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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

PRAYER

REV. LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP, member of the House of Representatives and guest Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O God, our Heavenly Father, our sovereign God, the ruler of the world, from the lowest valley to the highest mountain, from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

I thank You, God, for another opportunity to enter into Your presence and bring these, Thy people, before You, who are the sheep of Your pastures. Lead us today to where shady green pastures grow and where the cool waters flow.

I pray, O God, that as we come this morning, each and every member of this House, that You would flame and enlighten and ignite those flames of service that are within us. Ignite those flames until they burn like an eagle flying and soaring through the sky. Help us to do the people's business today with dignity, with justice. Keep us in all of our ways, strengthening us in our weakness and restoring us in our weariness. Be a guiding light in our darkness. Grant unto us wisdom and understanding that we may do that which is right and decent to do in the eyesight of You and Your people. Keep us in perfect peace.

We ask these and all blessings in Your name. 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, September 29, 1999, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills on the table bill calendar be removed from the table and placed on the active calendar:

HB 159;
HB 295;
HB 839; and
SB 602.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The following bill, having been called up, was considered for the second time and agreed to, and ordered transcribed for third consideration:

SB 602, PN 1191.

BILLS TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 159 and HB 839 be placed on the table.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 295 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

CALENDAR

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 931, PN 995**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for grants by the Office of Safe Schools.

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

BILL RECOMMENDED

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

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that SB 931 be recommitted to Appropriations.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 729, PN 776**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for juvenile crime programs.

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

BILL RECOMMENDED

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

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 729 be recommitted to Appropriations.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 236, PN 1750**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for certain liability limits; and providing for notice of arrest for school or child-care service employees.

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

BILL RECOMMENDED

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

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 236 be recommitted to Appropriations.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will take leaves of absence.

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who asks that the lady from Chester County, Mrs. TAYLOR, and the gentleman from Chester County, Mr. HENNESSEY, be placed on leave for the day. Without objection, leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

The Chair understands that the minority whip has no requests for Democratic leaves of absence.

LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Members will please report to the floor; members, please report to the floor. Is Ms. Williams on the floor of the House? Mrs. Cohen?

The Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery County, Ms. Williams. The lady will yield.

Members will please come to order. Take your seats, please. Ms. WILLIAMS. Good afternoon.

Representative Cohen and I are honored to present to you today the 1999 State lacrosse championship team from Lower Merion High School, and you better pay attention to us because we got a lot of big guys here, and if you do not, you may be in trouble.

We are very proud to honor this team today with their head coach, John Linehan; the assistant coaches, Richard Owens, Michael Mandarino, and Jason Christmas. These coaches and this team, of whom the captains are Luke Coyle, John Christmas, and Erik Blindenbacher, won the State lacrosse championship. Now, they were seeded 11th when it got time for the tournament. In the first round they beat La Salle, who was the sixth seed; in the second round they beat Radnor, which was the third seed; in the semifinals they beat Penncrest, which was the second seed. This is a very competitive conference, a very competitive group of young men, and we are very proud to honor them today. The determination, the grit, the willingness never to give up, to know that they could succeed, is a lesson that I know will carry them for the rest of their lives.

I would like to present to you the members of this team, and I hope that you will all stand up in the back and in the front. Behind Representative Cohen and me, as I said, are the captains, Luke, John, and Erik, and their head coach, John Linehan. I am going to take the opportunity to read the names of this sterling team to you: Torrey McGowan, Drew Montgomery, Michael Bickell, Clay Stabert, Brett Furber, Erik Blindenbacher, Dan Shank, Dave Mellet, Cam Johnson, Ben Singer-Scott, Bill Levien, Zach Carson, Joe Foote, Ethan Abramovitz, Davis Eckard, Aaron Jaffe, Fred Urbach, Chris Mandarino, Dan Montgomery, Scott Snyder, Ryan Courtney, Bo Barrickman, Brian Cleary, Greg Hein, Luke Coyle, Tim Lord, James Lentz, Andrew Brass, Jon Petropoulos, and John Christmas. I want to thank them all. These are wonderful representatives not only of our district but of the Commonwealth, and coming from such a stellar and strong program, they are going to represent Pennsylvania well in whichever lacrosse team or league they play on in the future.

So I want to present this citation to them in their honor that Representative Cohen and I have sponsored, and thank you again.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1899 By Representatives BISHOP, CARN, FRANKEL, JOSEPHS, MYERS, THOMAS, M. COHEN, WILLIAMS, WATERS, HORSEY, JAMES, ROONEY, WASHINGTON, ORIE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sale and transfer of firearms and for duties of the Pennsylvania State Police relating to guns.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 4, 1999.

No. 1900 By Representatives MARSICO, BARD, BUNT, CAWLEY, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, EGOLF, FICHTER, GEIST, GIGLIOTTI, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, MAITLAND, McNAUGHTON, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, NAILOR, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SERAFINI, SEYFERT, SOLOBAY, STEELMAN, STERN, STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, TULLI and WILT

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, providing for persons who may authorize voluntary examinations for minors.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 4, 1999.

No. 1901 By Representatives FREEMAN, SCHULER, COLAFELLA, S. MILLER, M. COHEN, GEIST, ROONEY, BELARDI, STEELMAN, JOSEPHS, WILLIAMS, TULLI, TRELLO, BELFANTI, BROWNE, DeLUCA, SHANER, GEORGE, HALUSKA, HARHAI, SANTONI, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, MARKOSEK, MELIO, PRESTON, SAINATO, SOLOBAY, SEYFERT, WALKO and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for a tutoring program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 4, 1999.

No. 1902 By Representatives STAIRS, SEMMEL, GEIST, BAKER, BARRAR, BELARDI, BENNINGHOFF, CALTAGIRONE, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, COY, DeLUCA, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERMAN, HESS, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McILHINNEY, MELIO, S. MILLER, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, RAMOS, SAYLOR, SERAFINI, SEYFERT, SHANER, SNYDER, SOLOBAY, STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for exemption of registration fees for certain vehicle registration by individuals awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 1999.

