserting between lines 8 and 9
For promotion of a historical and educational tourist activity in cities of the first class.

State appropriation 800,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Godshall.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment adds to the present budget appropriation of \$400,000 an additional \$400,000. The moneys would be used for the planning and development of the U.S. Constitution Center.

The National Constitution Center was chartered by Congress as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded to engage all Americans in the U.S. Constitution, its history and its relevance to our daily lives, so that "We the People" understand and exercise our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the United States.

The National Constitution Center will be a state-of-the-art museum — the first in the world — devoted to the U.S. Constitution. The center is endorsed by the National Park Service and is included in its newly unveiled design for Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia.

The 132,000-square-foot facility will be built only steps from Independence Hall, the birthplace of our nation. Innovative exhibits and activities will serve approximately 1 million visitors a year.

I ask for your support.

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

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| Barrar | Fichter | Mayernik | Shaner |
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| Civera | Horsey | Petrone | Tulli |
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| Clymer | Itkin | Pippy | Van Home |
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| Cohen, M. | James | Platts | Vitali |
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| Colaizzo | Josephs | Ramos | Washington |
| Cornell | Kaiser | Raymond | Waugh |
| Corpora | Keller | Readshaw | Williams, A. H. |
| Corrigan | Kenney | Reber | Williams, C. |
| Cowell | Kirkland | Reinard | Wilt |
| Coy | Krebs | Rieger | Wogan |
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| Dermody | Levdansky | Rubley | |
| DeWeese | Lloyd | Sainato | Ryan, |
| DiGirolamo | Lucyk | Santoni | Speaker |
| Donatucci | Lynch | Sather | |

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EXCUSED—2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. RAMOS offered the following amendment No. A1316:

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	13,358,000
Amend Sec. 209, page 43, by inserting between lines 19 and 20	
For Hispanic Business Center in cities	
of the first class to assist small businesses.	
State appropriation	200,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Ramos.

Mr. RAMOS. Mr. Speaker, I offer amendment A1316, which allocates \$200,000 to create a Hispanic business center, which will assist with business startups, business expansion, develop business plans, marketing, business loans, and help with financial management.

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

Mr. RAMOS. I am also requesting to divide the amendment between lines 3 and 4.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman wish to delete lines 1, 2, and 3?

Mr. RAMOS. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lines will be so deleted, and the House has before it lines 4 through 8.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman seek further recognition?

Mr. RAMOS. I just want to urge all my colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A1154:

Amend Sec. 204, page 29, by inserting between lines 24 and 25
For community policing grants.

State appropriation 5,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Philadelphia seek recognition on his amendment? The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just one moment, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as many of you know, many of our counties are plagued with the problem of crime, and while police do not solve all of the issues relating to crime, they certainly do provide a deterrent to that activity. We in Philadelphia County are no different than anyplace else. We are seeking an increase so that we can continue our community policing and our grants. The Federal government has given us a certain appropriation. We not only want to match that, but we want to continue along that vein. So this is just a simple offering that will allow for us to increase the appropriation coming to our respective counties. Thank you very much.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feece	Masland	Serafini
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Battisto	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
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Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
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Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
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Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
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Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Petrone	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
Colafiglia	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
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Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
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DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman

Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. SERAFINI offered the following amendment No. A0951:

Amend Sec. 209, page 43, line 21, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	10,500,000
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Serafini.

Mr. SERAFINI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Briefly, this amendment adds \$1.3 million to the tourist promotion assistance line item in the budget and brings it up to a total of \$10 million.

According to the Secretary of Community and Economic Development, the tourism industry has increased annually at a rate of 7 percent, and it is important to note that the local tourism and promotion agencies have raised on their own in 1996 \$21 million.

This amendment represents jobs, opportunity, and economic development for Pennsylvania. I would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. EACHUS offered the following amendment No. A1143:

Amend Sec. 209, page 45, by inserting between lines 16 and 17
For a teaching factory pilot program.
State appropriation 2,000,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment would offer \$2 million for a model teaching factory program to be inserted into the Department of Community and Economic Development. This program would allow us to have factories which would be opportunities to create cutting-edge technology for manufacturing and work with our local community stakeholders to develop technologies for manufacturing that are relevant to today's marketplace, thereby also being able to train qualified folks, employees, for those workplaces, and I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-195

Adolph	Druce	Lucyk	Sather
Allen	Eachus	Lynch	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
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Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
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Clark	Horsely	Petrone	Tulli
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Cohen, L. I.	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
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Colafella	James	Platts	Vitali
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Corrigan	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Coy	Kirkland	Reinard	Wogan
Curry	Krebs	Rieger	Wojnaroski
Daley	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Laughlin	Robinson	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lawless	Roebuck	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lederer	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dent	Leh	Ross	Zug
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DeWeese	Levdansky	Satnato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci			

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Maitland			

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. STEVENSON offered the following amendment No. A0950:

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, by inserting between lines 27 and 28
For cultural musical presentations in
cities of the second class.
State appropriation 100,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

Adolph	Eachus	Maier	Sather
Allen	Egolf	Maitland	Saylor
Argall	Evans	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Fairchild	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Fargo	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Feese	Marsico	Semmel
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Cappabianca	Hasay	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
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Casorio	Herman	Orie	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Perzel	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Pesci	Trich
Civera	Horsely	Petrarca	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Petrone	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Phillips	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pippy	Van Horne
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Corrigan	Kenney	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reber	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Reinard	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Rieger	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Roebuck	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rohrer	Youngblood
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Dermody	Levdansky	Ross	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Rubley	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Sainato	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Santoni	Speaker
Druce			

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Surra, you are recognized.
Mr. SURRA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Briefly, amendment 1145 increases the higher ed council's rural initiative line item by \$200,000 to a total of \$1.2 million. This is something we have increased in the past, and I would appreciate the members' support. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NOT VOTING-1

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. SURRA offered the following amendment No. A1145:

Amend Sec. 212, page 63, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 1,200,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 72, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 19,886,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Surra. Does the gentleman wish to divide the amendment ?

Mr. SURRA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, between lines 3 and 4.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman wishes to delete lines 4, 5, and 6 ?

Mr. SURRA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment will be so divided. The House has before it the amendment with lines 1 through 3.

YEAS-200

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Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scriminti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

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NOT VOTING-1

Carone

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. WOGAN offered the following amendment No. A0983:

Amend Sec. 218, page 86, by inserting between lines 20 and 21 For the completion of a Korean War historic and educational memorial. State appropriation 100,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes— The gentleman waives off.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS-200' in four columns: Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Battisto, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boscola, Boyes, Brown, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caitagirono, Cappabianca, Cam, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Eachus, Egolf, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Gruitza, Gruppo, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Itkin, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Michlovic, Micozzie, Miller, Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Olasz, Oliver, Oriel, Perzel, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Phillips, Pippy, Saylor, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Serafini, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, D. W., Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Thomas, Tiguel, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance

Table listing names of members who did not vote or were excused in four columns: Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Colaizzo, Cornell, Corpora, Corrigan, Cowell, Coy, Curry, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dent, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Druce, Jadlowiec, James, Jarolin, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lloyd, Lucyk, Lynch, Maher, Pistella, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reber, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Sainato, Santoni, Sather, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Waugh, Williams, A. H., Williams, C., Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, M. N., Yewcic, Youngblood, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker

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NOT VOTING-1

Carone

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Ms. STEELMAN offered the following amendment No. A1128:

Amend Sec. 211, page 49, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting State appropriation 854,134,000 Amend Sec. 212, page 64, line 6, by striking out all of said line and inserting State appropriation 10,400,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Indiana County. Do you wish to divide the amendment?

Ms. STEELMAN. That is right, Mr. Speaker. I would like to divide the amendment between lines 3 and 4 and delete lines 1 through 3.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Lines 1 through 3 will be deleted. The amendment is so divided. The House has before it amendment 1128 with lines 4 through 6 remaining.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that, the Chair recognizes the lady from Indiana County.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment will increase the amount of money available for alternative education programs in the Commonwealth. If you follow the issues in your school district, you will no doubt have heard many, many times that 10 percent of the students in the average district cause 90 percent of the problems. Alternative education programs have proven to be a good way of dealing with these students, helping them to learn behaviors and techniques that will enable them to return to a regular classroom and eventually to become productive citizens. However, many of our districts, particularly our poor, small rural districts, cannot afford the cost of alternative education programs.

Currently, the Department of Education is reimbursing schools for alternative education programs at the rate of less than \$19 per student per week. I am trying to double the appropriation in order to drive out more money to those districts that are trying to provide adequate alternate education, trying to improve our classrooms, and trying to give hope both to the children who need these programs and to the children who need other kids to be in these programs.

I hope you will support the amendment.

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

(Members proceeded to vote.)

VOTE STRICKEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Strike the vote.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Stairs, on the amendment.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Last year, the House and the Senate and the Governor approved HB 8, which set up a formula for alternative education, an excellent program, and at the time, we did not have enough money in the program, and I applaud Representative Steelman for adding to the pot, and certainly we are going in the right direction.

So I applaud her, and I ask all members to vote for this very important funding source. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and apologizes for not seeing you standing at the microphone.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti

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DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce			

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—1

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EXCUSED—2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. WILT offered the following amendment No. A0949:

Amend Sec. 209, page 43, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 2,755,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

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| Adolph | Druce | Maher | Sather |
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NAYS-1

Smith, S. H.

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. KIRKLAND offered the following amendment No. A1157:

Amend Sec. 205, page 30, by inserting between lines 17 and 18
For school performance audits.

State appropriation 1,000,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Kirkland.
Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment simply allows for the Auditor General's Office to continue to do a great job. It creates a new line item in the Auditor General's Office of \$1 million for school performance audits.

I request a favorable vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For the information of the members, this amendment was circulated under the name of the gentleman, Mr. Casorio, but it is amendment A1157.

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

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NAYS-2

Maher Maitland

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SCHRODER offered the following amendment No. A0990:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 3,750,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini

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NOT VOTING-1

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Schroder, rise?

Mr. SCHRODER. I just wish to submit remarks for the record on amendment A0990, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman will submit the remarks to the clerk.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to support an increase in the General Fund appropriation to the Small Business First Fund from the proposed \$2,000,000 to the amount of \$3,750,000. I believe this increase of \$1,750,000 in additional funding will help the fund serve the increasing demand from businesses in the State.

It is no secret that small businesses is the backbone of PA's economy...almost 99 percent of businesses based within the Commonwealth are classified as small business.

The Small Business First loan program was established in 1996 and is part of an ongoing effort to stimulate economic growth and development in the Commonwealth. The program provides low-interest loan financing for companies with 100 or fewer employees and is designed to stimulate the expansion and retention of small business in Pennsylvania and promote the creation of new jobs.

One of the most important things we can do in State government is to work hand in hand with private industry to help improve Pennsylvania's business climate, promote economic growth, and create good jobs for workers.

Two initiatives contained in the proposed 1998-99 budget that will greatly benefit the Commonwealth's small-and family-owned businesses:

1. The first is a 4-percent reduction in the capital stock and franchise tax.
 - a. The ½-mill cut (from 12.75 to 12.25 mills) would result in an estimated savings of \$46 million for some 50,000 small companies.
2. The second proposal would extend the net operation loss (NOL) write-off period from the current 3 years to 10 years.
 - a. This proposal, with its estimated savings of \$17.8 million not only would give companies more time to grow and prosper, it also would bring PA more in line with the Federal NOL period of 15 years.

Taken together, these proposals and other business incentives make it clear that PA is fast becoming a good place to do business. In the last 3 years, PA has gone from being ranked 45th to 17th in job creation. By the end of 1997, the cost of doing business in PA will have been cut by \$3 billion since 1995.

Therefore, to continue our efforts to make PA a leader among the nation's business-friendly States, please vote in favor of amendment 990. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. DeLUCA offered the following amendment No. A1082:

Amend Sec. 202, page 21, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 22,800,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 72, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

For the administering of an Internet nursing home site.

State appropriation 100,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. DeLuca. Does the gentleman wish to divide his amendment?

Mr. DeLUCA. Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman wishes to delete lines 1 through 3. Is that correct?

Mr. DeLUCA. That is correct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The amendment is so divided. Lines 1 through 3 are deleted, and the House has before it lines 4 through 7.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeLuca.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment appropriates \$100,000 to help establish a nursing-home consumer Internet site to help consumers make an informed decision about one of life's more difficult decisions: placing a family member in a nursing home.

The creation of a nursing-home information site makes the best use of today's technology by greatly enhancing the information available to consumers about selecting a nursing home. Additionally, it would help protect senior citizens before they enter a facility by helping their families make the best possible decision about long-term care.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is needed. This amendment would go a long way in establishing the information on the information highway, and certainly, each one of us knows, God forbid, how tough it is to make that decision when one of our loved ones has to go into a nursing facility, and I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

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NOT VOTING-1

Cohen, M.

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. HARHART offered the following amendment No. A0946:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 20,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Northampton County, Representative Harhart.

Mrs. HARHART. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment does is it increases the funding for the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, known as PIDA, by \$5 million, to a total of \$20 million. The program makes loans

to create jobs in the private sector and industry. PIDA was established in 1956 to provide long-term, low-interest business loans to encourage job creation and retention in manufacturing and industry. It is, without a doubt, one of the most successful economic development programs in the State, and I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. MARKOSEK offered the following amendment No. A1087:

Amend Sec. 209, page 44, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,000,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 44, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

For the Community Disaster Assistance

Loan Fund Program.

State appropriation 2,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman. Does the gentleman wish to divide the amendment?

Mr. MARKOSEK. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's understanding the gentleman wishes to delete lines 1, 2, and 3. Is that correct?

Mr. MARKOSEK. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment will be so divided, and the House has before it amendment 1087, lines 4 through 7.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment, amendment 1087, authorizes a disaster relief plan for Pennsylvania, one of which we have never had before in the State.

Recently, over the last year, we had a disaster in my legislative district, the Pitcairn flood disaster, and I found out that there is no State disaster relief plan, and when we have had disasters in the past, we have all had to come to the budget process on an ad hoc basis to try to get money for disaster and to help the folks that are hit by those disasters.

This would set up for the first time a disaster relief fund in Pennsylvania, whereby the Governor could proclaim a disaster area for that particular problem, and folks, individuals, would be able to get up to a \$10,000 loan at a low-interest rate of 2 percent for their remedial work on that disaster. So I would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this amendment.

A number of years ago, the exact same situation happened in my district, and we went through the process that the previous speaker and sponsor of this amendment talked about, and that is, we found out that the threshold on a Federal disaster in these kinds of disasters is not met, and as a consequence, people cannot get any help at all without us stepping into it. I think this is a very, very worthwhile idea, and I, too, would ask for your support. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Miss MAJOR offered the following amendment No. A0977:

Amend Sec. 215, page 79, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 39,280,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Representative Major.

Miss MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to ask for support of amendment 0977. This amendment provides for a 5-percent increase in State funds for drug and alcohol services. Adoption of this amendment would result in an increase of an additional \$1.8 million in State funds. The State allocation for drug and alcohol services has increased only 2.8 percent in the last 4 years. Our need for such services has increased as cases are more complex and the treatments are more involved.

I would ask support of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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Armstrong Evans Manderino Schuler
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Cohen, L. I. Jadowiec Pistella Van Home
Cohen, M. James Platts Veon
Colaella Jarolin Preston Vitali
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Corrigan Kenney Reber Williams, A. H.
Cowell Kirkland Reinard Williams, C.
Coy Krebs Rieger Wilt
Curry LaGrotta Roberts Wojnaroski
Daley Laughlin Robinson Wright, M. N.
Dally Lawless Roebuck Yewcic
DeLuca Lederer Rohrer Youngblood
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Dermody Levdansky Rubley
DeWeese Lloyd Sainato Ryan,
DiGirolamo Lucyk Santoni Speaker
Donatucci Lynch

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For the information of the members, we are now on packet 3.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. TANGRETTI offered the following amendment No. A0885:

Amend Sec. 302, page 171, by inserting between lines 5 and 6 For Alzheimer support services.

State appropriation 510,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago we had a lottery bill on the floor in which we amended and many members of this House supported an amendment that would provide assistance through the Lottery Fund for education and family support services for families of victims of Alzheimer's, and as I said then — and I will not go into the many details that we talked about that day — there is not probably anybody in this room who has not had a friend or a family member who has been afflicted by this disease. We can do a lot for a lot of people with a small amount of money. Since that particular bill, that lottery bill, is in the Senate and it appears that it is not moving, I have offered this amendment for a direct appropriation to the Aging Department for the same amount of money, only \$510,000, to help those families in the education and counseling support that they need, and I would ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	Druce	Maier	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Scrimenti
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Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Stairs
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Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stevenson
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Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	True
Civera	Horshey	Petrone	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Home
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
Colafiglia	Jarolin	Preston	Walko
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
Cornell	Kaiser	Raymond	Waugh
Corpora	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kenny	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnarowski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic

DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. SCHULER offered the following amendment No. A0959:

Amend Sec. 227, page 121, by inserting between lines 20 and 21
To provide for the Pennsylvania
Academy for the Profession of Teaching.
State appropriation 1,250,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Adolph	Druce	Maier	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
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Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
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Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Strittmatter
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Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Thomas
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Tigue
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	True
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Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance

Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Vitali
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Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
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Corpora	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Rublely	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Ms. MUNDY offered the following amendment No. A0914:

Amend Sec. 214, page 71, line 18, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 55,736,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 79, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 38,910,000

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Representative Mundy. Is it the Chair's understanding that you wish to divide the amendment?

Ms. MUNDY. Mr. Speaker, if you would indulge me for just a moment.

Since Representative Major's amendment for drug and alcohol services was just included in the budget, I am going to withdraw my amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

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

Mr. STERN offered the following amendment No. A0960:

Amend Sec. 228, page 123, by inserting between lines 4 and 5 For agricultural loan forgiveness.

Preference shall be given to renewal applicants.

State appropriation 212,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

Adolph	Druce	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McHhinney	Stairs
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Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Surra
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Thomas
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Tigue
Carone	Hennessey	Oric	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Trelo
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	True
Civera	Horsey	Petrone	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Vance
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Van Horne
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Veon
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Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Stern, rise ?

Mr. STERN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit my remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman will submit his remarks to the clerk.

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

Mr. Speaker, amendment 960 would allow an appropriation to continue the State Agricultural Loan Forgiveness Program to continue operations for the next fiscal year.

This program was due to sunset on July 1, 1998, but HB 9, which passed the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, would continue the statutory authority for the program.

This program allows graduates of agricultural and veterinary schools to receive forgiveness of up to \$2,000 in guaranteed student loans for each year immediately after graduation in which the person is employed on a family farm or employed in a veterinary practice that devotes a substantial portion to agricultural animal care.

This program provides a significant opportunity for farmers to receive quality service by agricultural and veterinary graduates, through loan reduction incentives, and provides farm youth another incentive to remain in production agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate the General Assembly's support for this amendment to secure continued support and funding for this worthwhile assistance program.

The continuation of agricultural loan forgiveness is vital to the survival of our small family farms.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. TRICH offered the following amendment No. A1061:

Amend Sec. 228, page 123, by inserting between lines 4 and 5 For agricultural loan forgiveness. Preference shall be given to renewal applicants. State appropriation 245,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

- Adolph Druce Maher Sather
Allen Eachus Maitland Saylor
Argall Egolf Major Schroder
Armstrong Evans Manderino Schuler
Baker Fairchild Markosek Scrimenti
Bard Fargo Marsico Semmel
Barley Feese Masland Serafini
Barrar Fichter Mayernik Seyfert
Battisto Fleagle McCall Shaner
Belardi Flick McGeehan Smith, B.
Belfanti Gannon McGill Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff Geist McIlhattan Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin George McIlhinney Staback
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Blaum Gladeck Melio Steelman
Boscola Godshall Michlovic Steil
Boyes Gordner Micozzie Stern
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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SATHER offered the following amendment No. A0859:

Amend Sec. 212, page 55, by inserting between lines 5 and 6
 For support of a basic education -
 higher education science partnership.
 State appropriation 400,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Huntingdon County, Mr. Sather.