No. 1903 By Representatives L. I. COHEN, ARGALL, BEBKO-JONES, DALEY, GIGLIOTTI, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, MAITLAND, ORIE, SATHER, SEYFERT, STERN, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD, CURRY and BISHOP

An Act relating to the temporary extension of long-term medication prescriptions.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 4, 1999.

No. 1904 By Representatives MAITLAND, SNYDER, SCHULER, FARGO, ARGALL, BARD, BATTISTO, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, DALEY, DEMPSEY, FICHTER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, HESS, LaGROTTA, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LUCYK, MARSICO, NAILOR, PLATTS, ROBERTS, ROBINSON, ROSS, RUBLEY, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SCRIMENTI, SEMMEL, SEYFERT, SHANER, B. SMITH, S. H. SMITH, STABACK, STEELMAN, STERN, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, VAN HORNE, WALKO, WATERS, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK and NICKOL

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for visitation rights and partial custody.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 4, 1999.

No. 1905 By Representatives KIRKLAND, REINARD, PETRONE, ARGALL, BROWNE, CAPPABIANCA, CAWLEY, COY, DEMPSEY, FICHTER, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, LEH, MAHER, MARSICO, ORIE, RAMOS, READSHAW, ROBINSON, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKO, WOGAN and WOJNAROSKI

An Act requiring certain mortgage lenders to be responsible for meeting all municipal housing and building codes on mortgaged property.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, October 4, 1999.

No. 1906 By Representatives J. TAYLOR, REINARD, PETRONE, ARGALL, BROWNE, CAPPABIANCA, CAWLEY, COY, DEMPSEY, FICHTER, GODSHALL, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, LEH, MAJOR, MARSICO, ORIE, PIPPY, RAMOS, READSHAW, ROBINSON, STABACK, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, VAN HORNE, WALKO and WOJNAROSKI

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Mortgage Guaranty Corporation; providing for appointment of members and employees; establishing the Pennsylvania Commercial and Industrial Mortgage Guaranty Fund; providing for powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, October 4, 1999.

No. 1907 By Representatives LESCOVITZ, GEORGE, WOJNAROSKI, JOSEPHS, DALEY, SOLOBAY, LAUGHLIN, YUDICHAK, MELIO, PRESTON, RAMOS, TIGUE, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHAI and LEDERER

An Act creating the Keynet Public Information Access Act to ensure access to electronic public records; establishing the Keynet Board; and providing for its powers and duties.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 4, 1999.

No. 1908 By Representatives TANGRETTI, TIGUE, TRUE, MICOZZIE, MARKOSEK, BELFANTI, SCRIMENTI, WOJNAROSKI, HALUSKA, LAUGHLIN, CORRIGAN, FARGO, E. Z. TAYLOR, PESCI, SURRA, TRELLO, STABACK, GIGLIOTTI, KENNEY, STERN, MELIO, McCALL, GRUCELA, FORCIER, PETRARCA, HARHAI, CALTAGIRONE, GEORGE, BATTISTO, SHANER, ARMSTRONG, KAISER, CAPPABIANCA, CHADWICK, ARGALL, SANTONI, FAIRCHILD, BAKER, LaGROTTA, TRAVAGLIO, EGOLF, CLARK, BARRAR, GANNON, DeLUCA, LAWLESS, HUTCHINSON, FLEAGLE, HESS, CLYMER, LYNCH, MAITLAND, McILHATTAN, HERSHEY, BUNT, LEH, METCALFE, FEESE, MARSICO, MAHER, BENNINGHOFF, ORIE, McNAUGHTON, EACHUS, BROWNE, DALEY, PIPPY, SATHER, SERAFINI, TULLI, ZIMMERMAN, GORDNER, YEWIC, SOLOBAY, SAINATO, ZUG, SAYLOR, CAWLEY, PHILLIPS, DEMPSEY, S. MILLER, SCHRODER, BLAUM, KELLER, RAYMOND, COLAFELLA, RUFFING, ROHRER, STEVENSON, DONATUCCI, SCHULER and TRICH

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for exclusion of abortion coverage for health care and disability insurance.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, October 4, 1999.

No. 1909 By Representatives SCHRODER, BROWNE, CLARK, M. COHEN, DAILEY, FARGO, FICHTER, FLICK, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, KAISER, MCGILL, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, R. MILLER, ROHRER, ROSS, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRELLO, WALKO, WRIGHT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for drivers of emergency vehicles.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 1999.

No. 1910 By Representatives SCHRODER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BLAUM, BROWNE, CLARK, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, FRANKEL, HARHART, HORSEY, MCGILL, NAILOR, PETRARCA, RUBLEY, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRELLO, WALKO, WILLIAMS, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act prohibiting insurers from requiring use of nonoriginal equipment-manufacturer aftermarket parts for repairs during a vehicle's warranty period without consent of the insured.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, October 4, 1999.

No. 1911 By Representatives SAYLOR, CIVERA, GRUCELA, MASLAND, PLATTS, SEYFERT, TIGUE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of January 30, 1974 (P.L.13, No.6), referred to as the Loan Interest and Protection Law, further defining "residential mortgage."

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, October 4, 1999.

No. 1912 By Representatives B. SMITH, HERSHEY, M. COHEN, RUBLEY, MELIO, SCHULER, TRAVAGLIO, FRANKEL, BAKER, CORRIGAN, JOSEPHS, LYNCH, S. MILLER, SAYLOR, SOLOBAY, STERN, WATERS, WILLIAMS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, prohibiting smoking on certain buses; authorizing promulgation of regulations by the Department of Health; and imposing a penalty.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 4, 1999.

No. 1913 By Representative LYNCH

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, exempting rented or leased canoes from registration requirements.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, October 4, 1999.

No. 1914 By Representatives LYNCH, BARRAR, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CORRIGAN, DeLUCA, GEORGE, HARHAI, JOSEPHS, MELIO, ROEBUCK, SHANER, STEELMAN, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for certain health insurance policies to cover the cost of prescription drugs following major surgery.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, October 4, 1999.

No. 1915 By Representatives LYNCH, BAKER, GODSHALL, SEYFERT, WILT, ZIMMERMAN, ARGALL, BARD, BARRAR, BELFANTI, COLAFELLA, COSTA, CURRY, DALEY, DERMODY, DeWEESE, FEESE, FICHTER, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIGLIOTTI, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, LAUGHLIN, MANDERINO, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McILHINNEY, MELIO, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROEBUCK, ROHRER, RUBLEY, RUFFING, SHANER, STABACK, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WILLIAMS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for tourist licenses and for license and issuing fees.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, October 4, 1999.

No. 1916 By Representatives McCALL, GORDNER, DALEY, STERN, LYNCH, WOJNAROSKI, VAN HORNE, FICHTER, BENNINGHOFF, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHAI, BUNT and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, further providing for local registrars' compensation.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 4, 1999.

No. 1917 By Representatives McCALL, FLICK, FRANKEL, STABACK, WILT, DeLUCA, GODSHALL, WOJNAROSKI, TRELLO, COSTA, STERN, WOGAN, LEH, GEIST, ROHRER, PETRARCA, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHAI, TRAVAGLIO, MELIO, DeWEESE, M. COHEN and ROONEY

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for maximum speed limits and for regulation of traffic on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 1999.

No. 1918 By Representatives ROBERTS, BROWNE, CAPPABIANCA, CIVERA, M. COHEN, DeLUCA, DRUCE, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GODSHALL, HARHAI, HERSHEY, McCALL, MICHLOVIC, PESCI, PHILLIPS, RAMOS, SEYFERT, SOLOBAY, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO, TRICH, WALKO, WILLIAMS, YEWIC, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act establishing a property taxpayers' bill of rights; and providing for further duties of taxing authorities.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 4, 1999.

No. 1919 By Representatives ZUG, SEMMEL, MICHLOVIC, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BROWNE, CAPPABIANCA, CHADWICK, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, GEIST, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HASAY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JOSEPHS, KENNEY, KIRKLAND, LUCYK, MELIO, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, PETRARCA, PISTELLA, PLATTS, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHULER, SEYFERT, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRELLO, WALKO, WILLIAMS, WILT and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1998 (P.L.980, No.129), known as the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act, further providing for program eligibility.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 4, 1999.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 251 By Representatives MARSICO, BAKER, BARD, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BROWNE, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CLARK, L. I. COHEN, CORNELL, CURRY, DEMPSEY, DeWEESE, EGOLF, FICHTER, FLICK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GIGLIOTTI, GODSHALL, HALUSKA, HANNA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, LYNCH, MAITLAND, MASLAND, McCALL, McILHINNEY, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, R. MILLER, NAILOR, ORIE, PESCI, PHILLIPS, RAMOS, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, SHANER, S. H. SMITH, STEELMAN, STERN, STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, VAN HORNE, WILLIAMS, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

A Resolution calling for a cost and services study of the county adult probation system by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Referred to Committee on RULES, October 4, 1999.

No. 261 By Representatives McCALL, STABACK, WALKO, SURRA, YUDICHAK, VEON, MANN, CALTAGIRONE, SOLOBAY, MANDERINO, CAPPABIANCA, LaGROTTA, GEORGE, PESCI, EVANS, LAUGHLIN, LESCOVITZ, BELARDI, HANNA, COY, READSHAW, TIGUE, WRIGHT, DALEY, GORDNER, BEBKO-JONES, RUBLEY, DeWEESE, DeLUCA, WOJNAROSKI, HERSHEY, MELIO, GRUCELA, LUCYK, CORRIGAN, BELFANTI, FRANKEL, SHANER, CAWLEY, DALLY, ROBERTS, FEESE, ADOLPH, BROWNE, VAN HORNE, TANGRETTI, EACHUS, M. COHEN, PETRARCA, MUNDY, SANTONI, TRAVAGLIO, HESS, DAILEY, STEELMAN, McILHINNEY, JAMES, RAMOS, FREEMAN, CURRY, JOSEPHS and YOUNGBLOOD

A Resolution urging the Governor to request to the President of the United States that Pennsylvania be placed under a Federal disaster declaration in securing drought grant assistance for Pennsylvania farmers.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, October 4, 1999.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1100, PN 1345

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 4, 1999.

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.)

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take today's master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—201

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| Adolph | Evans | Mann | Schroder |
| Allen | Fairchild | Markosek | Schuler |
| Argall | Fargo | Marsico | Scrimenti |
| Armstrong | Feese | Masland | Semmel |
| Baker | Fichter | Mayernik | Serafini |
| Bard | Fleagle | McCall | Seyfert |
| Barley | Flick | McGeehan | Shaner |
| Barrar | Forcier | McGill | Smith, B. |
| Bastian | Frankel | McIlhattan | Smith, S. H. |
| Battisto | Freeman | McIlhinney | Snyder |
| Bebko-Jones | Gannon | McNaughton | Solobay |
| Belardi | Geist | Melio | Staback |
| Belfanti | George | Metcalfe | Stairs |
| Benninghoff | Gighotti | Michlovic | Steelman |
| Birmelin | Gladeck | Micozzie | Steil |
| Bishop | Godshall | Miller, R. | Stern |
| Blaum | Gordner | Miller, S. | Stetler |
| Boyes | Grucela | Mundy | Stevenson |
| Browne | Gruitza | Myers | Strittmatter |
| Bunt | Habay | Nailor | Sturla |
| Butkovitz | Haluska | Nickol | Surra |
| Buxton | Hanna | O'Brien | Tangretti |
| Caltagirone | Harhai | Oliver | Taylor, J. |
| Cappabianca | Harhart | Orie | Thomas |
| Carn | Hasay | Perzel | Tigue |
| Casorio | Herman | Pesci | Travaglio |
| Cawley | Hershey | Petrarca | Trelto |
| Chadwick | Hess | Petrone | Trich |
| Civera | Horsey | Phillips | True |
| Clark | Hutchinson | Pippy | Tulli |
| Clymer | Jadlowiec | Pistella | Vance |
| Cohen, L. I. | James | Platts | Van Home |
| Cohen, M. | Josephs | Preston | Veon |
| Colafella | Kaiser | Ramos | Vitali |
| Cornell | Keller | Raymond | Walko |
| Corrigan | Kenney | Readshaw | Washington |
| Costa | Kirkland | Reinard | Waters |
| Coy | Krebs | Rieger | Williams |
| Curry | LaGrotta | Roberts | Wilt |
| Dailey | Laughlin | Robinson | Wogan |
| Daley | Lawless | Roebuck | Wojnaroski |
| Dally | Lederer | Rohrer | Wright |
| DeLuca | Leh | Rooney | Yewcic |
| Dempsey | Lescovitz | Ross | Youngblood |
| Dermody | Levdansky | Rublely | Yudichak |
| DeWeese | Lucyk | Ruffing | Zimmerman |
| DiGirolamo | Lynch | Sainato | Zug |
| Donatucci | Maher | Samuelson | |
| Druce | Maitland | Santoni | Ryan, |
| Eachus | Major | Sather | Speaker |
| Egolf | Manderino | Saylor | |