Mr. SATHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides financial support for a basic education - higher education science partnership in central Pennsylvania. These moneys will be used to support a partnership between public and private institutions of higher education and participating public schools and school districts whereby higher education institutions provide a science program that strengthens and enhances the science curriculum at the participating public schools or school districts.

A Science in Motion program is in place at Juniata College in Pennsylvania, and plans are being made to incorporate this program at other higher education facilities. The students participating are enthusiastic about this program, and it is very important that they are in doing so. The program now serves 25 school districts in the central region of Pennsylvania and 20 in the Pittsburgh region. Plans are under way to at least have five more of these programs initiated throughout the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate your support of this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County. The gentleman waives off.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery County, Representative Williams, on the amendment.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this amendment. I have seen this program in action. This is a very exciting program where they can bring expensive scientific instruments to various classrooms and the students are able to work on them. I am glad that we are doing this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. I, too, rise in support of this. I found this last month and got to see it firsthand. It is in five of my school districts. The nice thing about this facilitating 40 different school districts, it is one of the most cost-efficient programs I have seen.

We saw excitement within the classrooms as these kids got some firsthand experience doing some DNA testing and DNA labeling, and for me, a lot of times learning firsthand like that rather than the textbook is beneficial. We also find it beneficial to the teaching industry, because they, too, feel that it is an innovative program where they can interact with the class, and this project provides the educational technology to the classroom as well as the teachers.

I ask for your support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas, is recognized on the amendment.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in support of this amendment, and I only ask that once the budget is implemented, the George Washington Carver School of Science be included in this appropriation. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
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Barrar	Fleagle	McCall	Shaner
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Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

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NOT VOTING-1

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. STURLA offered the following amendment No. A1057:

Amend Sec. 220, page 114, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	113,956,000	
Amend Bill, page 123, by inserting after line 30		
Section 229.1. Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.—The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency:		
	Federal	State
For residential mortgage insurance program.		
State appropriation	5,000,000	

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla. It is the Chair's understanding you wish to divide the amendment. Is that correct?

Mr. STURLA. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to divide the amendment between lines 3 and 4 and strike lines 1, 2, and 3.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment will be so divided. Lines 1 through 3 are deleted, and the House has before it lines 4 through 11.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in order to meet their Community Reinvestment Act requirements, banks across Pennsylvania have done 100-percent loan-to-value-ratio residential mortgages throughout the State. Those 100-percent loan-to-value-ratio mortgages are not marketable on the secondary market currently. What this program will do is allow those mortgages to be insured. The State would insure the last 5 percent. Private mortgage insurance companies would insure the first 95 percent. This has the potential to leverage upwards of \$500 million with a \$5-million investment. This is the biggest investment in housing we can make in Pennsylvania with the smallest amount of money.

I would urge your support of this amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	Druce	Lynch	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Bcnninghoff	Geist	McIlhinney	Staback
Birmelin	George	McNaughton	Stairs
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Blaum	Gladeck	Michlovic	Steil
Boscola	Godshall	Micozzie	Stern
Boyes	Gordner	Miller	Stetler
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Browne	Gruppo	Myers	Strittmatter
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Butkovitz	Haluska	Nickol	Surra
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DeWeese	Levdansky	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lloyd	Santoni	
Donatucci	Lucyk	Sather	Ryan, Speaker

NAYS-2

Maher Maitland

NOT VOTING-1

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. STAIRS offered the following amendment No. A0963:

Amend Sec. 212, page 56, by inserting between lines 15 and 16
For supplemental payments on account
of special education of exceptional
children. No expenditures may be made
from this appropriation until enabling
legislation is enacted.

State appropriation	20,000,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Stairs.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to offer an amendment that I think is very important to our schools. As long as I have been a member here, special ed has always been a concern. It has been a longstanding problem, and this amendment will go a long way to address many of their concerns. This \$20 million is taken from anticipated budget surpluses, and this will add to the \$21 million that the Governor has in new money in the special education budget.

As a footnote, the committee, the Education Committee, will be holding hearings in the near future if this passes to come up with a formula to equity-spend this money across the Commonwealth, and I would appreciate the members' vote on this very important item for education in the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Cowell, on the amendment.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join Representative Stairs in urging support for the Stairs amendment that would add \$20 million to the line-item appropriation for special education.

This will not solve the problem of the State failing to pay its fair share. Representative Stairs recently introduced another bill that would provide a more fair effort and a more fair distribution of dollars from the State to school districts to more adequately reimburse them for special education costs. That bill that Representative Stairs introduced would cost in excess of \$100 million, if we are to do it right.

A few weeks ago, with many members of the House, I introduced another bill that would assure that every school district would have at least 50 percent of its special education costs reimbursed each year. That bill, attempting to do it right, would cost us in excess of \$90 million a year. That simply indicates how unfair the current system is and how much catching up we have to do. The Stairs amendment is an important first step.

Let us keep in mind that in 1991 the State was paying 100 percent of the costs of special education. Four years ago we were paying 50 percent. This year we are spending State dollars

that amount to only 40 percent of the cost of special education. While we build this big surplus in Harrisburg, school districts are absorbing the cost of special education and local taxes are going up.

So let us adopt the Stairs amendment, and let us consider similar amendments that will come later today and during this process that will have the effect of the State paying a more fair share of the cost of special education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Micozzie.

Mr. MICOZZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In my meeting with the school districts that I represent, which are four school districts — and there are three other members in the chamber who also represent the same school districts, and we also have two Senators in the Senate that represent the districts — in our meetings with the school districts, with the business people, with the business manager and whomever, in all those meetings there is a serious problem in the funding of special education. Education funding, on a whole, is a problem, but in the southeast, the William Penn School District, for instance, one of the school districts that I represent and we represent, the members that are in that area, the cost has risen in the last 10 or 15 years something like 400 percent that the taxpayers have to pick up.

This is a very important issue, and at any meetings that I have had in Harrisburg with Representative Stairs, in discussing it with educators, our superintendents across the State, it is a very serious problem, and I think we should start addressing it. Twenty million dollars is a step in the right direction, but I think that we have to do more to try to help those school districts to meet the mandates of the Federal government and State government.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Thomas.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in support of this amendment. Kids with special needs are humans, too, and should have access to the greatest amount of resources that we can possibly provide, and so I strongly support this supplemental appropriation, and I ask and strongly encourage that part of this appropriation be used to provide kids with special needs with direct access to assistive technology. Assistive technology has represented a real lightning rod of hope for young people with special needs. In many other school districts, in a number of school districts, kids in regular programs have access to the technology that they need, but for some reason, kids with special needs in our public schools are denied access to assistive technology, even though we know how assistive technology can help in their growth and development.

So I strongly support this supplemental appropriation, and I ask that part of the appropriation be used to bring assistive technology closer to young people with special needs. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Colafella.

Mr. COLAFELLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is probably the most important amendment that we are going to pass today. The reason why property taxes continue to escalate in our school districts is because we have a formula to fund special education which makes no sense at all. This \$20-million funding will help our schools with special education, but we also have to change the formula to better respond to the increased special education problems in our schools, and I highly support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Jarolin, are you seeking recognition on this? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. JAROLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Up there in the northeast, this is going to put a little dent in the needs of the special education funding in school districts. I certainly hope in the future that we will be able to throw a lot more into it, but I am really thankful for the \$20 million that is coming up. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady from Lancaster County, Representative True, is recognized on the amendment.

Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also rise in support of this amendment. One of my school districts shared a lot of numbers with me of what it costs to support this program, and it is exorbitant, and so I am pleased with the Stairs amendment and ask everyone to support it. Thank you.

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

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Jarolin, it is the Chair's understanding that you are going to offer the Lucyk amendment. Is that correct?

Mr. JAROLIN. Yes.

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

Mr. JAROLIN offered the following amendment No. A1031:

Amend Sec. 218, page 85, line 30, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 14,822,000

Amend Sec. 218, page 90, by inserting between lines 13 and 14
For Southeastern Korean War

Memorial. State appropriation 100,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County. Is it the Chair's understanding that you wish to divide the amendment?

Mr. JAROLIN. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You wish to delete lines 1 through 3. Is that correct?

Mr. JAROLIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is so divided, and the House has before it lines 4 through 7.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Jarolin.

Mr. JAROLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, it has been a long time since Korean War veterans have been recognized. This is a small tribute down in southeastern Pennsylvania for a Korean War memorial. I hope that all of the legislators here are going to vote for it, and thank you, sir.

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

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. KREBS offered the following amendment No. A0962:

Amend Sec. 212, page 55, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 9,659,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon County, Mr. Krebs.

Mr. KREBS. Mr. Speaker, this amendment would increase the basic adult literacy appropriation by \$615,000. I ask for support of the amendment.

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

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Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewic
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Zimmerman
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Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	
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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. JOSEPHS offered the following amendment No. A1075:

Amend Sec. 217, page 84, by inserting between lines 15 and 16 For job training and placement services in southeast Pennsylvania for dislocated health care workers.	State appropriation	500,000
Amend Sec. 220, page 114, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting	State appropriation	118,456,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady, and it is the Chair's understanding that you wish to divide this amendment. Is that correct? It is our understanding you wish to divide it between lines 5 and 6.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is so divided. Lines 6 through 8 are deleted, and the House has before it lines 1 through 5.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Representative Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment amends the Labor and Industry budget by adding \$500,000 for job training and placement services in south Philadelphia, southeast Pennsylvania, for dislocated health-care workers.

The reason I am offering this amendment is because economic growth in Pennsylvania during the Ridge administration has been of and by and for higher income families. The Ridge administration has proposed no funding increase at all for dislocated workers, despite the fact that thousands of health-care workers are losing their jobs in Pennsylvania hospitals. The amendment would provide training funds to assist these dislocated workers to find other employment and keep them from unemployment.

As of January of this year, there are already 270,000 unemployed workers in the State looking for jobs. Many counties have an unemployment rate that is over 7 percent. We as a State, and to our shame, already have the 11th worst increase in income gap. That means that our poor are getting poorer and our rich are getting richer, and we are almost leading the race to the bottom in income gap. We need to increase funds for job training to keep people employed and to reduce this gap.

You know, when I thought about hospital workers and I went to Philadelphia with some members of the Appropriations Committee and we saw that many people are being trained for the hospitality industry, I thought, hospital, hospitality. Really, in some ways, there is not that much difference. One still has to make a bed in a hotel, in a hospital. One has to serve food in a hotel, in a hospital. Southeast Pennsylvania is becoming a tourist destination, and here is a place to find some money, not enough but a little bit of money, so that people who lose their jobs in the hospital industry can help us as a State become a better tourist destination. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment as divided?

The following roll call was recorded:

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's understanding that the lady, Representative Carone, intends to withdraw amendment 0929. Is that correct?

Ms. CARONE. Yes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. LYNCH offered the following amendment No. A0970:

Amend Sec. 208, page 38, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 742,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. BUNT offered the following amendment No. A0969:

Amend Sec. 208, page 34, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 4,000,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Bunt.

Mr. BUNT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I offer A0969, which amends page 34, line 29, of the bill by increasing the appropriation to the Department of Agriculture for agricultural research by \$1 million to a total of \$4 million.

Agriculture is an industry comprised of many small farms and other related business entities. As chairman of the House Ag and Rural Affairs Committee, I am keenly aware of the increasing demands which we, the consumers of their product, place on this industry which is so valuable to the Commonwealth. Likewise, I am aware of the critical need for current research designed to help farmers meet these expectations of society while still remaining economically competitive.

I urge your support for this amendment, which draws only \$1 million out of the \$132 million allowable excess for this additional, critical support of Pennsylvania's number one industry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Washington
Cornell	Kaiser	Raymond	Waugh
Corpora	Keller	Readshaw	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, C.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Wilt
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wogan
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
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Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. STEVENSON offered the following amendment No. A0961:

Amend Sec. 212, page 60, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 32,348,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Druce	Maher	Sather
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Shaner
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Staback

Bishop	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
Blaum	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stern
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stetler
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Sturla
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Petrone	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
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Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
Daley	Laughlin	Robinson	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Roebuck	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Youngblood
Dempsey	Leh	Rooney	Zimmerman
Dent	Lescovitz	Ross	Zug
Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Speaker
Donatucci	Lynch		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Wogan

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. BAKER offered the following amendment No. A0968:

Amend Sec. 222, page 117, by inserting between lines 22 and 23
For Grand Canyon Airport.
State appropriation 500,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Baker.

Mr. BAKER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, this amendment will provide a half a million dollars for the last remaining State-owned airport in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The money will be used to construct 20 new hangars for the airport, and it is desperately needed for Tioga County, and we appreciate your kind support. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Druce	Maier	Sather
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Barley	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Seyfert
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Shaner
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Staback
Bishop	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Stairs
Blaum	Gladeck	Melio	Steelman
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Steil
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stern
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Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Stevenson
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Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Tigue
Casorio	Herman	Perzel	Travaglio
Cawley	Hershey	Pesci	Trello
Chadwick	Hess	Petrarca	Trich
Civera	Horsey	Petrone	True
Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
Clymer	Itkin	Pippy	Vance
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
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Corrigan	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Coy	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Curry	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wojnaroski
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Wogan

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SERAFINI offered the following amendment No. A0940:

Amend Sec. 213, page 71, by inserting between lines 11 and 12 For transfer to the PENNVEST Fund. State appropriation 5,000,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna County, Mr. Serafini. Mr. SERAFINI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This appropriation of \$5 million to PENNVEST is to help fund those infrastructure development projects in communities throughout Pennsylvania.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

- Adolph Druce Lynch Sather
Allen Eachus Maitland Saylor
Argall Egolf Major Schroder
Armstrong Evans Manderino Schuler
Baker Fairchild Markosek Scrimenti
Bard Fargo Marsico Semmel
Barley Feese Masland Serafini
Barrar Fichter Mayernik Seyfert
Battisto Fleagle McCall Shaner
Belardi Flick McGeehan Smith, B.
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Benninghoff Geist McIlhattan Snyder, D. W.
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Boyes Gordner Micozzie Stern
Brown Gruitza Miller Stetler
Browne Gruppo Mundy Stevenson
Bunt Habay Myers Stritmatter
Butkovitz Haluska Nailor Sturla
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Chadwick Hershey Pesci Trello
Civera Hess Petrarca Trich
Clark Horsey Petrone True
Clymer Hutchinson Phillips Tulli
Cohen, L. I. Itkin Pippy Vance

- Cohen, M. Jadlowiec Pistella Van Horne
Colaella James Platts Veon
Colaizzo Jarolin Preston Vitali
Cornell Josephs Ramos Walko
Corpora Kaiser Raymond Washington
Corrigan Keller Readshaw Waugh
Cowell Kenney Reber Williams, A. H.
Coy Kirkland Reinard Williams, C.
Curry Krebs Rieger Wilt
Daley LaGrotta Roberts Wojnaroski
Dally Laughlin Robinson Wright, M. N.
DeLuca Lawless Roebuck Yewcic
Dempsey Lederer Rohrer Youngblood
Dent Leh Rooney Zimmerman
Dermody Lescovitz Ross Zug
DeWeese Levdansky Rubley
DiGirolamo Lloyd Sainato
Donatucci Lucyk Santoni

Ryan, Speaker

NAYS-1

Maher

NOT VOTING-2

Carone Wogan

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That concludes packet No. 3. We are moving to packet No. 4.

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

Mrs. COHEN offered the following amendment No. A0965:

Amend Sec. 202, page 23, line 21, by striking out all of said line and inserting State appropriation 2,002,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

- Adolph Eachus Maitland Saylor
Allen Egolf Major Schroder
Argall Evans Manderino Schuler
Armstrong Fairchild Markosek Scrimenti
Baker Fargo Marsico Semmel
Bard Feese Masland Serafini
Barley Fichter Mayernik Seyfert
Barrar Fleagle McCall Shaner

Battisto	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	George	McIlhinney	Staback
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Dermody	Levdansky	Rubley	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Maher		

Mrs. COHEN submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to ask for an additional \$1 million for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, making its total 1998-99 allocation \$2,002,000.

The Council on the Arts was created when Gov. William W. Scranton signed in Act 538 of 1965. This act charged the council with "the encouragement and development of the various arts" in the Commonwealth.

During the last 30 years, this advocacy agency has expanded and broadened its scope through grant programs that aid education in the arts programs, nonprofit art groups, institutions, and in some cases, individual artists.

Reacting to special needs, the council has originated projects such as the Artists in Schools and Communities Program and the Minority Arts Program. In addition, it sponsors workshops and seminars on such specific topics as arts management, small press publishing, and community arts planning.

Mr. Speaker, not only is art a visual reflection of society, a cultural and historical depiction of mankind, an imitation of nature that all citizens may enjoy; art is a wonderful educational tool. For children who either do not learn best in conventional ways and in conventional settings, or who have not found school to be compelling, the arts are powerful avenues to learning.

Children come to teachers with learning experiences that demonstrate keen understandings gained through play, movement, drawing, clay modeling, dancing, singing, just to name a few examples.

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts is positioned to bridge the gap between curricula built around the printed word and the use of numbers and curricula that offer students a different way to learn and demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired.

Among the council's objectives are the following:

- To make arts programs of the highest quality available throughout Pennsylvania;
- To encourage and enable individual creative artists to do their work and bring their work to public attention;
- To assist organizations which produce or sponsor quality arts programs;
- To preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Commonwealth and to stimulate greater public awareness of the unique and varied contributions made to our society by Pennsylvania arts and artists; and
- To encourage community involvement and participation in the arts at every level.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to urge my colleagues to approve this amendment for an additional \$1 million for the Council on the Arts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. PIPPY offered the following amendment No. A0947:

Amend Sec. 209, page 45, line 16, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	2,000,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Pippy.

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Carone

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery County, Representative Cohen.

Mrs. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to submit some remarks for the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady. The lady will submit the remarks to the clerk.

Mrs. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. PIPPY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to urge the House to approve amendment No. 947 to restore State funding for the Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center to \$2 million. This outstanding economic development resource is one of the four originally established by the Federal government to provide supercomputing services to academic and industrial research communities.

Mr. Speaker, the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center is a major economic development tool for our region and the Commonwealth. Over the past 12 years, with the small investment of approximately \$16 million from the State, that center has been able to leverage over \$224 million from Federal and other sources. Most of those funds are being spent in Pennsylvania.

In the interest of time, I will submit the rest of my comments for the record, but I would ask my colleagues to support this amendment as it will help improve and continue to move Pennsylvania forward as far as high-tech jobs are concerned and our progress in the high-tech community. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to urge House approval of amendment 947, restoring State funding for the Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center to \$2 million.

This outstanding economic development resource is one of four originally established by the Federal government to provide supercomputing services to academic and industrial research communities.

Supercomputers are 20 to 100 times faster than conventional mainframe computers and can perform calculations in one second that would take a human two hundred thousand years to do on a hand-held calculator. They are essential in determining long-term economic impacts and drastically reduce research costs by enabling researchers to test designs before building models.

Mr. Speaker, the Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center is a major economic development tool for our region and the Commonwealth. Over the past 12 years, Pennsylvania has invested \$15.9 million, which has been used to leverage an additional \$224 million from Federal and other sources. Most of those funds were spent within Pennsylvania.