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. The Chair at this time recognizes the lady from Lancaster County, Mrs. True.

Mrs. TRUE. Mr. Speaker, may I be recognized in order to correct the record?

The SPEAKER. You may.

Mrs. TRUE. On amendment 3259 to HR 228, I voted "yes." I would like to be recorded "no."

The SPEAKER. The remarks of the lady will be spread upon the record.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1088, PN 1901**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1947 (P.L.1110, No.476), known as the Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act, providing for a credit processing fee.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Mrs. MILLER offered the following amendment No. **A3308**:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 18.1), page 2, line 16, by striking out "AN" and inserting

A. Except as provided in subsection B, an

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 18.1), page 2, by inserting after line 30

B. No installment sale contract may require a credit processing fee on any vehicle in which the retail buyer obtains a farm vehicle registration or farm vehicle biennial certificate of exemption pursuant to Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to vehicles).

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

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

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am offering amendment A3308 to HB 1088 in order to ensure this new financing-fee bill will not apply to farm vehicles that meet the definition of "heavy commercial motor vehicle" in the bill, which starts at 15,000 pounds gross vehicular weight. This exemption only applies to vehicles on which the retail buyer obtains a farm vehicle registration or farm vehicle biennial certificate of exemption pursuant to Title 75, the Vehicle Code.

As was mentioned on the floor last week, the farm community of Pennsylvania has suffered severe economic hardships during the past year with low commodity prices and this summer's drought. Adding to this financial burden by allowing fees to be assessed when farmers must replace farm vehicles in order to get their product to market is not acceptable. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment, which has the support of the prime sponsor of this legislation and the various interest groups that are requesting this change in law.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The gentleman, Mr. Tulli.

Mr. TULLI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I support the amendment given by the lady from Berks County. Her amendment makes the bill a better bill, and I urge its adoption. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

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| Corrigan | Kirkland | Reinard | Washington |
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| Coy | LaGrotta | Roberts | Williams |
| Curry | Laughlin | Robinson | Wilt |
| Dailey | Lawless | Roebuck | Wogan |
| Daley | Lederer | Rohrer | Wojnaroski |
| Dally | Leh | Rooney | Wright |
| DeLuca | Lescovitz | Ross | Yewcic |
| Dempsey | Levdansky | Rubley | Youngblood |
| Dermody | Lucyk | Ruffing | Yudichak |
| DeWeese | Lynch | Sainato | Zimmerman |
| DiGiroIamo | Maher | Samuelson | Zug |
| Donatucci | Maitland | Santoni | |
| Druce | Major | Sather | Ryan, |
| Eachus | Manderino | Saylor | Speaker |
| Egolf | | | |

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—2

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EXCUSED—2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

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?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Does the gentleman, Mr. Trello, desire recognition on this? The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to interrogate the prime sponsor of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Tulli, indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may begin.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, when you say a heavy commercial vehicle, what size vehicle are you talking about?

Mr. TULLI. Mr. Speaker, it would be for a vehicle of 15,000 pounds or over or a semitrailer with a trailer.

Mr. TRELLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, a number of— Could I have some order, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. Conversations in the side aisles, please break up.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, the—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. TRELLO. Mr. Speaker, an amendment was just offered exempting farm equipment, and I can appreciate that and I supported that amendment, because I realize that a number of our farmers throughout the Commonwealth have experienced some difficulty because of the drought. But a number of my communities in my legislative district, which are distressed communities, also have suffered, and they buy vehicles for snow removal, for rubbish hauling, and so forth, and they will be charged with that 1-percent tax. Now, they are no different from the farmers or anybody else that has been hit hard, and I do not accept the fact that we are going to charge this 1 percent, because for many, many years I was in the automobile business, too. It does not take me any longer to fill out a contract lease for a truck, a heavy truck, or a little car; it does not make any difference, and this 1-percent processing fee is another gimmick for our financial institutions to get more money from our constituents. But I am especially concerned about my local municipalities paying this 1-percent additional tax when they are distressed communities, too, and I am sure that many of you have communities that it is going to be a hardship to pay this additional 1 percent on vehicles that they buy.

I am asking for a negative vote on the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would like to ask your indulgence in a matter of a personal inquiry to start with.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, if I talk about this bill being involved to a degree with an automobile dealership, would that be allowed by the rules of the House, or should I remove myself from any discussion?

The SPEAKER. You mean because you have an interest in an automobile—

Mr. GEORGE. Yes.