Our investment in the Supercomputer Center has put Pennsylvania on the technology map. It provides State universities and corporate researchers with access to the fastest computers in the world and helped attract about 5,000 people from around the world for the 1996 annual conference on supercomputing. That conference alone brought more than \$8 million to the region.

Amendment 947 simply restores State funding of the center to its current 1997-98 level of support. This current support level must be maintained in order for the Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center to attract financial support from Federal and corporate sources. Several Federal agencies already have expressed interest in matching-fund support, Mr. Speaker.

Without the combination of State, Federal, and corporate backers, we risk jeopardizing Pennsylvania's future as a high-technology State. If the Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center is to remain in Pittsburgh and be available to help high-technology firms locate in Pennsylvania, we need to pass this amendment and restore funding to its proper level.

Mr. Speaker, the General Assembly has a long history of supporting the Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center, which is so essential in helping to

train our students for 21st century jobs. I urge members of the House to keep Pennsylvania on the technology map and approve this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Markosek.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this amendment.

As the previous speaker mentioned, the supercomputer is an economic generator or locomotive in our region in southwestern Pennsylvania. It is one of the few in the United States. The hardware for this particular organization in computers happens to be in my legislative district. However, it serves a greater, broader area. In fact, the entire region is served by this.

It is a very good amendment, and I would recommend its passage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
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Druce	Mahe		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Carone

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. BROWN offered the following amendment No. A0955:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, by inserting between lines 12 and 13
 For customized job training for tooling
 and machining industry.

State appropriation	508,000
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On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Representative Brown.

Mrs. BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment creates a new line item in the Department of Community and Economic Development for customized job training for the tooling and machining industry in the amount of \$508,000. This amendment would provide for job training within the tooling and machining industry at a lower cost than traditional customized job training programs.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to please support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

Adolph	Eachus	Maitland	Saylor
Allen	Egolf	Major	Schroder
Argall	Evans	Manderino	Schuler
Armstrong	Fairchild	Markosek	Scrimenti
Baker	Fargo	Marsico	Semmel
Bard	Feese	Masland	Serafini
Barley	Fichter	Mayernik	Seyfert
Barrar	Fleagle	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McGill	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McIlhattan	Snyder, D. W.
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Browne	Habay	Myers	Strittmatter
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Butkowitz	Hanna	Nickol	Surra
Buxton	Harhai	O'Brien	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhart	Olasz	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Hasay	Oliver	Thomas
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Clark	Hutchinson	Phillips	Tulli
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Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, M.	James	Platts	Veon
Colaella	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Cornell	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
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Cowell	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
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Dermody	Levdansky	Rublely	Zug
DeWeese	Lloyd	Sainato	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
Donatucci	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
Druce	Mahe		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Carone

EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the Chair's understanding that the gentleman, Mr. Kenney, will be offering amendment 0991 for Mr. Taylor. Is that correct? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. KENNEY offered the following amendment No. A0991:

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, by inserting between lines 11 and 12
For the purpose of international
marketing of Pennsylvania health care.
State appropriation 150,000

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

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Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. SEMMEL offered the following amendment No. A0900:

Amend Sec. 212, page 61, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
For the purpose of developing and
implementing a strategic marketing plan to
encourage students to enroll in technical
and occupational programs at community
colleges as well as transfer and academic
programs.
State appropriation 500,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair
recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Semmel.

Mr. SEMMEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 0900 amends the General Appropriations Act to
add a new line item for \$500,000 in the Department of Education
for developing and implementing a strategic marketing plan to
encourage students to enroll in technical, occupational, transfer,
and academic programs at our community colleges. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

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Commonwealth's community colleges. Adoption of this amendment would give additional funding to the Commonwealth's community colleges, which provide low-cost, high-quality, technical and vocational education and training to thousands of students across Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment gives community colleges the additional funds they need to improve and expand educational programs to students. The House Subcommittee on Community Colleges recently submitted its report which revealed that our community colleges are in need of this funding. This amendment would increase the stipend from \$1,175 in the current year to \$1,425 for students enrolled in advanced technology programs, including robotics and biotechnology.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment also increases the reimbursement from \$1,075 to \$1,325 for students enrolled in statewide job training programs and from \$575 to \$825 for students enrolled in other occupational or technical programs.

This amendment will enable businesses and community colleges to better combine efforts to train and educate students for the 21st century.

I would ask my colleagues to support this amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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YEAS-201

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Miss ORIE offered the following amendment No. A0909:

Amend Sec. 212, page 61, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
To increase the reimbursement under section 1913-A of the Public School Code of 1949, as follows:

- (i) 1913-A(b)(1.4)(iii)(A) from \$1,175 to \$1,425;
- (ii) 193-A(b)(1.4)(iii)(B) from \$1,075 to \$1,325; and
- (iii) 1913-A(b)(1.4)(iii)(C) from \$575 to \$825.

State appropriation 4,113,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady, Miss Orie.

Miss ORIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support my amendment which would provide \$4,113,000 for the Pennsylvania Department of Education to increase State reimbursement of variable stipend programs for the

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The next two amendments that we are going to take up are the Belfanti amendment, amendment A1042, and the Thomas amendment, A1113. The reason I bring that up is that they are on separate sheets; they are not enclosed in any of the packets. They are being distributed right now.

The Chair would also like to advise those members who have been looking on their desks for packet No. 5 that there is none. We will be going from 4 to 6.

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

Mr. BELFANTI offered the following amendment No. A1042:

Amend Sec. 212, page 49, lines 26 and 27, by striking out all of said lines and inserting various law suits and \$1,000,000 for establishment of a technical training center in Northumberland County.

State appropriation 19,991,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 55, line 1, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 12,415,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman. Mr. Belfanti, it is the Chair's understanding that you wish to divide the amendment and delete lines 7, 8, and 9. Is that correct?

Mr. BELFANTI. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The amendment is so divided, and the House has before it amendment A1042, lines 1 through 6.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Belfanti.

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, a university has made an offer to establish a high-tech training center in my legislative district. It is going to cost about \$3 million to convert an abandoned elementary school into this facility. I am asking for \$1 million of that \$3-million amount, and we will try and raise the rest of it locally. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. THOMAS offered the following amendment No. A1113:

Amend Sec. 211, page 49, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation	858,834,000
Amend Sec. 212, page 60, line 2, by striking out all of said line and inserting	
State appropriation	2,000,000

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

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas, it is the Chair's understanding that you would like to divide this amendment as well. Is that correct?

Mr. THOMAS. Yes. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bifurcate this amendment between lines 3 and 4.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes. It is the Chair's understanding that you would like to delete lines 1 through 3. Is that correct?

Mr. THOMAS. Correct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is so divided. The House has before it lines 4 through 6 of amendment A1113.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment A1113 would provide an additional \$500,000 for pregnant and parenting teenagers. Mr. Speaker, I think we all know that young women are having problems and that we need to increase our assistance to young women in providing them with the education and support that they need to deal with

this issue, and so I urge members from both sides of the aisle to provide an affirmative vote for this increased appropriation for pregnant and parenting teenagers.

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

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EXCUSED-2

Bebko-Jones Taylor, J.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Democratic leader, who requests that the gentleman, Mr. ITKIN, be placed on leave for the balance of today's session. The Chair hears no objection, and the leave is granted.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman, Mr. Chadwick, for presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. DALEY offered the following amendment No. A0817:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 9, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 33,400,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 45, by inserting between lines 16 and 17

For Phase I of the HELPER (Higher Education Lodestar Partnership for Economic Revitalization) program, a cooperative partnership between State government and the Commonwealth's universities to assist economic revitalization in distressed areas. The appropriation funds the creation of ten HELPER teams of eight, upper-level graduate students each led by a half-time faculty member. Each student shall receive a stipend of \$12,000 for one calendar year of work on the HELPER team. The HELPER teams shall focus on resource-based, small business oriented strategic planning to create new jobs and net regional export income for distressed areas. The team members shall be drawn from the broadest range of disciplines whose field of study could be useful in discovering, identifying or developing new opportunities in distressed areas based on their indigenous physical, cultural, institutional or human resources. The sponsoring institution chooses the team members with departmental participation and receives a payment of 25% of the total stipends paid to defray overhead, administrative and team-related personnel costs. The sponsoring institution also receives a payment of 10% of the total stipends to pay for team students' travel, meal and lodging expenses. The

department shall receive \$300,000 for program oversight, to identify eligible areas and to create and administer an application process for sponsoring institutions. HELPER projects will normally proceed in three, yearlong phases, respectively, of resource inventory, feasibility analysis, and marketing strategy and implementation. Team members may continue from year to year, but may not hold other employment concurrently nor enroll for more than 15 credit hours nor less than eight.

State appropriation

1,600,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Daley. Will the gentleman yield for a moment. It is my understanding, Mr. Daley, you withdrew 0816.

Mr. DALEY. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have.

The SPEAKER. You are recognized on 817.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, this creates the HELPER program, which is the Higher Education Lodestar Partnership for Economic Revitalization program, and basically what we are asking is a \$1.6-million appropriation.

I ask for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on this particular amendment, what we are doing, we are actually taking from the Opportunity Grant Program \$1.6 million, \$1,600,000, and we are moving that to a new program that would be created that would have the impact of helping to employ 80 students for 1 year at a stipend of \$12,000 each. That would be \$960,000 of the appropriation. Then there would be some additional payments made directly to the university. That would be \$336,000 in payments to universities for sponsoring students. And then an additional \$300,000 for program administration costs. What it has the effect of doing is basically creating a few part-time jobs and eliminates a program that is now working that would create approximately 1,660 jobs if we leave the money in the Opportunity Grant Program line. If we allow the money to stay in that line, it would have the effect of continuing to create, as I indicated, 1,600-plus jobs.

So I oppose the amendment. We are creating a program here that I do not believe would be nearly as beneficial to the taxpayers.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Daley, for the second time.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think the comments of the former speaker are really not on point. I have not seen anywhere, in any item issued by his office, where \$1.6 million from this program, that money is creating nearly 1,600 jobs out of that \$1.6 million. That does not quite make sense to me, and I again ask for an affirmative vote.

Basically, Mr. Speaker, what we are doing is we are targeting this economic development program into distressed areas, distressed areas that this administration seems to want to neglect.

That was the idea of the Community Economic Revitalization Program when we created that several years ago.

I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Raymond

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Itkin Taylor, J.

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 third consideration as amended?

Mr. LLOYD offered the following amendment No. A0826:

Amend Sec. 209, page 44, line 12, by inserting after "Bulletin." Of this amount, \$2,000,000 shall be transferred to the Local Government Capital Project Loan Fund for equipment and facilities loans in accordance with the Local Government Capital Project Loan Fund Act.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would earmark \$2 million out of the \$28-million appropriation for the Community Revitalization Program to be transferred to the Local Government Capital Project Loan Fund. That is a program which has benefited most of our districts with 2-percent loans to municipalities for equipment and building projects. Mr. Speaker, that program will run out of money in the next fiscal year. Since we have some money this year, we ought to recapitalize the program, and that is what I am proposing to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I support the gentleman's amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-200

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Donatucci	Maher		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Itkin Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. LLOYD offered the following amendment No. A0827:

Amend Sec. 209, page 40, line 6, by inserting after "Fund." The Department may use money from this appropriation in order to provide a lower interest rate for loans authorized under the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), known as the Job Enhancement Act, to small business enterprises which locate or expand in municipalities in a county in which the lowest interest rate under the act of May 17, 1956 (1955 P.L.1609, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act, is applicable to investments qualifying for loans under the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, Mr. Lloyd.
Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, this is a "may" amendment. This reflects negotiations and an agreement with the Ridge administration with regard to the permissive use of Small Business First Fund money. This would allow, if the department so chooses, that the annual development strategy include lower interest rate loans for counties which have the worst unemployment rates in the State. As I indicated, Mr. Speaker, this was an agreement with the administration on SB 10.

I would ask for an affirmative vote.
The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.
Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I agree to the amendment and urge an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armstrong	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
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Druce			

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Hennessey Maitland Schroder

NOT VOTING—2

Benninghoff Carone

EXCUSED—3

Bebko-Jones Itkin Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. LLOYD offered the following amendment No. A0828:

Amend Sec. 281, page 160, line 14, by inserting after "system."
No money from this appropriation shall be expended until the General Assembly enacts legislation which sets forth the procedures for determining the number of employees of each court administrator and the compensation and method of selection of court administrators and their employees.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Mr. Speaker, this budget proposes to make the first installment in the State takeover of payment for the county court system. Specifically, it proposes about \$12 million to help to fund the costs of the court administrators and their offices. The amendment would say that we do not spend that money until we in the General Assembly pass a statute which sets forth the procedure for deciding how many employees are going to be in each of these offices, how much they are going to get paid, and how they are going to be selected.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we ought to move forward with fulfilling the court's mandate with regard to taking over funding of the court, of the county courts, but I think that whatever we do with regard to the court administrators is going to set a precedent which is likely to dictate how these questions get resolved as the State takes over responsibility for more and more of the county court system. I think it is important to know whether or not we are going to have a statewide salary scale; I think it is important to know whether the State is going to have complement control; I think it is important to know what the job qualifications are going to be and who is going to make those decisions and who is actually going to do the hiring. I think that we ought to do that by statute.

I believe that the General Assembly can be held accountable for its decisions much more readily than the Supreme Court or the administrative office of the Pennsylvania courts, and that is the purpose of this amendment. We can argue among ourselves as to

what the rules ought to be, but that is a decision which ought to be made in this building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Thomas. Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have a lot of respect and admiration for my colleague. I am sensitive to his concerns, but I think that this is not one of those issues that can be delayed any longer.

Mr. Speaker, we have been talking for some time now about the need to move with Godspeed in developing a unified judicial system. Mr. Speaker, I think each and every member of this body on both sides is in possession of correspondence from the mayor of Philadelphia urging that we step aggressively in dealing with this issue, and so delay until a bill is in place or until a legislative prescription is in place is not going to move the agenda forward.

So to that end, Mr. Speaker, while I am sensitive to the concerns of my colleague, I ask that we move forward in allowing for necessary expenditures that lead towards a unified judicial system.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I agree with the gentleman, the prime sponsor of the amendment.

What this amendment does, if the General Assembly decides that they want to put the additional funding in the budget for the courts, this preserves the integrity of the legislature and allows us to reserve for our judgment the implementation of it with language.

I agree with that initiative and would urge my colleagues to support the amendment.

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

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Amend Sec. 222, page 115, lines 24 through 28, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

For grants to all counties, except those of the first or second class, or to entities designated by the counties, to provide reduced fare, shared-ride transportation services on a nonfixed route basis for individuals with disabilities to be distributed according to the formula established by the Department of Transportation for reduced fare, shared-ride transportation services for the elderly pursuant to section 4.1 of the act of February 11, 1976 (P.L.14, No.10), known as the Pennsylvania Rural and Intercity Common Carrier Surface Transportation Assistance Act.

State appropriation 5,000,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The amendment provides \$5 million to make subsidized shared-ride services available for folks with disabilities in rural areas of our State.

This has passed on several occasions. Senator Rhoades, in the State Senate, has a bill that does relatively the same thing, and I would ask for the help of my colleagues.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I support the gentleman's amendment and ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-1

Benninghoff

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Itkin Taylor, J.

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. A face familiar to many of the members is present in the hall of the House. The Chair welcomes the gentleman, Mr. Nick Cantone, a guest of Representative Ron Marsico and the Irish-American caucus or, pardon me, the Italian-American caucus, seated here to the left of the Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

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

Mr. DeWEESE offered the following amendment No. A0838:

Amend Sec. 201, page 20, line 20, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 6,565,000

Amend Sec. 202, page 20, line 25, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 6,903,000

Amend Sec. 202, page 22, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 26,571,000

Amend Sec. 220, page 114, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 117,956,000

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Bebko-Jones	Itkin	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

Mr. DeWEESE offered the following amendment No. A0839:

Amend Sec. 214, page 71, line 18, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 54,236,000

Amend Sec. 222, page 117, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

For the establishment of a pilot "Job Connect Transportation Program" to provide subsidies to employers and transport passes to workers to promote the employment of persons who have an inadequate means of transportation to maintain such employment.

State appropriation 3,000,000

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment provides \$3 million for subsidies for employers and travel passes for employees. It is primarily designed

to help get people from welfare to work. Senator Corman, in the State Senate, has a relatively similar proposal.

This has passed on one or two occasions historically, and I would again ask my colleagues to vote in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, agree with the amendment and urge an affirmative vote.

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

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Allen	Eachus	Major	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Manderino	Schuler
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Baker	Fairchild	Marsico	Semmel
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Itkin Taylor, J.

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

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

Mr. CASORIO offered the following amendment No. A0849:

Amend Sec. 209, page 44, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 23,000,000

Amend Bill, page 127, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

Section 240. Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.--The following amounts are appropriated to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency:

Federal State

For a program to assist group purchasing of housing for persons with mental retardation.

State appropriation 5,000,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Casorio.

This amendment was distributed under Mr. Tangretti's name.

Mr. CASORIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment is something that we believe is worthwhile. It takes \$5 million and provides it from the Department of Community and Economic Development for low-interest loans for families, families that have been taking care of mentally retarded individuals, mentally retarded adults. The seniors, the families are growing older, and they have concerns of the housing constraints and the housing restrictions for their loved ones, and this takes \$5 million, provides it for low-interest loans so that these groups of families can do housing rehab to take care of their children, take care of their adult mentally retarded children after they are deceased.

I urge an affirmative vote, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I urge an affirmative vote on this amendment also.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Very quickly, I just want to add my support as well.

Recently I attended a Westmoreland County Association for Retarded Children Program board meeting, and in the group there were a lot of elderly individuals who had senior children; that is to say, the parents were in their eighties and the children were in their fifties, and they were worried about what happens after they are gone. And we are hopeful that this amendment will allow for a low-interest loan for these individuals to provide some sort of

housing in the future through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

So I would urge my colleagues to support this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-3

Bebko-Jones Itkin Taylor, J.

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Melio, who offers amendment 0850. This amendment is under the Tangretti name.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. MELIO offered the following amendment No. A0850:

Amend Sec. 204, page 28, line 24, by inserting after "safety" and including \$150,000 for administrative costs associated with Police Corps lead agency designation

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Mr. Melio.

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to earmark \$150,000 of the \$33,844,000 appropriation to the Office of Attorney General for general government operations for administrative costs associated with Police Corps lead agency designation. The federally funded Police Corps program helps municipalities hire more police officers at an affordable cost to local taxpayers. The program also offers Federal higher education grants of \$7,500 a year to college students in exchange for 4 years of service on a municipal police force when they complete their education and receive 16 weeks of training.

Additionally, the program provides police departments who hire corps members with an annual \$10,000 payment for the first 4 years of each member's service. As an added incentive for participation, the Federal government will provide a fully funded college grant up to \$30,000 to each dependent child of a Pennsylvania police officer who is killed in the line of duty.

The program is a positive one that can provide benefits to our State and its residents, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is really just directive language, and I support the amendment.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as you know and most members of this House know, back in November we passed a resolution urging the administration to take part in this Federal Police Corps program. Unfortunately, they have not done that, and the Appropriations Committee revealed the fact through the Police Commissioner, Colonel Evanko, that PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on

Crime and Delinquency) has chosen not to apply for that program.

When our Attorney General, General Fisher, was before the committee, it appeared, when we asked him about that, that he may very well be interested in applying and be the lead agency and is exploring those possibilities. I am hopeful he is going to do that. This is an effort to provide him with the administrative money for that purpose.