The SPEAKER. No, you need not remove yourself from the discussion, nor is it necessary for you to abstain from any vote.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. This is a generic bill; it does not affect your agency.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it may be a generic bill, but I would like to remind everyone who will give me a moment to listen that all of those who have so much training and so much education, they can allude or point to certain facts of what is number one in priority or what is our most influential business in this State or any other State, and I say to you unequivocally and unabashedly it is your automobile business.

Now, for those that would like to say something, you know, contrary to that, I want to remind you that in Dearborn or in Kentucky or wherever they make these automobiles, one of the most important influxes in economics is the building of that vehicle. Number two, Mr. Speaker, that rates as highly in regard to money into the economy of any community is the fact that we sell these automobiles, and that in itself employs people, makes livings for those that are in the employment of that situation. But number three, Mr. Speaker, equally as prosperous are communities in fact that allow, and when we operate these automobiles, repairs, gas, maintenance, whatever.

But I noticed that a few years ago, and for those of you that know very little about the automobile business except that you can pay for one and you know how to open the gas tank when you run one and somebody taught us to put it in "Drive" or "R" or whatever the case may be, I want to remind you of this important fact, that about 8 years ago when this country was losing out fastly to those foreign industrial entities that make foreign automobiles, we as hopefully responsible citizens and responsible legislators would pass legislation and say, hey, you cannot buy an automobile that is not manufactured in this country and use taxpayers' dollars. And then those people got smart and they came into our country, and they established points and locations and, to an extent, even manufacturing sites so that what we did to protect the economy and what we did to protect our people and what we did to help everyone that we wanted to help, we soon found that there was not anything we could do. But what happened was — and you should listen to this very carefully — what happened was that it was the automobile manufacturers themselves that brought the automobiles manufactured in Pennsylvania up to number one again regardless of what you care about quality or what you think about quality, what you think about the manufacturer's warranty, what you think about anything. But what they did to bring us back up is they introduced these little cute gimmicks like 0.9 financing and the extra 12 months and little fringe benefits where they absolutely give you \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000 of kickbacks in order to make the automobile manufactured in this country of ours again the number one automobile in the world.

And now what are we doing? The manufacturer knocks down the interest to 0.9, we turn around and we give them thousands of dollars in rebates, and now somebody who understands that the most important invention that was ever invented was not the telephone, not the telegraph, but interest, that is the baby above all that ranks number one. So now we are going to take some guy and we are going to let him put his home up against a big truck, and he is going out, and that is what some of these do, they buy a job when they go into the \$70,000 and \$80,000, \$90,000 and \$100,000 vehicles. And now all at once somebody gets a brainy idea, they want the truck bad enough, and they are going to make a \$700-a-month payment. Well, we will just charge them an extra percent to check out their record. Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, if you and I were going to lend money to someone, we would check their record out on our own. Now, to pad another \$700 or \$800 or \$900 onto that installment lease, onto that channel mortgage, under that bailment certificate, we are doing our customers and our consumers a great injustice. If these banks and these finance companies want to gouge, let them gouge in a manner in which the banking laws insist. Let us not let them play games, because you will rue the day, because the truth of the matter is, it will cost us sales; it will bring about a great amount above and beyond of returned vehicles and lost — lost — finance papers. It will absolutely hurt the automobile business, it will hurt your consumers, and more than that, it will hurt the whole community.

I think it is a bad bill. I think it is only good for those that are money people. I think it is only good for those that think that we are stupid enough to stand here and give them another couple hundred million dollars a year by financing a truck that they ought to be willing to finance. It is like that old story, Mr. Speaker. You go to finance a home and they charge you a certain percentage, and you go into the bank and they charge you points, and you say, well, what are the points for? They say, the points are for the fact that we want to lend you the money. Well, what about the interest? So they charge you points just for the opportunity to be able to give you interest.

Mr. Speaker, we can talk all day, but it only takes 2 seconds to tell everybody who wants to listen, it is a bad bill, it is a bad thing, and it is not in the interests of Republican or Democratic constituencies. I ask that we turn this down.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen. Is Mr. Cohen on the floor? The gentleman is recognized on final passage.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with Mr. George and Mr. Trello. This bill adds local costs to local governments; it adds local costs to the business community; it adds costs to anybody who has any use for buying a commercial vehicle, and these costs are ultimately going to be passed on to the consumer.

This is a form of tax that we are putting on the consumer. I would urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The lady, Ms. Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I question Mr. Tulli, please?

The SPEAKER. I am sorry; Mr. Tulli you wish to interrogate?

Mr. TULLI. Yes.

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

Ms. MUNDY. Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure I understand what we are doing here, and so I would like to ask you two things.

First, am I correct in my assumption that we are talking about, when we talk about a heavy vehicle, any vehicle over 15,000 pounds?

Mr. TULLI. The answer would be a truck or truck tractor.

Ms. MUNDY. Over 15,000—

Mr. TULLI. Over 15,000 pounds, yes.

Ms. MUNDY. Because I am looking in— Would that include a firetruck?

Mr. TULLI. In the case that a firetruck were over 15,000 pounds and being financed, they could negotiate the fee in it or it could not be in it. This is a “may” provision. We are not imposing this fee on any purchaser.

Ms. MUNDY. No, I understand that. And then I have another question: *If I am buying a vehicle that costs me \$70,000, I am now allowing the finance company to charge me \$700 for a processing fee. If I buy a vehicle that costs \$100,000, the charge for processing would now be \$1,000. Why base a fee for processing an application for credit on the principal amount of the loan? What is it that makes filling out that application for a \$100,000 vehicle \$300 more expensive than filling out the same application for a vehicle that costs less?*

Mr. TULLI. Mr. Speaker, this was the agreement we had worked out in our committee. The committee members worked on it—both the minority and majority members of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee worked on this—as the fairest way to approach this and to encourage loans to be made in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so that where there are situations where a loan is borderline, it can be done here in Pennsylvania by negotiating this fee. This fee by our vote is not going to be imposed upon purchasers; this is an allowable fee that would be under the negotiations that would take place at that time.

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I comment on the bill, please?