As the sponsor of the amendment indicated, it is a very worthwhile program, and I would urge everybody's support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests the gentleman, Mr. PERZEL, be placed on leave of absence for the balance of today's session. Without objection, the leave will be granted. The Chair hears none.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Druce	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Egolf	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Evans	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
Barley	Feese	Masland	Seyfert
Barrar	Fichter	Mayernik	Shaner
Battisto	Fleagle	McCall	Smith, B.
Belardi	Flick	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Stairs
Bishop	Gigliotti	McNaughton	Steelman
Blaum	Gladeck	Melio	Steil
Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Haluska	Nailor	Surra
Buxton	Hanna	Nickol	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhai	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Olasz	Thomas
Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Tigue
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	True
Civera	Horsey	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Pippy	Vance
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Pistella	Van Home
Cohen, L. I.	James	Platts	Veon
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Preston	Vitali
Colafella	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Raymond	Washington
Cornell	Keller	Readshaw	Waugh
Corpora	Kenney	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Wojnaroski

Daley	Lawless	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lederer	Rohrer	Yewcic
DeLuca	Leh	Rooney	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Ross	Zimmerman
Dent	Levdansky	Rubleby	Zug
Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Bebko-Jones	Itkin	Perzel	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,

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

Mr. OLIVER offered the following amendment No. A0861:

Amend Sec. 212, page 49, line 26, by removing the period after "suits" and inserting and including \$200,000 for a vocational education and training institution in cities of the first class.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Oliver.

Mr. OLIVER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would provide Berean Institute a \$200,000 increase in its appropriation to handle the enhancement of its fiscal plan to assist in the overall operation of Berean.

As many of you already know, Berean is a historical vocational-technical school in north Philadelphia, which has, over a number of years, provided training and education to Philadelphia citizens.

This amendment is revenue-neutral in that it would simply set aside \$200,000 in the Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask for your support.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I support the gentleman's amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	Druce	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Eachus	Maitland	Schroder
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Baker	Fairchild	Markosek	Semmel
Bard	Fargo	Marsico	Serafini
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Belfanti	Gannon	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhattan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McIlhinney	Stairs
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Boscola	Godshall	Michlovic	Stern
Boyes	Gordner	Micozzie	Stetler
Brown	Gruitza	Miller	Stevenson
Browne	Gruppo	Mundy	Strittmatter
Bunt	Habay	Myers	Sturla
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Carn	Hasay	Oliver	Tigue
Carone	Hennessey	Orie	Travaglio
Casorio	Herman	Pesci	Trello
Cawley	Hershey	Petrarca	Trich
Chadwick	Hess	Petrone	True
Civera	Horsey	Phillips	Tulli
Clark	Hutchinson	Pippy	Vance
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Colaifella	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
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Corrigan	Kirkland	Reinard	Williams, C.
Cowell	Krebs	Rieger	Wilt
Coy	LaGrotta	Roberts	Wogan
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Dermody	Lloyd	Sainato	
DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni	Ryan,
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather	Speaker
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Bebko-Jones	Itkin	Perzel	Taylor, J.
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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 recurring,

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

Mr. JAMES offered the following amendment No. A0864:

Amend Sec. 211, page 49, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 851,900,000

Amend Sec. 228, page 122, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 274,300,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. James, on the amendment.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment would decrease funding to the State Department of Corrections by \$7,434,000 and increase funding for student aid under the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Mr. Speaker, the greatest progress we can make toward building a stronger State is to open the doors of opportunity through education. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania ranks 47th in appropriations for higher education on a per capita basis.

The State System of Higher Education has some of the highest tuition costs compared to some of the State universities across the nation. PHEAA provides a valuable financial service for those students who otherwise might not be able to afford their higher education goals.

Remember, about 5,000 students lost financial aid for college under the Governor's first budget. Despite small increases in funding since then, those losses have not been made up and students are still in dire need of assistance.

My amendment would fill this funding shortfall and guarantee more students have the financial resources they need to obtain a college education.

Therefore, I ask for the members' support on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is the first amendment of many that begins to take money from Corrections and appropriates it to a number and a variety of other lines. There are actually 40 amendments that are drawn that way.

And I did sort of a quick calculation; actually, I had one of the budget analysts do it. The total money that is proposed to be drawn down from Corrections is in excess of a quarter of a billion dollars, which is more than 25 percent of their budget. So I took the calculation a bit further. It means that immediately upon adopting these amendments, we would be required — and assuming this is implemented — to free 25,000 inmates because we would not have the wherewithal and the finances to keep them behind bars.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think it would be very shortsighted if we in the General Assembly would forget the recent prison escapes that we had in Allegheny County or the riot situation that we had just a few short years ago across the river here at Camp Hill. I, for one, am not prepared to sacrifice the safety of good, law-abiding citizens at any cost. And there is nothing more personal or

important to every individual in our State than their personal safety, and that does not have a price tag.

I recommend that we reject this amendment, because this places us on a very slippery slope.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is not about whether we are really going to take 25 percent of the Corrections budget away; it is not about that at all. What this amendment is about is whether we are going to invest more in higher education opportunities for citizens of all ages, and the PHEAA program is one of the finest programs we have and it is one of the finest investments we make, and it helps citizens of all ages who want to pursue postsecondary education opportunities at the broad, rich array of postsecondary institutions that we have in this Commonwealth. It is some of the best money that we can invest.

The only reason that Representative James and others to follow today and tomorrow propose to take some money away from Corrections is because of this artificial rule that we have, this artificial rule that we imposed on ourselves a couple of weeks ago when we said we would pretend that there was only \$132 million available to be used for additional initiatives and for good ideas that would be represented in amendments during this process. We all know that the real surplus is far in excess of that. We all know that there is going to be a lot more money available when those who actually craft the final budget come to the table over the next several weeks.

This artificial rule, this artificial cap that we imposed on ourselves, helps expedite the process here during these several days, but it should not be an excuse to deny good ideas such as the one that Representative James has put forward. The real question here today, with this amendment, is not whether we are going to reduce the appropriation for Corrections. That is just a necessity because of this artificial rule that we proposed; it is just a necessity that that tactic be employed. The real issue is whether we are going to use part of the half-a-billion-dollar surplus in this Commonwealth, use part of the hundreds of millions of dollars that will be available in crafting this final budget, to invest an extra \$7 million, a small sum but an important sum, in future postsecondary education opportunities for citizens of this Commonwealth.

We are not on a slippery slope. We are being asked to consider priorities though; we are being asked to consider whether some of this additional money ought to go to PHEAA and to higher education, and I urge that we say "yes" to that question.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First I have to say I agree entirely with what the gentleman from Allegheny just said. We have much, much more money than we are assuming during this debate, but even for the sake of argument, as the lawyers say, even if that were not the case, we only have to look at the Department of Corrections and some of the people who are housed there to discover that we could indeed reduce the budget of that department 25 to 30 percent if we would be a little smarter about crime and not so tough and dumb. We can be tough and smart, and why not?

Something like 25 percent of the people that we now have in a very expensive cell, that it costs more than a year at Harvard, are

not even violent. Some 27 percent of the people that we have in our prisons do not belong there. They have served past their minimum, but there is such a backlog that they do not get out. Now, if we were a little bit smarter, we would get the people out who ought to be out and we would find alternative settings for those people who are not violent. Why, we might actually return them to the community where they could make the community whole, where they could perform restitution to their victim, where they might have a job that they would pay taxes on, that they would be punished by being made to be a productive citizen instead of being punished by being a drain on our budget and our resources.

So for every amendment that comes up and says we are going to take money out of the Department of Corrections, I am for that bill, because we have to show some discipline. We have become incarceration junkies, and we have got to learn to kick the habit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let me talk about what I am opposed to before I talk about what I need.

I am opposed to letting anyone out of our correctional systems. In fact, I support getting more of those people off the street who we cannot do anything with and need to be behind bars. So I do not, under any circumstances, support removing people from our correctional institutions.

What do I stand for? Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we are spending close to \$28,000 a year for every individual in our correctional institutions, and while we are spending \$28,000, part of that money is going for them to watch color TVs, part of that money is going for them to have access to technology that good kids throughout Pennsylvania do not have access to.

So, Mr. Speaker, we have this situation where \$28,000 is going towards every man and woman in our correctional institutions, and I believe the last time I looked, the cap on money for public education is somewhere around \$10,000 — \$28,000 for jails, \$10,000 for children to go to Yale. And as we look at the overall budget, Mr. Speaker, the Department of Corrections has grown at a rate greater than any other executive office within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So if you, like myself, believe that it is time to bring about some equalization between what good kids attending public schools have access to versus what someone in our correctional institutions has access to, I am going to lean towards those good young people, our good sons and daughters who need all the help that they can to go as far as they can.

And since there is no other agency that is growing at the rate that the Department of Corrections is growing, Mr. Speaker, it is only natural and the right thing to do to reduce that budget at a level that it would not cause folks to be let out of our correctional institutions but will allow us to start putting a reasonable and appropriate amount of money in education, whether it be higher education, and in my situation, in basic education. We must give good kids a chance to go as far as they want to go, because as the Appropriations chairs from both sides of the aisle have said at one time or another, either we help our kids on the front end or we will end up paying for it on the back end.

I stand to help them on the front end and reduce the Department of Corrections' budget. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Sather.

Mr. SATHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to reinforce what was said previously by the chairman of the Appropriations Committee. This is not the time, this is not the place to deal with the issue of education and our corrections community.

We had this debate on the floor in the last budget year, and I had to stand and say that I have to support and defend. I have two State correctional institutions in my district, and I have to stand and defend those residents who live nearby those facilities who at the present time feel safe and secure in their property at the present time. Let us not begin to tear down that structure as far as the security that these people have. We are a willing host community for these institutions, but to think that what if, what if the bottom line is we have to address the cuts that are being proposed here, and it does affect the State correctional institution system. I do not want to see it happen. I do not think too many in this building and this caucus and the surroundings that we have here in the General Assembly want to see that take place.

So I support the Appropriations chairman in saying vote "no" on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Gannon, desire recognition? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on this amendment.

One of the prior speakers said we have to keep our priorities straight, and he is exactly right when it comes to keeping criminals in jail, and our priority should be to keep those criminals in jail. As a prior speaker said, we might be confronted with 25,000 people being let out of our prisons as a result of these budget cuts or these proposed budget cuts. We do not need more criminals on the street. We need fewer criminals on the street.

I urge a "no" vote. We have to support the budget for our Department of Corrections.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. James, for the second time.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, none of us want to see any of these structures torn down by this type of amendment. We would like to see them torn down because everybody is educated, everybody has got a college degree, and everybody has got a job, but what I am submitting to you, Mr. Speaker, is that we are talking about prevention; we are talking about putting the money in the front end as opposed to putting it on the back end, which is what is happening now. So we are talking about \$7 million in terms of allowance so that young people can improve and enhance their education.

Mr. Speaker, and they talk about so many, 25,000 prisoners being let out. That is not true. I submit to you that the Department of Corrections cannot let anybody out of jail, only the Probation and Parole can, and that this will not do that. This would only enhance the educational opportunities for our young people so that they do not have to or will not go to jail because they do and have increased their educations.

Therefore, I would submit and ask for a "yes" vote on this amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I had to rise and speak on this amendment because I was struck with amazement at hearing Republican members of the House

assert that their Republican Governor would release 25,000 violent prisoners from the State corrections system rather than working with the budget, which we all know has a good deal of flexibility in it even after it has passed, in order to ensure that public safety continues to be respected.

I cannot imagine why the Republican members of the House would express such a very poor opinion of their own Governor's commitment to keeping dangerous criminals behind bars, and I am struck equally by the fact that the Democratic members of the House have consistently asserted in this discussion that the Governor would never, never release violent criminals onto the population of Pennsylvania, and I think in this case that the Republicans understand their own Governor and his attitudes less well than the Democrats do.

I believe that we should accept the Democratic interpretation and vote for this good amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The gentleman, Mr. Myers. Do you desire recognition?

Mr. MYERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, would rise to support the James amendment.

Someone had said a little while ago that this is not the place or not the time to discuss this issue. Well, I have to beg to differ with that. I mean, we are actually talking about funding programs in our general budget, and if this is not the place to discuss this, I do not know what is the place or what would be the proper time to discuss other than what we have right now.

The other issue is that almost a \$900-million budget for the Department of Corrections. Seven million dollars still leaves \$873 million to keep people locked up, and all that is simply being said is that with \$7 million, we might be able to give some young people a chance to go to college so they will not end up in our correctional institutions.

So those who would rather see our children go to Yale, as was said earlier, than our children going to jail, this is an opportunity for you to make your statement. If your statement is Yale, then vote "yes"; if your statement is our children ought to be given less opportunity so they do not end up in jail, then vote "no." I ask for a "yes" vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-83

Battisto	Druce	Manderino	Staback
Belardi	Eachus	McCall	Stairs
Belfanti	Evans	Michlovic	Steelman
Bishop	George	Mundy	Stetler
Blaum	Gordner	Myers	Sturla
Buxton	Gruitza	Olasz	Surra
Caltagirone	Gruppo	Oliver	Thomas
Cappabianca	Haluska	Pesci	Tigue
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Cowell	Kirkland	Robinson	Waugh

Coy	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Williams, A. H.
Curry	Laughlin	Rooney	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lescovitz	Santoni	Yewcic
Dermody	Levdansky	Scrimenti	Youngblood
DeWeese	Lloyd	Shaner	

NAYS-116

Adolph	Egolf	Maitland	Sather
Allen	Fairchild	Major	Saylor
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Schroder
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Semmel
Bard	Fleagle	Mayernik	Serafini
Barley	Flick	McGeehan	Seyfert
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Clymer	Keller	Raymond	Wilt
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Dally	Lawless	Reinard	Zimmerman
DeLuca	Lederer	Rohrer	Zug
Dempsey	Leh	Ross	
Dent	Lucyk	Rubley	Ryan,
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Donatucci	Maher		

NOT VOTING-0

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Bebko-Jones	Itkin	Perzel	Taylor, J.
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Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who asks that the gentleman, Mr. PHILLIPS, be placed on leave for the balance of today's session. The Chair hears no objection. The gentleman is therefore placed on leave.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. We are about to take up a condolence resolution on the death of a former member of the House. The Sergeant at Arms will close the doors of the House. The members will please take their seats.

The clerk will read the resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert E. Woodside of Sun City, Arizona, scholarly politician and statesman, and distinguished jurist, passed away March 18, 1998 at the age of ninety-three; and

WHEREAS, During a brilliant political career which spanned thirty-two years, Mr. Woodside had the rare distinction of serving in all three branches of government in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1933 to 1941 and served as Republican leader for three years and majority leader for two years. He was heralded as one of the finest majority leaders in the history of the House of Representatives. Following his legislative triumph, Mr. Woodside was appointed judge of the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas where he served from 1942 to 1951 after which he was elected attorney general, a position he held for three years. He completed his distinguished public service career as a judge of Superior Court. For two decades, he was an adjunct professor at Dickinson School of Law where he authored "Pennsylvania Constitutional Law," published in 1985. In private life, Mr. Woodside was one of Pennsylvania's most respected citizen advocates of his era. In 1959, serving on the Commission of Constitutional Revision, he assembled one hundred twenty-three recommended amendments to modernize the 1874 frame of government. In 1967-1968, Mr. Woodside was a member of the Constitutional Convention and later became one of the founding fathers of the Modern Pennsylvania Legislature, as well as a member of the Commission for Legislative Modernization; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania note with great sadness the passing of Robert E. Woodside who served in a way most befitting the highest ideals of public service; extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Anna C. Woodside; son, Robert J.; daughter, Jane F.; and stepdaughter, Ruth McCarthy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Matthew Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Representative Mark S. McNaughton, be transmitted to Mrs. Anna C. Woodside.

Matthew Ryan
Speaker of the House
Mark S. McNaughton
Cosponsor
ATTEST:
Ted Mazia
Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the resolution will rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests will also please rise.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Robert E. Woodside.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted. The Sergeant at Arms will open the doors of the House.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

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

Mr. DeWEESE offered the following amendment No. A0867:

Amend Sec. 211, page 48, line 23, by inserting after "Corrections." Commonwealth funds appropriated for the Department of Corrections shall not be used to privatize and/or out-source prison operations. All contractual agreements entered into prior to the adoption of this act, and their renewal, are exempt.

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the Democratic leader.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would put into the budget bill language similar to the one that Representative Lloyd initiated language into the document a few minutes ago.

Relative to the remarks of the Republican Appropriations chairman and many of our colleagues on the central nature of protection that our prisons offer, my language inserted into the budget bill would deny the opportunity for the State to privatize our prison guard jobs.

This was the same amendment that I offered last year. I want to offer it in the context that someone once observed that prisons are sewers of vice, where the old are inured by iniquity and the young are instructed in crime. If we are ever going to countervail that phenomenon, we are going to need professionals, and I believe that the liability problems of private prisons going broke, who is going to be liable for people who escape, and multitudinous other problems make this imperative that we send a clear signal to the administration, through the budget document, that prisons will not be privatized in the State of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like the members to be aware, and particularly on our side of the aisle, of what this amendment does. It is an amendment that is language only. There is not a direct appropriation involved, as the gentleman described. However, it does prohibit, as was indicated, the ability to privatize certain aspects of the prison system.

As I read the amendment, I believe it could get into areas such as operating drugstores, where we could be required to operate drugstores within prisons because it would restrict outsourcing of those kinds of services; it would restrict outsourcing of prison-run food service; it would restrict outsourcing of trash removal from the prisons, and we could go on and on a rather extensive list of services that we would not have the ability to outsource or privatize if we would adopt this amendment.

Again, I point out for members to pay particular attention to the impact that it would have on their individual areas of the

Commonwealth and how it would impact in their legislative districts.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Casorio.

Mr. CASORIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support the majority leader on this amendment.

Anytime we take up a privatization issue, I think we should look long and clear. This issue is at the core of protecting the seniors.

We just heard from the gentleman about privatizing and possible garbage removal. We do not need to weaken our prison system; we do not need to make it more accessible for convicted criminals to leave and enter at will as they did in the gentleman from the north side of Pittsburgh's district at a prison. Privatization for itself is bad. We have reiterated that many times before.

And this issue that the minority leader speaks about goes to the core of helping seniors and working families and children, and it protects our communities, and it also provides for decent jobs and a decent standard of living in many communities, in many communities, where the job and employment opportunity just is not there.

So I would urge an affirmative vote and support the minority leader. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. LLOYD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when members are looking at this amendment and trying to assess its impact on their own districts, I would urge them to look at the language very carefully.

The gentleman, Mr. Barley, pointed out a number of things which might not be possible to privatize, and he is right except that if the Department of Corrections has already privatized those things and has a contract in place when this bill becomes law, the renewal of that contract is exempt from the DeWeese amendment. So what this amendment essentially does is to say that at a minimum we are going to have a year's moratorium on new privatization.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I represent a legislative district which lost its State hospital a few years ago, and the Department of Corrections converted that hospital into a geriatric prison. A couple hundred of the employees of that State hospital got transferred to work at the prison, and they are nurses and psychiatric aides and the like. They are constantly hearing rumors that the Ridge administration intends to privatize nursing services in the State facilities, and if that were to happen, then these former State employees of the Department of Public Welfare, now employees of the Department of Corrections, might find themselves either (a) without a job at all or (b) working at lower pay with poorer working conditions and benefits for some private contractor.