The SPEAKER. Ms. Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Mr. Speaker, I fully understand that this was worked out with the institutions who loan this money to truckers and others who buy vehicles over 15,000 pounds, but to me, I like to see truth in advertising. It seems to me that perhaps you would want to charge a higher interest rate if it is a high-risk loan, but why allow a finance company to charge an additional amount of money based on the amount of the loan for any loan that is being given? It just frankly does not make a whole lot of sense to me, and I, with all due respect, I do not think the answer was very convincing.

I think that once we institute this 1-percent fee, everyone will charge it; it will become a standard in the industry, and frankly, I do not think it is fair. I have a lot of owner-operators in my district who purchase vehicles like this and then lease them to a company and drive the vehicle. This is going to hurt them a lot. A thousand dollars on a \$100,000 truck; that is a lot of money for a processing fee.

I am opposed to this, Mr. Speaker. I do not think this is good for consumers. I think it will add to the cost of goods and services that are transported from one place to another. I just do not think we should be doing this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

There are too many conferences going on on the floor.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—21

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| Battisto | DeWeese | Markosek | Tulli |
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| Cam | Harhart | Perzel | Tangretti |
| Casorio | Herman | Pesci | Taylor, J. |
| Cawley | Hess | Petrarca | Thomas |
| Chadwick | Horsey | Petrone | Tigue |
| Civera | Hutchinson | Phillips | Travaglio |
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| Clymer | James | Pistella | Trich |
| Cohen, L. I. | Josephs | Platts | True |
| Cohen, M. | Kaiser | Preston | Vance |
| Colafella | Keller | Ramos | Van Horne |
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| DeLuca | Lederer | Robinson | Williams |
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| Dermody | Levdansky | Rohrer | Wogan |
| DiGirolamo | Lucyk | Rooney | Wojnaroski |
| Donatucci | Lynch | Ross | Yewcic |
| Druce | Maher | Rublely | Youngblood |
| Eachus | Maitland | Ruffing | Yudichak |
| Egolf | Major | Samuelson | Zimmerman |
| Evans | Manderino | Santoni | |
| Fairchild | Mann | Sather | Ryan, |
| Fargo | Marsico | Saylor | Speaker |

NOT VOTING—2

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Less than the majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the bill fell.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased— Can I have your attention, please? The Chair is pleased to welcome to the chambers of the House members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. They are the guests of Representative Roebuck. This sorority is the oldest African-American sorority for women. Today is their "Meet Your Legislator" day in Harrisburg. Please join me in welcoming the members of the sorority. They are seated in the balcony.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

BILLS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to page 2 of today's calendar. The bills on page 2 are over.

Page 3 of today's calendar. HB 672 is over.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. HR 223 and HR 219 are over.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. HR 239 and HR 245 are over.

Ms. WILLIAMS called up HR 246, PN 2297, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 17 through 23, 1999, as "Pennsylvania Safe Schools Week."

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

- Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Evans, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Freeman, Gannon, Geist, George, Gigliotti, Gladeck, Mann, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Metcalfe, Michlovic, Micozzie, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Serafini, Seyfert, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil

- Bishop, Blaum, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Buxton, Caltagirone, Cappabianca, Carn, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Cornell, Corrigan, Costa, Coy, Curry, Dailey, Daley, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGiroiomo, Donatucci, Druce, Eachus, Egolf, Godshall, Gordner, Grucela, Gruitza, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Jadlowiec, James, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Lederer, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lucyk, Lynch, Maher, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Miller, R., Miller, S., Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Oliver, Orie, Perzel, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Phillips, Pippy, Pistella, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Readshaw, Reinard, Rieger, Roberts, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Ruffing, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, J., Thomas, Tigue, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Washington, Waters, Williams, Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

- Hennessey, Taylor, E. Z.

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

STATEMENT BY MS. WILLIAMS

The SPEAKER. Ms. Williams, for what purpose do you rise? Ms. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the resolution that was just passed, if I might. I just want to say that—

The SPEAKER. The lady requests unanimous consent to make a short speech. You may go.

Ms. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This resolution which I sponsored designates October 17 to 23 as "Pennsylvania Safe Schools Week." I think that it is ironic, immoral, disgraceful, and disgusting that just this morning in Philadelphia a vice principal was shot by a student in his school.

I urge this body to do something more to make sure that guns do not get into the hands of children and that guns do not get into our schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and apologizes to the lady for not noticing her prior to running the resolution.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. STETLER called up **HR 247, PN 2315**, entitled:

A Resolution proclaiming October 4 through 10, 1999, as "School Crossing Guard Week" in Pennsylvania and extending deep sympathy to the family of David J. Boyer, who died from injuries sustained while serving as a school crossing guard.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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| Baker | Fichter | Mayernik | Serafini |
| Bard | Fleagle | McCall | Seyfert |
| Barley | Flick | McGeehan | Shaner |
| Barrar | Forcier | McGill | Smith, B. |
| Bastian | Frankel | McIlhattan | Smith, S. H. |
| Battisto | Freeman | McIlhinney | Snyder |
| Bebko-Jones | Gannon | McNaughton | Solobay |
| Belardi | Geist | Melio | Staback |
| Belfanti | George | Metcalfe | Stairs |
| Benninghoff | Gigliotti | Michlovic | Steelman |
| Birmelin | Gladeck | Micozzie | Steil |
| Bishop | Godshall | Miller, R. | Stern |
| Blaum | Gordner | Miller, S. | Stetler |
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| Bunt | Habay | Nailor | Sturla |
| Butkovitz | Haluska | Nickol | Surra |
| Buxton | Hanna | O'Brien | Tangretti |
| Caltagirone | Harhai | Oliver | Taylor, J. |
| Cappabianca | Harhart | Orie | Thomas |
| Carn | Hasay | Perzel | Tigue |
| Casorio | Herman | Pesci | Travaglio |
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| Chadwick | Hess | Petrone | Trich |
| Civera | Horse | Phillips | True |
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| Cohen, L. I. | James | Platts | Van Home |
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| Cornell | Keller | Raymond | Walko |
| Corrigan | Kenney | Readshaw | Washington |
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| Coy | Krebs | Rieger | Williams |
| Curry | LaGrotta | Roberts | Wilt |
| Dailey | Laughlin | Robinson | Wogan |
| Daley | Lawless | Roebuck | Wojnaroski |
| Dally | Lederer | Rohrer | Wright |
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| DeWeese | Lucyk | Ruffing | Zimmerman |
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

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

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Mr. GRUCELA called up **HR 248, PN 2316**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing Pennsylvania credit unions during "International Credit Union Week," October 17 through 23, 1999.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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| Eachus | Major | Sather | Speaker |
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

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

Mr. DeLUCA called up HR 249, PN 2317, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 7, 1999, as National Depression Screening Day in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

- Adolph Allen Argall Armstrong Baker Bard Barley Barrar Bastian Battisto Bebk-Jones Belardi Belfanti Benninghoff Birmelin Bishop Blaum Boyes Browne Bunt Butkovitz Buxton Caltagirone Cappabianca Carn Casorio Cawley Chadwick Civera Clark Clymer Cohen, L. I. Cohen, M. Colafella Cornell Corrigan Costa Coy Curry Dailey Daley Dally DeLuca Dempsey Dermody DeWeese DiGirolamo Evans Fairchild Fargo Feese Fichter Fleagle Flick Forcier Frankel Freeman Gannon Geist George Gigliotti Gladeck Godshall Gordner Grucela Gruitza Habay Haluska Hanna Harhai Harhart Hasay Herman Hershey Hess Horsey Hutchinson Jadlowiec James Josephs Kaiser Keller Kenney Kirkland Krebs LaGrotta Laughlin Lawless Lederer Leh Lescovitz Levdansky Lucyk Lynch Mann Markosek Marsico Masland Mayernik McCall McGeehan McGill McIlhann McIlhinney McNaughton Melio Metcalfe Michlovic Micozzie Miller, R. Miller, S. Mundy Myers Nailor Nickol O'Brien Oliver Ori Perzel Pesci Petrarca Petrone Phillips Pippy Pistella Platts Preston Ramos Raymond Readshaw Reinard Rieger Roberts Robinson Roebuck Rohrer Rooney Ross Rubley Ruffing Sainato Schroder Schuler Scrimenti Semmel Serafini Seyfert Shaner Smith, S. H. Snyder Solobay Staback Stairs Steelman Steil Stern Stetler Stevenson Strittmatter Sturla Surra Tangretti Taylor, J. Thomas Trello Trich True Tulli Vance Van Horne Veon Vitali Walko Washington Waters Williams Wilt Wogan Wojnaroski Wright Yewcic Youngblood Yudichak Zimmerman Zug

- Donatucci Druce Eachus Egolf Maher Maitland Major Manderino Samuelson Santoni Sather Saylor Ryan, Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

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

Mr. DALLY called up HR 250, PN 2318, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 1999 as "Random Acts of Kindness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

- Adolph Allen Argall Armstrong Baker Bard Barley Barrar Bastian Battisto Bebk-Jones Belardi Belfanti Benninghoff Birmelin Bishop Blaum Boyes Browne Bunt Butkovitz Buxton Caltagirone Cappabianca Carn Casorio Cawley Chadwick Civera Clark Clymer Cohen, L. I. Cohen, M. Colafella Cornell Corrigan Costa Coy Curry Dailey Daley Dally Evans Fairchild Fargo Feese Fichter Fleagle Flick Forcier Frankel Freeman Gannon Geist George Gigliotti Gladeck Godshall Gordner Grucela Gruitza Habay Haluska Hanna Harhai Harhart Hasay Herman Hershey Hess Horsey Hutchinson Jadlowiec James Josephs Kaiser Keller Kenney Kirkland Krebs LaGrotta Laughlin Lawless Lederer Leh Lescovitz Levdansky Lucyk Lynch Mann Markosek Marsico Masland Mayernik McCall McGeehan McGill McIlhann McIlhinney McNaughton Melio Metcalfe Michlovic Micozzie Miller, R. Miller, S. Mundy Myers Nailor Nickol O'Brien Oliver Ori Perzel Pesci Petrarca Petrone Phillips Pippy Pistella Platts Preston Ramos Raymond Readshaw Reinard Rieger Roberts Robinson Roebuck Rohrer Rooney Ross Rubley Ruffing Sainato Schroder Schuler Scrimenti Semmel Serafini Seyfert Shaner Smith, S. H. Snyder Solobay Staback Stairs Steelman Steil Stern Stetler Stevenson Strittmatter Sturla Surra Tangretti Taylor, J. Thomas Trello Trich True Tulli Vance Van Horne Veon Vitali Walko Washington Waters Williams Wilt Wogan Wojnaroski Wright