Mr. Speaker, that would be, in my opinion, to turn our backs on folks who have been good and faithful State employees, and I think we ought not do that. I think we ought to pass the DeWeese amendment, and if the folks in the Governor's Office have specific proposals dealing with privatization, they ought to have to come to us and show us what they are and then a decision can be made at that time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge an affirmative vote on the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in reading this amendment, this is really very, very broad in its application. For example, the prior speaker said, well, it exempts existing contracts and renewals, but we all know a renewal would have to be with an existing contractor, whether it was for food service, or educational services, utility service. So we would not be able to bid those. We would have to renew constantly with the same contractor. That is the way I read this amendment. We would not be able to competitively bid existing contracts.

The other issue — and maybe one of the speakers could answer — is, you know, suppose we decide to do a job training program that we do not have now; somebody comes up with an idea perhaps for computers or technology, a job training program for folks that are getting ready to go on to probation or be released. This would prohibit the department from contracting with somebody to undertake a job training program.

Now, I know the speaker that introduced the amendment talked about prison guards, but this went far beyond prison guards, and he talked about the breakouts in private prisons. Food service and education, I do not think that has too much to do with breakouts.

I have serious reservations about this amendment. I think it is poorly drafted insofar as it goes well beyond the stated purpose of the drafter as far as dealing with just prison guards and privatization of prisons. This is far-reaching, and I have serious reservations about this amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Masland.

Mr. MASLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, rise to oppose this amendment for some of the previous reasons, so I will be brief.

This amendment is just that, too broad, as it has been said before. If the amendment only dealt with prison guards, I would probably stand up and support it. I think there are some core functions of government which should not be privatized, and I would say that in the area of prisons, there are definitely some that should not be, but to say in blanket form in the budget process as opposed to through hearings in the Judiciary Committee that we are not going to privatize anything in Corrections, I think is a big mistake and one that we should not make today.

Please vote against the amendment.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—111

Allen	DeWeese	Lloyd	Sather
Argall	DiGirolamo	Lucyk	Scrimenti
Battisto	Donatucci	Manderino	Serafini
Belardi	Eachus	Markosek	Seyfert
Belfanti	Evans	Mayemik	Shaner
Bishop	George	McCall	Staback
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Stairs
Boscola	Gordner	Michlovic	Steelman
Boyes	Gruitza	Mundy	Stetler
Brown	Gruppo	Myers	Sturla
Butkovitz	Habay	O'Brien	Surra
Buxton	Haluska	Olasz	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Hanna	Oliver	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhai	Pesci	Tigue
Cam	Hasay	Petrarca	Travaglio
Casorio	Horsey	Petrone	Trello

Cawley	Hutchinson	Pippy	Trich
Cohen, M.	James	Pistella	Van Horne
Colaifella	Jarolin	Preston	Veon
Colaizzo	Josephs	Ramos	Walko
Corpora	Kaiser	Readshaw	Washington
Corrigan	Keller	Rieger	Williams, A. H.
Cowell	Kirkland	Roberts	Williams, C.
Coy	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wogan
Curry	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Daley	Lederer	Rooney	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Sainato	Youngblood
Dermody	Levdansky	Santoni	

NAYS-87

Adolph	Fargo	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Semmel
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Smith, B.
Bard	Fleagle	McGeehan	Smith, S. H.
Barley	Flick	McGill	Snyder, D. W.
Barrar	Gannon	McIlhattan	Steil
Benninghoff	Geist	McIlhinney	Stern
Birmelin	Gladeck	McNaughton	Stevenson
Browne	Godshall	Micozzie	Strittmatter
Bunt	Harhart	Miller	Taylor, E. Z.
Carone	Hennessey	Nailor	True
Chadwick	Herman	Nickol	Tulli
Civera	Hershey	Orie	Vance
Clark	Hess	Platts	Vitali
Clymer	Jadlowiec	Raymond	Waugh
Cohen, L. I.	Kenney	Reber	Wilt
Cornell	Krebs	Reinard	Wright, M. N.
Dally	Lawless	Rohrer	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Leh	Ross	Zug
Dent	Lynch	Rubley	
Druce	Maher	Saylor	Ryan,
Egolf	Maitland	Schroder	Speaker
Fairchild			

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Bebko-Jones	Perzel	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin			

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. KREBS offered the following amendment No. A0902:

Amend Sec. 212, page 61, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
 For the purpose of providing business and industry-related development programs for members of the community college's faculty and administrative staffs, and for business outreach programs.
 State appropriation 4,000,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Krebs.

Mr. KREBS. Mr. Speaker, this includes an appropriation for community colleges to run a business and industry-related development program for their members, the community college's faculty, and also for business outreach programs, and I ask for support for this amendment.

AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. Mr. Krebs, I hate to be the one to tell you, we are out of money at this point. You hit the line. There is \$134,000 left, and this is apparently agreed to by both the Republican and Democratic Appropriations Committee staffs, and at this point the temporary rules go in requiring you to make a deduct before you can make an appropriation. So this amendment would be out of order.

Mr. KREBS. I will be back with another amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. ROSS offered the following amendment No. A0906:

Amend Sec. 212, page 61, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
 For the purpose of purchasing or replacing equipment to be used for instructional or administrative purposes, including, but not limited to, replacing obsolete equipment, increasing technological capabilities of the community colleges and purchasing new equipment.
 State appropriation 6,600,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Ross, withdraws his amendment.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. Mr. Steil? Withdrawn.

Ms. Josephs, do you withdraw your amendment?

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. JOSEPHS offered the following amendment No. A0912:

Amend Sec. 206, page 32, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting
 State appropriation 549,228,000

Amend Sec. 219, page 97, line 14, by inserting after "grants."

At least \$11,200,000 of this appropriation shall be used to provide food stamps for legal aliens.

Amend Sec. 219, page 97, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	268,132,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the lady, Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to read first a paragraph that appeared in a local paper, a Philadelphia paper. It says, "An 87-year-old homebound woman whose daughter cannot work because she provides her mother with the full-time care she could not otherwise afford is among...legal immigrants" — legal immigrants — "largely from the...Soviet Union..." at this point in time largely Jewish, who have had their food-stamp benefits cut off by the Welfare Department.

Legal— And let me say again so everybody understands, we are not talking about somebody who is here illegally. We are talking about people who came legally, the way I suppose most of our families came, are being, if they fall on hard times, are being denied food stamps; they are hungry. Hunger, Mr. Speaker, is not just some pleasant sensation you feel before you sit down to a big meal. Hunger is painful; it hurts.

I am asking for an appropriation of \$11.2 million from which, in order to make it revenue-neutral, I am taking that like amount from the general obligation debt service where there is enough money, even when we take this \$11.2 million out, to pay all of our current obligations and to issue bonds in the future. So do not let anybody stand up and say, hey, here is a slippery slope; we are not going to be able to issue any more bonds; we are not going to be able to make any more investments in order to feed hungry people. It is not true.

Four to 6 weeks ago I wrote to the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare, and said, you ought to find some money for hungry people in this State. I was informed that it was illegal for us to do it because of provisions in Act 35 and because of a Federal government statute. Then I learned that the Attorney General, former Attorney General Tom Corbett, said, oh, no, folks; it is not illegal to feed hungry people with food stamps; it is legal. And then I got a letter from the Department of Public Welfare giving me another reason why we cannot put food in the mouths of legal immigrants who are living among us as our own families probably did years ago. They just did not want to, is basically what they said.

Now, I have asked the Department of Public Welfare Secretary this question, and I will ask it of all of you who do not vote "yes" on this. The States of California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Washington, and those very Republican and somewhat conservative States like New York, New Jersey, and Texas have managed to find money to feed the legal immigrants who are among them and have fallen on hard times. Does hunger hurt less in those States than it hurts in Pennsylvania?

Please vote "yes." I stand with many people. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

I call to the attention of the members that we have a clock running as the members speak. There is a 5 minute— The lady was within the time limit. I am just calling it to everyone's attention.

Mr. Barley, do not speak more than 5 minutes.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not think I have to date, and I do not intend to on this one.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the amendment.

What we are doing, we are providing additional money. Actually, I believe it would enhance the food-stamp program for legal immigrants to this country so people from foreign countries coming to Pennsylvania under this program would be the direct beneficiary of an enhanced welfare program.

The amendment proposes to enhance the welfare program at the expense of our communities. Many of our communities have been served well by the PENNVEST program, the projects that were financed under PENNVEST, and we have floated bonds to fund those projects, and we have incurred an obligation on the Commonwealth on an annual basis to retire the debt that has resulted from the bonds.

We also have capital projects that we approve from time to time in capital bills, and many of us advocate for the capital projects to move forward in our areas and our communities. That is another funding stream that would be restricted if we provide additional welfare benefits for the people moving from foreign countries to Pennsylvania as this amendment would propose.

And then finally, a program that is very important to our communities, especially throughout rural Pennsylvania where we do not have paid fire companies, we have volunteer fire companies. This year alone in our budget we are proposing an additional \$20 million that will be providing for our local fire companies.

Now, in the past quite a bit of that money was made available because we floated bonds and again we have incurred that obligation, so it would be, I believe, reckless to pass this amendment and to take money away that we have committed, and our Constitution requires us to commit this money to retire debt that we have already incurred.

So for those reasons, and I am sure there would be several others, I would advise that we would vote "no" and reject this amendment.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Wogan.

Mr. WOGAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this amendment. I think it bears noting that in each and every case where a noncitizen gets some form of welfare, whether it is food stamps or general assistance or whatever, that represents that immigrant's family breaking their word to the people of Pennsylvania and the people of the United States. No one is supposed to be coming into Pennsylvania or the United States unless they have some relative promising to support them.

Mr. Speaker, I think the welfare system in Pennsylvania should be for Pennsylvanians and American citizens to the extent possible under Federal law and under State law, and I would vigorously oppose this amendment.

The SPEAKER. On the question, those in favor of the amendment will— Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To address myself to the gentleman from Lancaster, even if we put \$11.2 million into the service of conquering hunger, which you think we would be able to do, since it is hunger, are we asking for cashmere sweaters or Cadillacs? We are asking for food — food. We have something like \$544,203 million left over in the general obligation fund.

And I was interested that the gentleman from Lancaster talked about rural needs. Well, the last time I looked, Mr. Speaker, most of the food in this State was not being produced in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Harrisburg, or Erie. It was being produced in rural areas on farms. If we want to help people who are hungry in the cities, what perfect way than to give them the opportunity to buy the product of the rural areas of Pennsylvania — food.

Secondly, yes, indeed, people who come here to this country as legal immigrants promise to have somebody support them; fine. Did they promise not to get old? Did they promise not to get sick? Did they promise not to get into an accident? There are people in our State, which is one of the greatest agricultural States in this country, who do not have any food, who do not have the money to buy nutritious food. We have the means.

I am not here by myself arguing for this. Cardinal Bevilacqua, with whom I agree 98 percent of the time, has been in the paper arguing for food for legal immigrants; the mayor, advocacy groups all over the State. It boggles my mind that a significant number of people — I hope not on my side, but certainly on the other side — are going to vote — I hope they are not — are going to vote to keep food out of the mouths of people who came here legally. And they may not be able to vote, Mr. Speaker, but the families and the communities that surround them can, and I am never going to let anybody forget that he or she voted against putting food in the mouths of hungry individuals by voting “no” on this.

And people over there, you can look bored, but you are going to go up and have dinner, are you not, after this? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (PATRICIA H. VANCE) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, legal citizens do not suddenly emerge. There is first a period of time in which an individual or an ancestor of an individual was an immigrant. All of us are descended from immigrants, probably most of us are descended from immigrants, who came here within the last 100 years, and immigrants who build businesses, immigrants who have distinguished careers, often tend to have family members who are less successful. There is no way we can perfectly screen out a family and guarantee that no one in that family will need welfare. The price of having productive citizens who build businesses and support this Commonwealth and support their families is to have immigrants, some immigrants, who need governmental help for food at some point in their lives.

Representative Josephs has spoken eloquently about the need for this legislation. It is certainly vital that we pass it. It is a totally arbitrary construct that we are under as to where the money comes

from. Certainly the conference committee can make changes and take the money somewhere else. We certainly have huge reservoirs of funds that can be placed into budgetary consideration if it is the will of the conference committee to do so.

I strongly support this amendment. It is the decent, human thing to do. It is good, long-range sense for the people of Pennsylvania.

You know, the difference between New York City, which is thriving and which keeps getting more and more people and more and more businesses, and the city of Philadelphia, which is in serious financial and population difficulties is that New York has huge numbers of immigrants and Philadelphia has only a small number of immigrants. This is strongly in our interests; it is strongly in the interests of all Pennsylvanians to pass this legislation and support our immigrants. They are going to be citizens. Their kids are going to be citizens. Ten, twenty, thirty years from now we are going to be very proud of these people who are now legal immigrants. They are going to be citizens; their kids are going to be citizens. There are going to be huge numbers of success stories that we will want to brag about.

I urge support for this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Will the maker of the amendment rise for a brief interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady agrees. You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you.

How many persons do you expect to be served with this \$11-million appropriation, Madam Speaker?

Ms. JOSEPHS. Well, the way we figured it out is, we think there are something like 16,000 legal immigrants in the State who are in need. We commend the Governor for putting money in the budget in order to help some 3,000 of them become citizens, and of course, if they do that and they are still in need, they will qualify, because they will no longer be immigrants.

I commend him for doing that, but I fear that it is overoptimistic because INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) is so backed up. But nevertheless, let us assume— The Immigration Service is really backed up. Let us assume that we have 13,000 people who need food stamps. The methodology is to divide it down into households, and we figured 2.3 persons — I guess a .3 is a person who is not going to have the food stamps — we come to about 5,600 households. We know it costs about \$165 a household to give people food to eat, and that comes to a little bit under \$11.2 million, which we rounded out to 11.2. So that is how that works.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that with negotiations going on in Washington right now, there is the real possibility that the Federal government will be allowing, once again, legal immigrants to qualify for food stamps in this coming year's budget. If in fact that occurs and if the Federal government starts to pick up this tab, would there be a need to fund this State line item again next year?

Ms. JOSEPHS. Well, certainly not. If the Federal government will do it, which they have done heretofore — we all know food stamps is a Federal program — no; this is for, when you are hungry, you are hungry now. I do not know that we are going to have to do

it again, but we cannot wait either for this government money to come down or not come down from the Feds.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

If I could make a brief comment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You may proceed.

Mr. STURLA. Madam Speaker, it is pretty obvious that we are not starting down any slippery slope here. This is a one-time stopgap measure while we are waiting for some Federal funds so that we can feed people that are hungry in Pennsylvania. And I have heard people say, well, if they are not Pennsylvanians, then I do not want to feed them, or if they are not Americans, then I do not want to feed them. That is about the most un-Christian attitude I have ever heard in my years on the floor of the House.

The fact of the matter is that there is someone in my neighborhood, in your neighborhood, in our State, that is starving, and I would encourage that we help to feed them as a stopgap measure until some Federal funds arrive. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Horsey.

Mr. HORSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to support the Josephs amendment, but along the process I just want to remind the gentleman from Philadelphia that all of us are not immigrants. Some of us are here not as a result of immigration to this country, and I need to remind folks of that, because along the way, people constantly are forgetting that everyone in this country is not an immigrant.

But whether I am an immigrant or whether I am a kidnap victim or whether my grandparents are kidnap victims, the mission and the objective is a noble one, Madam Speaker. This amendment calls for aid to help people in this country become and be productive citizens, Madam Speaker. So I would urge all my members on the floor today to support the Josephs amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. James.

Mr. JAMES. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, a few years ago there was a cut in the medical assistance program, and there was a legal immigrant in my district, Wilzon Lescay. As a result of the medical assistance being cut, he was an MH/MR (mental health/mental retardation) patient, was working, became unemployed, and then got word that the medical assistance was going to be cut, and he hung himself. Two or three days later it hit the paper, and as a result of that coming into the Inquirer, the administration, the Ridge administration, and the State Attorney General decided that they would restore medical assistance to legal immigrants.

So what I think Representative Josephs is asking is, here we go again with some prevention, and all we are talking about is making sure that these legal immigrants be able to have food while the Federal government is trying to enhance the program. So therefore, I would encourage us to think about the prevention. Let us stop a tragedy before it happens, and let us vote for the Josephs amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—86

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Belardi	Dermody	McCall	Staback
Belfanti	DeWeese	Melio	Stelman
Bishop	Eachus	Michlovic	Stetler
Blaum	Evans	Mundy	Sturla
Butkovitz	George	Myers	Surra
Buxton	Gigliotti	Olasz	Tangretti
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Casorio	Horsey	Petrone	Trello
Cawley	James	Pistella	Trich
Cohen, L. I.	Jarolin	Preston	Veon
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Corrigan	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Williams, C.
Cowell	Levdansky	Rooney	Wojnaroski
Coy	Lloyd	Santoni	Yewcic
Curry	Lucyk	Scrimenti	Youngblood
Daley	Manderino		

NAYS—110

Adolph	Fargo	Maher	Saylor
Allen	Feese	Maitland	Schroder
Argall	Fichter	Major	Schuler
Armstrong	Fleagle	Marsico	Semmel
Baker	Flick	Masland	Serafini
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Fairchild	Lynch	Sather	Speaker

NOT VOTING—2

Clark	Gannon
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EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones	Perzel	Phillips	Taylor, J.
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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 third consideration as amended?

Mr. MELIO offered the following amendment No. A0913:

Amend Sec. 215, page 81, by inserting between lines 15 and 16 For arthritis and lupus research.

State appropriation 250,000

Amend Sec. 220, page 114, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 118,706,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Melio.

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Arthritis and lupus are diseases that can affect any family, no matter what their social or economic status. I now ask that you appropriate \$250,000 for arthritis and lupus research to the Department of Health.

This is not a new appropriation but instead restores an earlier State appropriation. The department has said it would no longer fund research. If this is the case, then how will we be able to find a cure and even a prevention for these debilitating diseases?

Pennsylvania has the fifth highest number of persons suffering from arthritis in the country. A total of 16.3 percent of the population, or 1.9 million people, currently suffer from the pain and crippling effects of this disease. Lupus affects about 131,000 people in our State. Most of those affected are women.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars does not sound like a great deal of money when your wife, your son or daughter, or your parents are suffering from either of these diseases. We need to find a cure, and I would appreciate your support for this amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the gentleman's amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

- Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Battisto, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boscola, Boyes, Brown, Browne, Donatucci, Druce, Eachus, Egolf, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Gruitza, Lynch, Maher, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Michlovic, Micozzie, Miller, Saylor, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Serafini, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, D. W., Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter

- Bunt, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappabianca, Carn, Carone, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Colaizzo, Cornell, Corpora, Corrigan, Cowell, Coy, Curry, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dent, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Gruppo, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Jadlowiec, James, Jarolin, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lloyd, Lucyk, Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Olasz, Oliver, Orié, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Pippy, Pistella, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reber, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Sainato, Santoni, Sather, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Thomas, Tigue, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Waugh, Williams, A. H., Williams, C., Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, M. N., Yewcic, Youngblood, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

- Bebko-Jones, Itkin, Perzel, Phillips, Taylor, J.

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair welcomes to the hall of the House Mrs. Dawn Gob of Bethel Park, who has served the General Assembly for 17 years and currently leads the district office of Representative John Maher. She is seated in the balcony. Would you please rise.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, in the hall of the House? His amendment will then be placed at the end of the list.

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

Mr. **DERMODY** offered the following amendment No. **A0920**:

Amend Sec. 209, page 44, line 13, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 27,800,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 45, by inserting between lines 16 and 17

For support of a university initiated manufacturing assistance center in a city of the second class.

State appropriation 200,000

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

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody.

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

Madam Speaker, this amendment is an appropriation for \$200,000 to the Manufacturing Assistance Center at the University of Pittsburgh Applied Research Center in Harmarville.

For several years the Manufacturing Assistance Center has been assisting local businesses and creating new jobs all over western Pennsylvania. They have helped with job training and helped existing businesses use new technology. They have retrained displaced workers. Recently, Edgewater Steel in Oakmont had a layoff of several hundred people. Several hundred workers have been retrained at the Manufacturing Assistance Center and have had new jobs now in the growing tool-and-die industry in the Allegheny Valley of Allegheny County. They are now working — that is, the Manufacturing Assistance Center — is now working with local colleges and universities in training students using developing new technologies.

This \$200,000 appropriation will help them purchase equipment that is needed to help them keep up with the new technology and the materials that are necessary going into the next century to help us create a new beginning and new jobs in western Pennsylvania. So I ask for your support for this amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Habay.

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

This creates a new line item in DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) for support of a university-initiated manufacturing center in the Pittsburgh region. This manufacturing center represents a strong commitment to economic development, small- and mid-sized business startups, and more effective job training.

I urge all members to support this worthwhile endeavor to help our working men and women here in Pennsylvania. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Donatucci	Maher	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Maitland	Schuler
Argall	Eachus	Major	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Egolf	Manderino	Semmel
Baker	Evans	Markosek	Serafini
Bard	Fairchild	Marsico	Seyfert
Barley	Fargo	Masland	Shaner
Barrar	Feese	Mayernik	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGeehan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McGill	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhattan	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	McIlhinney	Steelman
Bishop	George	McNaughton	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhai	Olasz	Tigue
Cam	Harhart	Oliver	Travaglio
Carone	Hasay	Orie	Trello
Casorio	Hennessey	Pesci	Trich
Cawley	Herman	Petrarca	True
Chadwick	Hershey	Petrone	Tulli
Civera	Hess	Pippy	Vance
Clark	Horsey	Pistella	Van Horne
Clymer	Hutchinson	Platts	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Preston	Vitali
Cohen, M.	James	Ramos	Walko
Colaella	Jarolin	Raymond	Washington
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Readshaw	Waugh
Cornell	Keller	Reber	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Kennedy	Reinard	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kirkland	Rieger	Wilt
Cowell	Krebs	Roberts	Wogan
Coy	LaGrotta	Robinson	Wojnaroski
Curry	Laughlin	Roebuck	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lawless	Rohrer	Yewcic
Dally	Lederer	Rooney	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Ross	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Rublely	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Sainato	
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Sather	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lynch	Saylor	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Josephs

EXCUSED—5

Bebko-Jones	Perzel	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin			

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Amendments Nos. 0921 and 922 have both been withdrawn.

Amendment 0927 is over temporarily.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. HANNA offered the following amendment No. A0931:

Amend Sec. 211, page 49, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	851,634,000
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Amend Sec. 227, page 121, line 20, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	432,587,000
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On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment removes \$7.7 million from the Department of Corrections and allocates it to the State System of Higher Education. It is predicted that with this allocation, together with savings from their retirement, the State System of Education could avoid a tuition increase in this year.

So I urge all members' support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, here we go again. You know, I mentioned this earlier, that we have this vast array of amendments that continue to take money from the Corrections budget, and as we continue to do this, we will be creating a situation where, as I have indicated before, I think it would be very shortsighted to forget these prison escapes that we had in Allegheny County, the riots that we had in Camp Hill, and other problems that we have experienced in the prisons. We are continuing to sacrifice the safety of good, law-abiding citizens by providing to reduce the line on Corrections.

I am opposed to the amendment. I am not willing to sacrifice the personal safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth. As it relates to the increase in the line for higher ed, we are continuing to do that. As a matter of fact, the Governor had proposed some very generous increases in that line.

So again, I am more concerned about the public safety of our citizens, and I think we all need to be concerned about that, and I oppose this amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Mr. Snyder, who moves that the gentleman, Mr. MASLAND, be put on leave.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, we are not continuing to try to undermine the Corrections Department. What we are continuing to try to do is operate within the existing rules of the House to get worthwhile items into the budget so the members of the conference committee will see the desires of the House for spending money, and the members of the conference committee can decide what money is available and where this money should come from, if anywhere.

This is a vote to stop tuition increases. That is all it is. Mr. Hanna is complying with the technical requirements of this rule, and that is why there are cuts in corrections spending. It is totally at the discretion of the conference committee where this money is going to come from. It is totally at the discretion of the conference committee what revenue estimates are going to be operated on. They determine the precise time in which they vote, and they determine the extent to which the surplus shall be tapped.

This is a vote for higher education spending. It is a vote to keep tuition down. I urge your support for this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. I guess I should say, here I go again.

I believe, of course, the previous speaker, the gentleman from Philadelphia, is absolutely right. What we are operating under here is an artificial contrivance which is meant to keep the number of amendments to a minimum, as many of the rules in the House that have been proposed by the majority do for the minority. I suppose if we were in the majority, we would do the same.

But let me go back to the prisons. Even assuming that the passage of this amendment would decrease the Department of Corrections — I believe it was \$7 million — let me remind you that something like 25 percent of the number of the people that we have in very expensive cells do not belong there because they are nonviolent, or they are first-time offenders, or they are there because they have a substance-abuse problem, and they ought to be out in the community getting better, and they ought to be out in the community paying back their victim, they ought to be out in the community supporting their families and paying taxes. They ought not to be a drain on the system by being in jail. As one of the previous speakers said, jail or Yale. This bill, this amendment, chooses Yale over jail, as it quite properly should.

As for is deducting this amount of money going to subject the people of Pennsylvania to more violent crime, more assaults, more homicides, I do not know. In the last 15 years, 14 years, that I have been in the House, everything shrinks, pales, beside how much money we give to corrections. I do not know anybody in my district who feels safer. I do not know anybody in my district who feels safer. What I do know is people in my district across the State are trying to figure out some way — the public is ahead of us, Madam Speaker — trying to figure out some way to stop spending so much money on locking up people who do not need to be locked up.

Why can we not provide the leadership so that we are not in a position where we cannot build a hospital because we have to build a prison, where we cannot build a road because we have got

to build a prison, where we cannot help young people in this State get the higher education that they need because we have got to build a prison? People in this State understand that more than I think any of us give them the credit for. They are not happy with this situation. They are not happy with a situation where somebody breaks out of jail in Pittsburgh; that has been brought up twice now. Maybe I am wrong, but I do not think the chairman of the Appropriations Committee was onsite afterwards; I was, and it had absolutely nothing to do with money. It had to do with mismanagement; it had to do with false assumptions; it had to do with people working in the prison system who were buddy-buddy, crony-crony, with the people that they were supposed to be supervising. That is what it was about.

Those guys dug a tunnel under the wall that took them something like 6 or 8 months to dig, and nobody noticed it. How come when we want money for education, everybody says, do not throw money at the schools; that is not going to solve the problem. But when we want to take a little bit away from the Department of Corrections, everybody says, oh, if we had money, they would not have dug under there; it would not have taken them 6 months; we would have caught them. Come on.

This is a good amendment. Please vote "yes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin County, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Clinton County for offering the amendment. I do not think any of us are under the misimpression that the votes that we cast today are votes on the creation of the final document, but what we are doing, I think, is giving direction and priority to what we and our constituents think.

Now, Madam Speaker, when I look at the budget, the Department of Corrections has an increase recommended of about 16 percent. The State System of Higher Education has an increase of around 3 percent. All this amendment does is make a small \$7-million adjustment. Now, I do not mean to say that \$7 million is small. I mean to say in the big scheme of things, the priority it sets, the direction it intends, and the way this amendment moves us in a direction away from a punitive measure to a positive measure.

What are the statistics? The statistics are that 90 percent of the kids who attend the State System of Higher Education stay to live and work in Pennsylvania after they graduate. The money given to Corrections, yeah, those people stay in Pennsylvania, too, but I think they sort of stay for a different reason. The money given to higher education is evident. People stay here because they believe in what we are doing, and the money invested in the State System of Higher Education also stays in towns and communities like Lock Haven and like Millersville and like Shippensburg and like West Chester and like Edinboro and like Clarion and like California and like Bloomsburg, those towns -- Indiana -- those towns.

My choices for priorities in this budget are made by votes on amendments, and I think we can make a statement about our priorities -- our State System of Higher Education versus our State system of corrections -- with this amendment. My priorities are clear. I want to educate kids in the State System so that the alternative is not the State Department of Corrections. I think the answer is obvious. I am voting "yes."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Mr. Snyder, who moves that the gentleman from York County, Mr. PLATTS, be placed on leave for the remainder of the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, again, this is not a debate about whether we really want to cut the budget for corrections. That is what this amendment proposes out of necessity, because again, we are living under the constraints of this artificial rule where we pretend that we only had \$132 million of uncommitted surplus to balance this budget. But the truth is, there is a lot more. The truth is that that \$132 million grossly underestimates the surplus revenue that will be available this year, and the underestimation is compounded by the fact that it further underestimates what will be available next year then. So when a few legislative leaders along with the Governor go to the table to craft a budget in the next few weeks, they are going to have far more dollars than we allow ourselves to work with today.

What this amendment really is about is a vote on tuition at our public higher education institutions and our State-owned system. That is what this vote is about. We have this huge surplus, and it ought to be used by us as an opportunity to solve problems, and the problem is, in our 4-year public higher education institutions, we have the second highest tuition of any State in the country. That is a problem. And our appropriations for higher education on a per capita basis or a per-student basis rank us 47th or 48th in the country, somewhere near the bottom. If we are ever going to solve that problem and provide more support for higher education and do something to positively impact tuition, we have got to do it in a year when we have large surpluses, and this is that moment; this is that opportunity.

So this amendment is simply about the message we are going to send to the conferees -- whether we like the budget as it has been proposed so far, which will necessitate a tuition hike at our State System universities, or whether we like the amendment that is before us now that will add sufficient dollars to this line item to ensure that there is no tuition hike for the State System for the next year.

Students and their families will be watching this vote, and I am sure it will be widely reported, because today, members of the House are sending a message to our conferees, we either support a tuition hike or we want to provide sufficient State dollars so that a tuition hike will be unnecessary next year. That is the issue; that is the question. That is how it will be presented to voters and students, and that is how we should be judged when we cast the vote on the Hanna amendment.

This is an opportunity to solve a problem. It is an opportunity to make sure there is no additional tuition hike this year to compound our awful ranking. We have an opportunity to help begin to solve a problem -- the problem of the high cost of public higher education in this State -- and we have the opportunity to do

it because there are sufficient revenues, there is a sufficient surplus, to give us that chance.

I urge that we all vote today in favor of no tuition hike, and we can do that by supporting the Hanna amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Lawless.

Mr. LAWLESS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, we just heard from a few different speakers about what we are doing for higher education in this State. We are confusing the issue here. We are taking \$7.7 million from our prison system and putting it into higher education.

If we had not funded higher education over the last few years adequately, I would be the first one to state that we need to do this. However, we are taking \$7.7 million from a program which our Governor ran on 4 years ago, and there have been times throughout this administration when I have not agreed with our Governor, but the people of Pennsylvania for the last 4 years and prior to that wanted us to do more about our prison system and more about crime in this State. Thank God for this Governor, we have done something about crime. We put these prisoners away, and we should keep them there.

Now, as far as putting this money that they want to save and setting their priorities, as some of the previous speakers said, the man from Shippensburg indicated his priorities of putting money into higher education. That is true; he represents Shippensburg University, but his priorities should not be to let criminals out on the streets of Pennsylvania, and that is when we have to clarify what our priorities should be.

Let me talk a little bit about what would happen to this \$7.7 million if we were to give it to our State System of Higher Education, and by the way, by the way, I am a graduate of that system and I respect that system and I think it is a great system, but one thing we have to do is get our spending under control.

Over the last 7 years, the State System of Higher Education, where they want to put this money, has increased tuition, room, and board by 50 percent. Yes, that is 50 percent. We have increased student fees — for those people who may be seeing this on TV tonight — we have increased student fees 150 percent — 150 percent. The now average student pays fees of \$700 a year. So you see, Madam Speaker, what this is about is just giving more money to a system that is out of control, a system that continues to spend the taxpayers' money, the students' money, and the parents who send their children to the State System schools, out of control.

While I respect the gentleman who is offering this amendment, the people of Pennsylvania have to realize he represents the town of Lock Haven where a State System school exists, and he is doing the best for his constituents, and I appreciate that, but most of Pennsylvania does not have a State System school in their district. Most of Pennsylvania is concerned about the out-of-control spending of our State System, which increased tuition 50 percent, student fees 150 percent, while the CPI, the Consumer Price Index, for the same period was 18.3 percent, and you want to give these people more money?

Madam Speaker, I would ask that this amendment is defeated and we keep the prisoners in prison. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the lady from Indiana County, Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It seems to me that with the best of intentions, some of the people who have spoken in fact in favor of the amendment have not necessarily given the clearest picture of the State System of Higher Education. When we use the aphorism "Yale not jail," we seem to be implying that if the students at the State System were not in algebra class, were not in calculus class, were not studying astrophysics, that somehow they would be out on the street committing crimes. Well, that, of course, is not true. The students who are going to the State System are young people who are doing their very best to get an education, sometimes in the face of very serious challenges. A remarkable number of these students are working part time in order to pay for their education. And many of them are not, as some of the supporters of the amendment have characterized them, kids. They are nontraditional students. They are adults, people with children of their own, and part of the reason that they are going to the State System of Higher Education schools is because they are rooted in those communities — in Lock Haven, in Indiana, in Bloomsburg. They cannot even vote with their feet by choosing to go to a school out of State that might have lower tuition than their own schools in Pennsylvania. They need an education; they need to get an education here.

We have heard from a previous speaker that the State System schools have raised tuition and fees over the last 10 years. Well, surprise. How amazing. The legislature has not increased the appropriation to the State System schools in a way that would allow them to keep up with rising costs. For example, the increasing costs of technology; the cost of renovating buildings; the cost of hiring faculty, as competition for capable faculty becomes greater and greater. So it is not particularly strange that having been restricted in appropriations from the General Assembly, the State System has had to raise its fees and tuition in order to cover its costs. We can help now with a relatively small appropriation of \$7.7 million, about 75 cents for every individual in Pennsylvania, about what it costs you to buy a can of Coke from a machine.

I think that we should go ahead and do this, and I do not think, as I said before, that we should take too seriously the bugaboo of prisoners being released onto the street if we add this amendment to the State budget at this point, because everybody in this room knows that that is not going to happen.

In fact, after hearing the most recent comments by the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I was deeply saddened that the Oscar awards are taking place tonight, because if they were not taking place tonight, if we had time, I believe that the chairman of the Appropriations Committee should be nominated as best supporting actor in a comic role.

Please vote for this good amendment, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Schuler.

Mr. SCHULER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am not going to argue whether or not \$7 million is sufficient for the State System; I am not going to argue who should receive an Academy Award, but I do take exception to the statements that have been made that the State System is out of control. As a member of the Board of Governors, and we have another member here in this legislature, I think we make every effort to keep costs under control on the Board of Governors. Yes, fees have risen, but

so have other aspects of feeding students and providing buildings and what have you.

So I think the statement was totally inaccurate. We have made every attempt on the Board of Governors to cut costs. We have programs in place right now in which we are still trying to cut costs. All I can say is basically this to our students of Pennsylvania: You still have the best deal in town if you go to a State System of Higher Education university.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Colafella.

Mr. COLAFELLA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise to support the Hanna amendment.

Basically, this amendment is simply sending a message that we are for kids and we are not for crooks, and it is very important that I just react to one Representative's statement. The reason why we rank 47th is because we are not doing our job to support higher education. Where the State System is getting 3½ percent, the Department of Corrections gets 16 percent and we say that is okay. It is wrong. We need to send the message that we are not doing right by higher education in Pennsylvania, and we can do something, at least sending the right message to the people of Pennsylvania, to all the people who work so hard to send their children to college and who have to incur tuition hikes every year because we do not support our higher education institutions like we should.

I hope that we can support the Hanna amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clinton County, Mr. Hanna, for the second time.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

To all of you who have legitimate concerns with respect to the Department of Corrections budget, I have been tracking the amendments that we voted on here today, and to this point, there has not been a single reduction in this line item of the Department of Corrections budget. Not one penny has been reduced to this point.

Now, this amendment does reduce the Governor's proposed Department of Corrections budget by less – less – than 1 percent. We are talking about a less-than-1-percent reduction from the Governor's proposed budget. What that means is that the Department of Corrections will still receive close to a 5-percent increase over last year's budget. So we are not talking about handcuffing the Department of Corrections by any means. In fact, they will see an increase. The reduction that we are asking you for is a very small reduction.

Now, I would also point out to you, as has been pointed out by other members, the State System of Higher Education has done what it can to try and control its costs, and I think they are doing well in that regard. As a matter of fact, the statistics show that Pennsylvania ranks 47th in appropriations for higher education on a per capita basis and ranks 44th in appropriations for higher education. So in fact we are not overinvesting in higher education; we are near the bottom of the pile, and I think that in these times of surplus, we have got an obligation to do what we can to try and avoid a tuition increase.

So I would urge all of you to support our State-owned schools, vote for this amendment, and avoid a tuition increase for next year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-92

Armstrong	DiGirolamo	Manderino	Scrimenti
Baker	Druce	McCall	Shaner
Battisto	Eachus	McIlhatten	Staback
Belardi	Evans	Melio	Steelman
Belfanti	George	Michlovic	Stetler
Bishop	Gigliotti	Mundy	Sturla
Blaum	Gordner	Myers	Surra
Boscola	Gruitza	Oliver	Taylor, E. Z.
Buxton	Haluska	Pesci	Thomas
Caltagirone	Hanna	Petrarca	Tigue
Cappabianca	Harhai	Petrone	Travaglio
Carn	Horsey	Pistella	Trelo
Cawley	James	Preston	Trich
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Ramos	Van Home
Colafella	Josephs	Reinard	Veon
Colaizzo	Kaiser	Rieger	Walco
Corpora	Kirkland	Roberts	Washington
Cowell	LaGrotta	Robinson	Waugh
Coy	Laughlin	Roebuck	Williams, A. H.
Curry	Lescovitz	Rooney	Williams, C.
Daley	Levdansky	Sainato	Wojnaroski
Dermody	Lloyd	Santoni	Yewcic
DeWeese	Lucyk	Schuler	Youngblood

NAYS-102

Adolph	Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley
Allen	Egolf	Leh	Sather
Argall	Fairchild	Lynch	Saylor
Bard	Fargo	Maher	Schroder
Barley	Feese	Maitland	Serafini
Barrar	Fichter	Major	Seyfert
Benninghoff	Fleagle	Markosek	Smith, B.
Birmelin	Flick	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Boyes	Gannon	Mayernik	Snyder, D. W.
Brown	Geist	McGeehan	Stairs
Browne	Gladeck	McGill	Steil
Bunt	Godshall	McIlhinney	Stern
Butkovitz	Gruppo	McNaughton	Stevenson
Carone	Habay	Micozzie	Strittmatter
Casorio	Harhart	Miller	Tangretti
Chadwick	Hasay	Nailor	True
Civera	Hennessey	Nickol	Vance
Clark	Herman	O'Brien	Vitali
Clymer	Hershey	Olasz	Wilt
Cohen, L. I.	Hess	Orie	Wogan
Cornell	Hutchinson	Pippy	Wright, M. N.
Corrigan	Jadlowiec	Raymond	Zimmerman
Dally	Keller	Readshaw	Zug
DeLuca	Kenney	Reber	
Dempsey	Krebs	Rohrer	Ryan, Speaker
Dent	Lawless	Ross	

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EXCUSED-7

Bebko-Jones	Masland	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin	Perzel	Platts	

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

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair welcomes to the hall of the House, as the guest of the Allegheny County Republican delegation — Representatives Habay, Maher, Orié, Pippy, and Stevenson — a distinguished member of the bar from Franklin Park, Pennsylvania, Mr. Robert Owsiany, who is seated in the gallery. Would the gentleman rise.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. LaGROTTA offered the following amendment No. A0932:

Amend Sec. 215, page 72, line 22, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 20,036,000

Amend Sec. 215, page 81, line 15, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 150,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lawrence County, Mr. LaGrotta.

Mr. LaGROTTA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this amendment is very simple in that it increases the line item for research for Tourette's syndrome in the Department of Health budget by \$50,000 and decreases the general government operations line item by that same amount.

This is a very terrible neuromuscular disease, Madam Speaker, and the Governor has proposed \$200,000. I have been informed by people that are experts in the field that the extra \$50,000 will help them communicate with families of young people that have this disease and will also help provide respite care for the families as well as new research avenues, and I would ask that the House concur with this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Appropriations chairman from Lancaster County, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I concur with the gentleman and would ask for an affirmative vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Maher	Schuler
Argall	Eachus	Maitland	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Egolf	Major	Semmel
Baker	Evans	Manderino	Serafini
Bard	Fairchild	Markosek	Seyfert

Barley	Fargo	Marsico	Shaner
Barrar	Feese	Mayernik	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGeehan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McGill	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhattan	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	McIlhinney	Steeffman
Bishop	George	McNaughton	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Strittmatter
Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Surra
Butkowitz	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhai	Olasz	Tigue
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Travaglio
Carone	Hasay	Orie	Trello
Casorio	Hennessey	Pesci	Trich
Cawley	Herman	Petrarca	True
Chadwick	Hershey	Petrone	Tulli
Civera	Hess	Pippy	Vance
Clark	Horsey	Pistella	Van Home
Clymer	Hutchinson	Preston	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Ramos	Vitali
Cohen, M.	James	Raymond	Walko
Colafella	Jarolin	Readshaw	Washington
Colaizzo	Josephs	Reber	Waugh
Cornell	Kaiser	Reinard	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Keller	Rieger	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kenney	Roberts	Wilt
Cowell	Kirkland	Robinson	Wogan
Coy	Krebs	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Curry	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Laughlin	Rooney	Yewcic
Daly	Lawless	Ross	Youngblood
DeLuca	Leh	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Lescovitz	Sainato	Zug
Dent	Levdansky	Santoni	
Dermody	Lloyd	Sather	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lucyk	Saylor	Speaker
DiGirolamo			

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Lederer

EXCUSED—7

Bebko-Jones	Masland	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin	Perzel	Platts	

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. TANGRETTI offered the following amendment No. A0933:

Amend Sec. 211, page 48, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 22,576,000

Amend Sec. 225, page 120, by inserting between lines 15 and 16
For volunteer fire companies grant
program.

State appropriation 5,000,000

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, a few sessions ago our former colleague, who is now in the Senate, Representative Kukovich, in recognition of the needs of the volunteer fire service, had proposed to provide a grant program in view of the fact that the loan programs, 2-percent loan programs that have been highly successful, have been inadequate given the nature of the costs of the equipment. So we had passed that bill in this chamber at least once, maybe twice, when he was here. He has introduced it in the Senate; I have introduced it in the House in this form. Of course, up to this point we have not been successful in getting it through.

But I would ask that given the nature of all the circumstances associated with their needs, that we at least think about establishing a program for the volunteer fire companies, give them the opportunity for grant money to supplement the loan program. It is the least we can do for what they do for us, and I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, once again, this is another amendment that takes the money from the Corrections line. When we begin to do the math, as the sponsor of the previous amendment indicated, it was 7½%, \$7.7 million in his. Now this one, I believe, is \$5.5 million. That is what I was referring to earlier in the evening when I indicated that there is a sum total of 40 amendments reducing the Corrections line, and if we continue to adopt— To date, we have been rejecting the amendments as we should, but if we would begin to adopt the amendments, the total would be \$282 million. That is fully one-fourth of the budget.

The volunteer fire companies are extremely important to those of us from rural Pennsylvania. This budget alone provides an additional \$20 million this year for what I believe to be the most successful program that we have had in the history of Pennsylvania for our volunteers, and that has been our 2-percent loan fund. And many of us have been supportive of other initiatives to help our local fire companies through the Department of Community and Economic Development's grant program, and there have been many of our volunteer fire companies that have received help through those programs.

So once again, I think it would be shortsighted if we would forget the prison breaks that we have had in recent years, and I am just not willing to sacrifice the safety of our law-abiding citizens

by reducing this line item in Corrections. The safety in our communities does not have a price tag.

I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the lady, Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is so astounding to me, when I got up with my amendment before, one of the reasons we could not do it was we were going to take away from the volunteer fire companies. Now we have got something for the volunteer fire companies and there is another reason why we cannot do it. But back again to the prisoners.

We have about a quarter of prisoners, not counting the geriatrics, which cost us something — old people who are in prison — which cost us something like \$70,000 per inmate a year who are sick and elderly, who could be put in an alternative setting. We could certainly lose, even symbolically, a quarter of our prison budget without doing anybody any harm. But the slippery slope is what is beginning to intrigue me here.

I am not a leader; everybody knows that on this side, but I would propose that if the caucuses took some time, went to our rooms, decided which one of these many programs we would like to take a mere \$2 million or so out of the prison budget for, and promise to withdraw all of the other amendments, how about that? How about that? I mean, this is not a process over which we have no control, Mr. Speaker. If we all decide that for \$7 million we want to help volunteer fire people or students, we can do that; we can do that in a minute.

So I propose, without having any authority to do that, that we just adjourn for a while, figure out which \$2 million we would like to take out of the prison or \$7 million out of the prison budget, and do it. You know, are we a legislature or are we just some kind of mindless machine here, folks?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—162

Adolph	Dermody	Manderino	Schroder
Allen	DeWeese	Markosek	Scrimenti
Argall	DiGrolamo	Marsico	Semmel
Armstrong	Eachus	Mayernik	Serafini
Baker	Evans	McCall	Seyfert
Bard	Feese	McGill	Shaner
Barrar	Fichter	McNaughton	Smith, B.
Battisto	Flick	Melio	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Gannon	Michlovic	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	George	Micozzie	Staback
Benninghoff	Gigliotti	Miller	Stairs
Bishop	Gladeck	Mundy	Steelman
Blaum	Gordner	Myers	Steil
Boscola	Gruitza	Nailor	Stetler
Boyes	Gruppo	Nickol	Stevenson
Brown	Habay	O'Brien	Strittmatter
Bunt	Haluska	Olasz	Surra
Buxton	Hanna	Oliver	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Harhai	Orie	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappabianca	Harhart	Pesci	Thomas
Carone	Hasay	Petrarca	Tigue
Casorio	Hennessey	Petrone	Travaglio
Cawley	Herman	Pippy	Trello
Civera	Horsey	Pistella	Trich
	Jadlowiec	Preston	Tulli

Clark	James	Ramos	Van Home
Clymer	Jarolin	Raymond	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	Josephs	Readshaw	Vitali
Cohen, M.	Kaiser	Reinard	Walko
Colafrella	Kenney	Rieger	Washington
Colaizzo	Kirkland	Roberts	Waugh
Cornell	Krebs	Robinson	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Laughlin	Rohrer	Wilt
Cowell	Leh	Rooney	Wogan
Coy	Lescovitz	Ross	Wojnaroski
Curry	Levdansky	Rubley	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Lloyd	Sainato	Yewcic
DeLuca	Lucyk	Santoni	Youngblood
Dempsey	Lynch	Saylor	Zug
Dent	Maitland		

NAYS-34

Barley	Fairchild	Lawless	Schuler
Birmelin	Fargo	Lederer	Stern
Browne	Fleagle	Maher	Sturla
Butkovitz	Geist	Major	True
Chadwick	Godshall	McGeehan	Vance
Dally	Hershey	McIlhattan	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Hess	McIlhinney	
Druce	Hutchinson	Reber	Ryan,
Egolf	Keller	Sather	Speaker

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-7

Bebko-Jones	Masland	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin	Perzel	Platts	

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

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Steelman, who offers the following amendment, which the clerk will read. This is amendment 0935 in the name of Ms. Josephs.

On the question recurring,

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

Ms. STEELMAN offered the following amendment No. A0935:

Amend Sec. 212, page 55, by inserting between lines 12 and 13 For children's literacy programs.
State appropriation 250,000

Amend Sec. 220, page 114, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting
State appropriation 118,706,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Steelman. Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment—

The SPEAKER. The lady will yield.

On your desk, this amendment may show as the amendment of the lady, Ms. Bishop.

Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would appropriate \$250,000 for children's literacy programs, which have in the past been a part of the Department of Education's programs.

In the discussion that we have been having about corrections and about the ever-increasing number of prisoners in Pennsylvania's prisons, one of the issues that has not been raised but that perhaps we should consider is the extent to which illiteracy puts young people at risk for becoming involved in criminal behavior. Even more common than drug and alcohol problems among prisoners in Pennsylvania is illiteracy. So when we are talking about preventing crime, when we are talking about preparing young people to live and work in Pennsylvania as citizens, as the kind of people that we want to have in Pennsylvania, whether they go to the State System of Higher Education or not, literacy — basic literacy — is probably the single most important element in their growth and development that we can do much about.

In the past, the Department of Education has been able to use this relatively small appropriation — which, I want to point out, does not come from the Department of Corrections budget — to leverage contributions from publishers and printers and to enable millions of dollars' worth of books to be put into the hands of parents, of preschools, and of day-care centers in order to encourage young children to enjoy books and reading and to prepare them for the best possible kind of life, an examined life and a life which is understood and appreciated through the ability to read and process information.

I very much hope that everyone will support this small amendment which can have such great consequences for children.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Maher	Schuler
Argall	Eachus	Maitland	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Egolf	Major	Semmel
Baker	Evans	Manderino	Serafini
Bard	Fairchild	Markosek	Seyfert
Barley	Fargo	Marsico	Shaner
Barrar	Feese	Mayernik	Smith, B.
Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Smith, S. H.
Belardi	Fleagle	McGeehan	Snyder, D. W.
Belfanti	Flick	McGill	Staback
Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhattan	Stairs
Birmelin	Geist	McIlhinney	Steelman
Bishop	George	McNaughton	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stetler
Boyes	Godshall	Micozzie	Stevenson
Brown	Gordner	Miller	Strittmatter

Browne	Gruitza	Mundy	Sturla
Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhai	Olasz	Tigue
Carn	Harhart	Oliver	Travaglio
Carone	Hasay	Orie	Trello
Casorio	Hennessey	Pesci	Trich
Cawley	Herman	Petrarca	True
Chadwick	Hershey	Petrone	Tulli
Civera	Hess	Pippy	Vance
Clark	Horsey	Pistella	Van Horne
Clymer	Hutchinson	Preston	Veon
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Ramos	Vitali
Cohen, M.	James	Raymond	Walko
Colafilella	Jarolin	Readshaw	Washington
Colaizzo	Josephs	Reber	Waugh
Cornell	Kaiser	Reinard	Williams, A. H.
Corpora	Keller	Rieger	Williams, C.
Corrigan	Kenney	Roberts	Wilt
Cowell	Kirkland	Robinson	Wogan
Coy	Krebs	Roebuck	Wojnaroski
Curry	LaGrotta	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Daley	Laughlin	Rooney	Yewcic
Dally	Lawless	Ross	Youngblood
DeLuca	Lederer	Rubley	Zimmerman
Dempsey	Leh	Sainato	Zug
Dent	Lescovitz	Santoni	
Dermody	Levdansky	Sather	Ryan,
DeWeese	Lloyd	Saylor	Speaker
DiGirolamo	Lucyk		

Mr. KIRKLAND offered the following amendment No. A0937:

Amend Sec. 209, page 45, by inserting between lines 16 and 17
 For a library and community center in a
 city of the third class located in a county of
 the second class A.

State appropriation 3,500,000

Amend Sec. 211, page 48, line 24, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 24,076,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Kirkland.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment creates a new \$3.5-million appropriation under the Department of Community and Economic Development for a library and community center in the oldest city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that city being Chester.

Mr. Speaker, the new appropriation is offset by an equal decrease in the \$27,576,000 line item for the general government operations of the Department of Corrections.

The income gap between rich and poor is growing faster in Pennsylvania than in most other States. That fact is no more apparent than in our public school system. Wealthy school districts can use State subsidies on top of other income sources to upgrade textbooks or bring technological advances to the classroom. Poor districts, however, must rely on State assistance simply to cover operating costs, and sometimes that is not enough, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment would help students in severely challenged schools by giving them a community center where instructional materials are abundant and high-tech computers or Internet access is readily available. Mr. Speaker, it also would give community-based organizations and local residents a place to gather to discuss issues of local concern or take advantage of high-tech tools and resources they might otherwise not be able to afford.

Mr. Speaker, this is smart government, not big government, and I think we can all agree that the people who know what is best for their community are the people that live in that community.

Real briefly, Mr. Speaker, in my community, in the city of Chester, we have one library, one library for 40,000 persons. We also have one torn and tattered and battered and beat-down YWCA, zero movie theaters, zero skating rinks, and zero indoor recreational facilities. We do, however, Mr. Speaker, have a brand-spanking-new prison.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I imagine that the Appropriations chairperson on the other side may just rise and say that we are going after the Department of Corrections funding again, or he might even say that we are going to try to let the prisoners, 25,000 prisoners, out of prison. That is not what we are trying to do here, Mr. Speaker. I am not advocating letting 20,000, 25,000 prisoners out of prison — that is, unless they have served their time, and we do call them correctional facilities, so if the facility has done its job, then we are supposed to release those individuals. However, Mr. Speaker, I am saying, in order for us to get this type of money

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-7

Bebko-Jones	Masland	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin	Perzel	Platts	

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

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

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Gruitza.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gruitza, who withdraws his amendment and asks that it go over temporarily.

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

to my community, that we would eliminate the basketball league inside of the prison, Mr. Speaker; that we would eliminate the library cards that we provide for the prisoners and not for our young people on the outside. In other words, Mr. Speaker, I simply want to give to our children that are on the outside an opportunity to advance and excel, an opportunity to remain on the outside, by giving them some type of recreation and some type of educational facility that will allow them to better themselves and not allow them to turn to a life of crime.

So I ask that the House would support me, members on both sides of the aisle, in supporting this amendment with an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the gentleman for the clever way that this amendment was drafted. It is drafted for a library and a community center in a city of the third class located in a county of the second class A, and it appropriates \$3½ million for that purpose. Now, I was not familiar with third-class cities in second-class-A counties, and so I had the research analysts do a search of Pennsylvania. It was interesting that I found there is only one such city; it is the city of Chester, of all places, in Delaware County. And then as I looked at this amendment, I said, gee, this is a clever way of accomplishing a capital budget expenditure by not being specific in the general appropriation bill. So, you know, it was certainly a clever way of getting at a capital appropriation in a general appropriation bill, and I believe it does not make it illegal or improper or out of order, but I do believe it is inconsistent with the spirit of what we do when we pass the various types of budgets.

And beyond that, the gentleman has already indicated that, yes, it does continue to reduce the operating line, the general government operating line, for our State correctional institutions, and again, I believe it is just one more amendment that continues to put in jeopardy the safety of our law-abiding citizens in our communities throughout Pennsylvania. I do not believe that has a price tag, as I have said earlier, and certainly, in this situation, I do not think we should be for this amendment, and I recommend a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Kirkland.

Mr. KIRKLAND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the Appropriations chair for his kind words, but, Mr. Speaker, I want to correct the Appropriations chair. I said that he would say that it would reduce the General Fund. I do not believe it would do so, Mr. Speaker, because all we are doing is no longer providing prisoners, or no longer providing those persons who are incarcerated, with gym equipment, with state-of-the-art gymnasiums and with state-of-the-art libraries, but instead, we are being proactive instead of reactive, and we are providing those facilities for our young people on the outside.

So I just wanted to correct the Appropriations chair. What this does is it saves money, Mr. Speaker. It does not create an opportunity for us to lose money in the Department of Corrections, but it in fact saves. So we ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-78

Battisto	Eachus	McCall	Santoni
Belardi	Evans	Melio	Scrimenti
Belfanti	George	Michlovic	Shaner
Bishop	Gigliotti	Mundy	Staback
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Myers	Steelman
Buxton	Hanna	Olasz	Stetler
Caltagirone	Harhai	Oliver	Sturla
Cappabianca	Horse	Pesci	Surra
Carn	James	Petrarca	Thomas
Cohen, M.	Jarolin	Petrone	Travaglio
Colafella	Josephs	Pistella	Trello
Colaizzo	Keller	Preston	Trich
Corpora	Kirkland	Ramos	Veon
Cowell	LaGrotta	Rieger	Vitali
Coy	Laughlin	Roberts	Walko
Curry	Lederer	Robinson	Washington
Daley	Lescovitz	Roebuck	Williams, A. H.
Dermody	Levdansky	Rooney	Wojnaroski
DeWeese	Manderino	Sainato	Youngblood
Donatucci	Markosek		

NAYS-116

Adolph	Druce	Lynch	Semmel
Allen	Egolf	Maher	Serafini
Argall	Fairchild	Maitland	Seyfert
Armstrong	Fargo	Major	Smith, B.
Baker	Feese	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Bard	Fichter	Mayernik	Snyder, D. W.
Barley	Fleagle	McGeehan	Stairs
Barrar	Flick	McGill	Steil
Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhattan	Stern
Birmelin	Geist	McIlhinney	Stevenson
Blaum	Gladeck	McNaughton	Strittmatter
Boscola	Godshall	Micozzie	Tangretti
Boyes	Gordner	Miller	Taylor, E. Z.
Brown	Gruppo	Nailor	Tigue
Browne	Habay	Nickol	True
Bunt	Haluska	O'Brien	Tulli
Carone	Harhart	Orie	Vance
Casorio	Hasay	Pippy	Van Horne
Cawley	Hennessey	Raymond	Waugh
Chadwick	Herman	Readshaw	Williams, C.
Civera	Hershey	Reber	Wilt
Clark	Hess	Reinard	Wogan
Clymer	Hutchinson	Rohrer	Wright, M. N.
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Ross	Yewcic
Cornell	Kenney	Rubley	Zimmerman
Daly	Krebs	Sather	Zug
DeLuca	Lawless	Saylor	
Dempsey	Leh	Schroder	Ryan, Speaker
Dent	Lloyd	Schuler	
DiGirolamo	Lucyk		

NOT VOTING-2

Corrigan	Kaiser
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EXCUSED-7

Bebko-Jones	Masland	Phillips	Taylor, J.
Itkin	Perzel	Platts	

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 third consideration as amended?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Vitali. Mr. Vitali, do you have an amendment to offer at this time?

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, I would request that amendment 941 be passed over temporarily.

The SPEAKER. Very well.

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

Ms. BARD offered the following amendment No. A0958:

Amend Sec. 212, page 49, line 27, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 18,931,000

Amend Sec. 212, page 60, by inserting between lines 2 and 3 For Holocaust education.

State appropriation 60,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the amendment, the Chair recognizes the lady.

Ms. BARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would implement funding for human rights education in the amount of \$60,000, and the amendment would debit the Pennsylvania Department of Education general operating budget.

HR 297, which urged the Pennsylvania Department of Education to implement public, private, and parochial school education of human rights violations, including acts of genocide, the Holocaust, slavery, and the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845 to 1850, passed the House on April 29, 1996, by a vote of 196 to 0. Unfortunately, the approximately \$60,000 needed to implement the teacher training and curriculum development has not been earmarked to date by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This amendment rectifies that situation and implements the will of the House as contained in HR 297.

I ask for support for this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the members that may have a question, the fact that this does draw from the surplus, there was this amount. It did not come out, obviously, to the exact penny, and there is, I believe, something like \$74,000 left. So this does draw an additional \$60,000 of the surplus, and it does remain in balance.

The SPEAKER. Ms. Bard for the second time on the question.

Ms. BARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank Mr. Barley for counting.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Donatucci	Lynch	Schroder
Allen	Druce	Maher	Schuler
Argall	Eachus	Maitland	Scrimenti
Armstrong	Egolf	Major	Semmel
Baker	Evans	Manderino	Serafini
Bard	Fairchild	Markosek	Seyfert
Barley	Fargo	Marsico	Shaner
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Battisto	Fichter	McCall	Smith, S. H.
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Benninghoff	Gannon	McIlhattan	Stairs
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Bishop	George	McNaughton	Steil
Blaum	Gigliotti	Melio	Stern
Boscola	Gladeck	Michlovic	Stettler
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Bunt	Gruppo	Myers	Surra
Butkovitz	Habay	Nailor	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Nickol	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	O'Brien	Thomas
Cappabianca	Harhai	Olasz	Tigue
Cam	Harhart	Oliver	Travaglio
Carone	Hasay	Orie	Trello
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Cawley	Herman	Petrarca	True
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Clark	Horsey	Pistella	Van Home
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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Geist, who offers amendment 0967, which the clerk will read.

The Geist amendment is over.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Snyder, who offers amendment 0973, which the clerk will read.

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I introduce this amendment to bring attention to the fact that there is a need to provide additional funding for personal assistance to institutions that provide for individuals with severe handicaps.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The clerk will read the amendment.

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I plan to withdraw the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a result of the fact that the appropriations process has resulted in the surplus already being expended, I would like to submit for the record information on this subject and have the amendment be withdrawn.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Draft Proposal For Increased Commonwealth Funding
Of Personal Assistance In Institutions
For The Severely Handicapped

Proposal

The current level of nursing assistant staffing, reimbursed by the Department of Public Welfare under 55 PA. Code Chapter 1187, is inadequate to the highly specialized needs of the residents of Good Shepherd Home Raker Center and results in a reduced overall quality of life. It is proposed that the Commonwealth increase reimbursed nursing assistant personal care available to residents to a level of 5.7 hrs. per day per resident.

Justification

The current level of funding provides approximately 3.0 hrs. per day of nonmedical nursing care for physically handicapped residents who require assistance in every facet of their daily activities. Direct one-on-one attention is required for activities that include the most intimate aspects of personal hygiene, dressing, placement in wheelchairs, feeding, transportation from area to area, assistance in recreational and entertainment activities, preparation for bed, etc. Many residents are incapable of speech, taking 10 - 15 seconds to simply indicate yes or no to a simple question relating to a want or a need. Others require the use of mechanical or electronic communication devices that at best provide slow rates of communication.

The lack of adequate personal assistance at the current level of authorized funding leads to a decline in self-respect, dignity, mobility, physical appearance, and independence for the resident. There simply is not sufficient time for a nursing care professional to accomplish the

mandatory functions of feeding, clothing, hygienics, etc., and also meaningfully converse with those in their care or their families relative to client preferences, emotional needs, physical wants, etc.

If one optimistically assumes that it takes one-half hour to rise from bed, to address each meal, and to prepare for bed, there is at best only 30 minutes available in the day for personal contact relative to personal hygiene and other matters relating to the comfort, safety, and welfare of the resident!

Cost Implications

In the case of Good Shepherd, the desired level of personal assistance staffing can be attained by increasing the number of full-time employee equivalents from 77 to 144. The cost to achieve this added level of staffing is estimated to be \$1,467,000 in annual base salary plus an additional \$866,000 in benefits to those employees, for a total increase of \$2,333,000 per year. This equates to an increase of \$17,282 per year per resident, based on the current resident population of 135 persons at Good Shepherd.

There are only three facilities in the Commonwealth that provide service to this highly specialized client base: Inglis House in Philadelphia, the Margaret Moll facility in York, and Good Shepherd Home Raker Center in Allentown. The total population of these three facilities is approximately 485 residents. Therefore, the potential exposure to the Commonwealth to equitably address the need presented above is \$8.5 MM per annum.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the lady, Ms. Carone, who offers amendment 0976, which the clerk will read. The lady withdraws the amendment.

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. MILLER offered the following amendment No. A0980:

Amend Sec. 219, page 95, line 30, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation	578,259,000
Amend Sec. 219, page 96, by inserting between lines 27 and 28 For the expansion of the Community Hospital Integration Program through a reduction of 18 beds at Wernersville State Hospital.	
State appropriation	1,080,000

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the lady, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment 0980 decreases the mental health services State appropriation by \$1.08 million and creates a new State appropriation in that amount for the expansion of the

Community Hospital Integration Program, known as CHIP, at Wernersville State Hospital in Berks County by 18 slots. Wernersville State Hospital is participating in its first year in the CHIP program with 50 consumers. The Governor's budget proposal and allocation of the 150 mental health CHIP slots statewide will not adequately serve mental health consumers at Wernersville State Hospital in its desire to expand this community living program, so I would ask for the support of my colleagues in the House for this amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Adolph	DeWeese	Lucyk	Santoni
Allen	DiGirolamo	Lynch	Sather
Argall	Donatucci	Maher	Saylor
Armstrong	Druce	Maitland	Schroder
Baker	Eachus	Major	Schuler
Bard	Egolf	Manderino	Scrimenti
Barley	Evans	Markosek	Semmel
Barrar	Fairchild	Marsico	Serafini
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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 recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration as amended?

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman, Mr. Vitali, come to the desk.

Mr. DeWeese.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The SPEAKER. After a brief conference with the leaders, we will do six more amendments and then we will finish up for the night.

Packet No. 8 will be distributed at this time. Be sure you hold on to it for tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Hasay. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. HASAY. For a committee announcement, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. HASAY. Mr. Speaker, the House Commerce Committee will cancel its meeting for tomorrow morning at 10:30 and reschedule a meeting in the very near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Clymer, seeks recognition.

Mr. CLYMER. Yes.

The SPEAKER. For what purpose?

Mr. CLYMER. Mr. Speaker, for an announcement of a meeting.

Mr. Speaker, the State Government meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 10 o'clock is canceled, and as soon as we have another date, I will notify the members. Thank you.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2281 CONTINUED

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to packet No. 8, amendment 0993, which has Mr. Vitali's name on it.

The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, indicates to the Chair that that amendment is withdrawn. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Mr. SCRIMENTI offered the following amendment No. A0994:

Amend Sec. 202, page 20, line 25, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 5,903,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 38, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 12,058,000

Amend Sec. 292, page 168, by inserting between lines 29 and 30

For the development and implementation of innovative programs that produce speedier disposition of misdemeanor cases.

State appropriation 3,000,000

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

AMENDMENT PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. The Scrimenti amendment is over temporarily.

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

Mr. MICHLOVIC offered the following amendment No. A0997:

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, lines 10 and 11, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

international trade, including no less than \$300,000 for support of a world trade center in a city of the second class.

State appropriation 5,870,000

Amend Sec. 209, page 39, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting

State appropriation 4,200,000

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

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Michlovic.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, amendment 0997 takes \$300,000 from the appropriation from the Department of Community and Economic Development, from their line on marketing for attracting businesses, and it applies it to a specific program, which is the World Trade Center in Pittsburgh. That world trade center is Pennsylvania's only world trade center, and the world trade centers across the globe are limited, are restricted in number, and they provide access of businesses worldwide, and they promote international and global business development.

The World Trade Center in Pittsburgh has been responsible for sponsoring a number of missions to and from our city, business

trade missions. They have been very successful; for example, in Brazil, Mexico, China, just to name a few missions that have occurred in the last year or so. They have also done an outreach program to other cities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They have trained businesses, and they have done introductory sessions in Lancaster County, they have done some now in Philadelphia, with businesses going on trade missions from those cities, from those locations, to other parts of the world.

I think it is an important component of our international trade, and it is really a privilege and an honor and a competitive advantage to have a world trade center, and by this \$300,000 line item, I am trying to direct some money to that very purpose. We do not provide any other State moneys to this great organization. There are volunteers who sit on the board, very skilled and knowledgeable about international trade. They are guiding the development of this very valuable organization.

I ask for approval of amendment 997 for a \$300,000 appropriation to the World Trade Center in Pittsburgh. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Barley.

Mr. BARLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Once again we have an amendment that was crafted very well to help 1 specific county out of the 67. One county will benefit to the tune of \$300,000, while the remaining 66 counties will not be given that same advantage. The amendment is crafted very cleverly to indicate that the \$300,000 will support a world trade center in a city of the second class, so it is, again, crafted for that specific support. It takes the money from a program that is promoting export marketing; it is an international trade program that has benefited to attract new businesses and expand business programs in the 66 other counties.

So once again we see an amendment here that is crafted, as I have indicated, to help a very narrow cause at the expense of the rest of our counties, and I oppose the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cowell.

Mr. COWELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for the amendment.

The comments that the majority chair of the Appropriations Committee just made suggest an absolutely backwards view about economic development activities in this State. To suggest that this amendment would benefit only one county is absolute nonsense. It would be like coming on the floor of the House and suggesting that the support that members from across the State expressed for an investment in the shipyard in Philadelphia or for any number of other economic development activities that occur in perhaps one geographic region, to suggest that those kinds of activities benefit only the neighborhood where they are located is nonsense. We do not need that kind of attitude about economic development. It is the wrong kind of attitude.

The Michlovic amendment suggests an investment in an activity that happens to be located in one place — that is obvious — but will have repercussions and implications, positive implications, for economic development all over the State. I urge support for the Michlovic amendment.

The SPEAKER. Ms. Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Of course I agree entirely with the previous speaker, the gentleman from Allegheny. A job is a job wherever it is, and the activity in Pittsburgh is certainly going to help all of us. We are

here, Mr. Speaker, because we represent, in some sense, a whole State, not only our own small, parochial district.

But I want to put most of my remarks, direct them towards something — and I will submit this newspaper for the record — something in a local paper which pointed out a few facts about this government, the Governor's overseas trade mission and its budget, out of which the Representative seeks to take some money, money which absolutely should be taken out of that budget.

People who are executives of companies, one executive who got \$5,000 from the taxpayers of Pennsylvania in order to travel abroad, a trip which might have cost him \$8,000 he said, will get something like \$100,000 more profit for his company because of that trip. Now, I am happy this person is going to get \$100,000 profit for his company, and by the way, I do not care where his company is located. It could be any county. But I do not know why the taxpayers of this State have to help the CEO (chief executive officer) of that company with a scholarship to go abroad — a scholarship, by the way, which is not a grant, it is not going to be paid back, it is not a loan; it is just an outright appropriation to some businessperson who is looking to make a profit.

I think that is wrong. I think this program that gives money to CEOs so they can earn more money ought to be cut, and I think a world trade center in Pittsburgh would be a perfect thing for us to help. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Ms. JOSEPHS submitted a newspaper article for the Legislative Journal.

(For newspaper article, see Appendix.)

The SPEAKER. On the question, the gentleman, Mr. Godshall. Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to echo the words of the Appropriations chairman in that this is just plain not a good idea. We are taking \$300,000 — \$300,000 — about 8 percent of this line item out, which represents money that all of us could use. It could be used in the whole State to attract businesses into our areas. We are taking 8 percent off the top.

So I would ask for a “no” vote on this line item. It favors one region, or one area, specifically one county. I think this is a line item that is good for the State of Pennsylvania. It has helped a lot of us in a lot of our areas, from Huntingdon to Montgomery County to Bucks County, and we should not take this money out of this account and place it in one single municipality. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question, Ms. Steelman.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I understand the Appropriations chairman's objection to appropriations that seem to be dedicated to one particular community. What I do not understand is why the chairman of the Appropriations Committee only seems to object to such appropriations when they are introduced by members from the Democratic side of the aisle.

Not so very long ago, the Appropriations chairman himself voted for a \$100,000 appropriation—

The SPEAKER. Ms. Steelman, speak on the amendment. It is late. You know better.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The SPEAKER. Speaker.

Ms. STEELMAN. Then let me say that this amendment is part of the time-honored budget process by which members historically have made themselves champions of their districts, and we have noticed that our friends on the other side of the aisle have introduced a number of these amendments and that they have been supported, and we feel that in respect of the process, it is appropriate that members who have received support from Democratic members for their amendments should in turn receive support from Republican members for our amendments. We are all trying to do the best we can for our constituents. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, everything is located somewhere, but just because it is located in one place does not mean other places do not benefit from it. I remember a couple months ago we supported a couple hundred million dollars for a shipyard in Philadelphia, and the shipyard was located in Philadelphia but there was clearly a statewide benefit to supporting a shipyard in Philadelphia, and for \$200 million, you know, I appreciate the support of the legislature for that shipyard in Philadelphia. And now Mr. Michlovic comes up with a pledge for \$300,000 for an international trade center, and I kind of think we can recognize that international trade is attracted to the Allegheny County area. It affects a lot more than Allegheny County, it affects a lot more than the Allegheny County region, and I think we can assume that there will be spinoffs just like there were in Philadelphia.

This is a meritorious amendment. I would urge everybody's support.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Daley, on the amendment.

Mr. DALEY. Yes, Mr. Speaker, on the amendment.

I have to echo the sentiments of my colleagues, because quite honestly, I just heard some rhetoric from the other side of the aisle, and a few hours ago, the same individual was pontificating about the merits of a program in that side of the State, but all of a sudden now, we are talking about economic development and we are talking about an international trade center in Pittsburgh and it is not a good idea. What is fair for one is fair for the other.

Let us vote this amendment, and let us give it a positive vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Michlovic for the second time.

Mr. MICHLOVIC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I analyzed the remarks of the opponents of the amendment, they were in a couple categories. One, one of the gentlemen opposing remarked that we were taking 8 percent of this line item. I want to remind the members of this General Assembly that that line item is being increased by 50 percent, and the year before that, that line item was increased by 100 percent. So it is not as though that particular line item has no room for some reduction. There has been no justification for a 150-percent increase over the last several years. There has been no number of businesses that that line item drew here. So this line item, you know, there is money in this line item.

And as far as the gentleman who rose, I note that he is from Lancaster County. That is one of the counties I cited as receiving

benefits of the outreach program. We, the World Trade Center — and I say “we,” but it is really all of our World Trade Center, and there is only one in Pennsylvania, and it happens to be in Pittsburgh, a second-class city — that World Trade Center has done classes in Lancaster, and I will have the business people in Lancaster calling the gentleman to remind him that they received those benefits and to remind him of what that program is doing for them, and let me tell you about what that program does do.

There was a business in southwestern Pennsylvania, not in the city of Pittsburgh or Allegheny County but in southwestern Pennsylvania, that lost a shipment in Brazil, lost it in the post office there. They called the World Trade Center. How do I found out where— Who speaks Portuguese? The World Trade Center had that information, made the contact, contacted a professor at one of the universities, got in touch with the post office there, and by that afternoon had that problem resolved. That is real help for a businessman, and I would hope that the proponents of business on this floor would take those kinds of real situations into their understanding and into consideration on this amendment. This is a real working operation.

We only have one world trade center. Pennsylvania is not getting another one. We ought to support it, and we ought not just put money, dump money into, you know, a nebulous line item, call it “marketing to attract business,” and expect that to somehow work. We do not monitor that line item. But we do have real organizations, real volunteers working in these organizations, people volunteering their time. We ought to support them, support this organization, and in that sense, we are supporting our businesses and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

I ask a positive vote for a \$300,000 appropriation for the World Trade Center in the city of Pittsburgh. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Three weeks ago I attended a meeting in Pittsburgh of the World Trade Center, and I attended with a very able woman named Mariann Krusheski, who is Governor Ridge’s point person for many economic development efforts in southwestern Pennsylvania. We were, all of us, those from the academic and business community and those from the world of public affairs, intensely interested that this organization be given more focus. Now, obviously, it would be foolhardy, presumptuous, and, I daresay, wrong for me to speak on behalf of His Excellency, the Governor, but his articulate, able, well-spoken staff person, 3 weeks ago, Mariann Krusheski, participated with all of us in trying to make the World Trade Center’s mission more complete.

My argument in behalf of Mr. Michlovic’s amendment, to all of my Republican friends, gets back to local control. You are all, I believe, advocates of local control. I have heard you so many times talk about neighborhood schools and no State mandates and let us do it locally. The World Trade Center and the World Affairs Council and the groups that Tom Michlovic has been debating for tonight do not need my help as far as stating their mission.

The Governor— And I laud the Governor for his international proclivities. We, on the cusp of a new millennia, we are in desperate need of extending the long arm of Pennsylvania business around the planet. So when the Governor goes to Singapore or the Governor goes to Germany or Italy, even as a minority member of the Assembly, I think that is appropriate; I think that is proper.

But I also think it is proper for the Department of Commerce from time to time, notwithstanding the words of my worthy friend from Montgomery County, to share in the tactics, to share in the strategy, to share in the money. I think if I were a Republican member of the Assembly tonight, I would be in favor of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, western Pennsylvania, having some say. Eight percent of the department’s budget on international events, that is not all that much.

I think this amendment is appropriate. I think it allows us as an Assembly to get involved in this process. I think it would be appropriate for the Assembly to be more involved in this kind of process. This should not always— All of our outreach overseas should not be totally under the executive penumbra; it should not be totally an executive prerogative. We, we on this floor, should have something to say about it. The gentleman’s amendment addresses that point, and I heartily endorse the gentleman’s amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Cohen, M.	Josephs	Petrarca	Trich
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Coy	Lescovitz	Rieger	Wojnaroski
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Argall	Feese	Marsico	Smith, B.
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Now, I know you are going to be disappointed, but I am going to recommend that we stop at this time. I think a lot was done today. It was done with the cooperation of both sides, both leaderships, and I would hope that the same thing holds true tomorrow.

Now, hold on; members will please stay here for a moment. When the adjournment motion is made, it will be made for convening at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The caucus rooms, I am told, will have breakfast available at 9 a.m. in the two caucus rooms.

COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Judiciary meeting that was called for 10 o'clock tomorrow has been called off and will be rescheduled from the floor.

Are there any other announcements that should be made at this time?

For your information, we took 96 amendments today. We went through 96 amendments, which is a job well done.

Do the Republican leaders have anything further?

Do the Democratic leaders have anything further?

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Tigie.

Mr. TIGUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct a vote.

On amendment 0960 I should have been recorded in the negative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The remarks of the gentleman will be spread upon the record.

The gentleman, Mr. Benninghoff.

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. I also rise to correct the record on HB 2281.

I had a malfunction of the button on amendment 828. I should be recorded as a "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Gruppo.

Mr. GRUPPO. Mr. Speaker, I want to correct my vote on HB 2281 also.

On amendment A0864 I inadvertently voted "yes," and I wanted to be recorded as a "no." Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The remarks of both gentlemen will be spread upon the record.

Anyone further?

The gentleman, Mr. Kaiser.

Mr. KAISER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On amendment A0937 I was voted and recorded as voting "yes." I would like the record to show a "no" vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Anything further? Any announcements?

Mr. Gannon.

Mr. GANNON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on amendment No. A0912 to HB 2281, my switch did not operate. I would like to be recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER. The remarks of the gentleman will be spread upon the record.

Anything further?

BILLS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Maher.

Mr. MAHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at 10 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Chair.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 8:32 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.