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. BEBKO-JONES called up **HR 253, PN 2349**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring the week of October 3 through 9, 1999, as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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| Adolph | Evans | Mann | Schroder |
| Allen | Fairchild | Markosek | Schuler |
| Argall | Fargo | Marsico | Scrimenti |
| Armstrong | Feese | Masland | Semmel |
| Baker | Fichter | Mayernik | Serafini |
| Bard | Fleagle | McCall | Seyfert |
| Barley | Flick | McGeehan | Shaner |
| Barrar | Forcier | McGill | Smith, B. |
| Bastian | Frankel | McIlhattan | Smith, S. H. |
| Battisto | Freeman | McIlhinney | Snyder |
| Bebko-Jones | Gannon | McNaughton | Solobay |
| Belardi | Geist | Melio | Staback |
| Belfanti | George | Metcalfe | Stairs |
| Benninghoff | Gigliotti | Michlovic | Steelman |
| Birmelin | Gladeck | Micozzie | Steil |
| Bishop | Godshall | Miller, R. | Stern |
| Blaum | Gordner | Miller, S. | Stetler |
| Boyes | Grucela | Mundy | Stevenson |
| Browne | Gruitza | Myers | Strittmatter |
| Bunt | Habay | Nailor | Sturla |
| Butkowitz | Haluska | Nickol | Surra |
| Buxton | Hanna | O'Brien | Tangretti |
| Caltagirone | Harhai | Oliver | Taylor, J. |
| Cappabianca | Harhart | Orie | Thomas |
| Carn | Hasay | Perzel | Tigue |
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| Cawley | Hershey | Petrarca | Trello |
| Chadwick | Hess | Petrone | Trich |
| Civera | Horsey | Phillips | True |
| Clark | Hutchinson | Pippy | Tulli |
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| Cohen, L. I. | James | Platts | Van Horne |
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| Corrigan | Kenney | Readshaw | Washington |
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| Dailey | Laughlin | Robinson | Wogan |
| Daley | Lawless | Roebuck | Wojnaroski |
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| Dempsey | Lescovitz | Ross | Youngblood |
| Dermody | Levdansky | Rubley | Yudichak |
| DeWeese | Lucyk | Ruffing | Zimmerman |
| DiGirolamo | Lynch | Sainato | Zug |
| Donatucci | Maher | Samuelson | |
| Druce | Maitland | Santoni | Ryan, |
| Eachus | Major | Sather | Speaker |
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Hennessey Taylor, E. Z.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman, Mr. Geist, have an announcement?

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

At the call of the break there will be an important meeting of the House Transportation Committee at the back of the House. One of the bills that we are going to kick out is for our good friend, Senator Corman, and the naming of that highway up in Centre County. So I would ask the members to attend at the back of the House at the break.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Barley. Do you have an announcement of a committee meeting?

Mr. BARLEY. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We have a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee. We will be meeting immediately upon the recess, and we will be convening in the majority caucus room today.

The SPEAKER. Appropriations Committee members, take note that the meeting is in the majority caucus room.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker, did I miss it, or did we vote on any drought legislation yet? I was off the floor for a minute; I am not sure whether we had any votes on the drought or not.

The SPEAKER. I noticed, Mr. DeWeese, when you left the floor you tagged in your microphone, your portable microphone, so I suspect you know what we have done for the past half hour.

Mr. DeWEESE. I will react favorably to your keen powers of observation, but my battery is running low; at least this one is running low.

The SPEAKER. We have heard that from time to time. And I suspect you will hear it again.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. WALKO called up **HR 265, PN 2380**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring October 7, 1999, as "Celebrate the Gift of Aging Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Hennessey

Taylor, E. Z.

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today Mrs. Louise Costa, the mother of Representative Costa. She is here today with Sharon Stivich, the director of Allegheny County's Area Agency on Aging. They are to the left of the Speaker.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1356, PN 1575

By Rep. B. SMITH

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the issuance of various licenses.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

SB 456, PN 1365 (Amended)

By Rep. B. SMITH

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the qualifications and appointment of deputy waterways conservation officers; authorizing certain cooperative agreements; further providing for changes in grading of certain offenses, for increased fines for certain convictions, for violations of regulations and permits, for acknowledgment of guilt, for disposition of nonresident offenders and for issuing agents; prohibiting the sales of certain fish, reptiles and amphibians; and further providing for the grading of and penalties for violations relating to boating registration, identification, issuing agents and accident reports.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Fargo, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. FARGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As has been already announced, the Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room, so we will delay the caucus until 2:15. We will start the Republican caucus at 2:15. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we will also have a Democratic caucus at 2:15.

The SPEAKER. Are there any further reports? Corrections of the record? Announcements?

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Mr. Druce.

Mr. DRUCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record.

On HB 763, amendment No. 3288, I was recorded in the affirmative. I would like my vote to be recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER. The remarks of the gentleman will be spread upon the record.

Any further corrections?

The Chair at this time— May I have your attention? The Chair at this time is going to recess the House until 2:30. There will be no further votes taken, but the Chair will hold the desk open in order to take reports of committees that are now meeting or will shortly be meeting.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Does the majority leader or minority leader have any further business?

Hearing none, this House will stand in recess until 2:30.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 295, PN 2346

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for contributions for creditable State service, for nonschool service, for incomplete payments, for annuity termination, for membership of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board and the State Employees' Retirement Board, for regulations and procedures, for member contributions, for payroll deductions, for elections of members, for multiple service status, for management of fund and accounts, for duties of employers, for creditable non-State service, for purchase of credit, for incomplete payments, for termination of annuities, for regulations and procedures, for member contributions, for duties of board and heads of departments and for election as multiple service member.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 323, PN 330

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act designating the polka as the official dance of Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 358, PN 371

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for neglect of care-dependent person.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 867, PN 925

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act providing for the funding of volunteer groups to clean up and restore watersheds affected by acid mine drainage; establishing a project selection board to select and oversee projects to be funded; identifying funding sources to aid volunteer organizations in cleanup and restoration projects; and authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to administer the funding of the selected projects.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 868, PN 926

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act providing immunity for certain persons who reclaim certain abandoned lands or abate certain water pollution.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 913, PN 1013

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for visitation rights and partial custody when there is a deceased parent.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1078, PN 1224

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act selecting and designating the square dance as the official American folk dance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1150, PN 1299

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, further providing for reports by charitable organizations.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1445, PN 1699

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, further providing for the definition of "exploitation."

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1600, PN 1944

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act designating a portion of the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the J. Barry Stout Expressway; designating a portion of the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the James J. Manderino Memorial Highway; designating the twin bridges at milepost 45 of the Mon/Fayette Expressway as the Joe Montana Bridges; and designating State Route 1077 in Donora and Carroll Township, Washington County, as the Stan Musial Byway.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1692, PN 2381 (Amended)

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for definitions, for special occasion permits and for wine auction permits; authorizing a multipurpose county-owned arena and convention center license; and further providing for limiting number of retail licenses in each municipality, for transfer of licenses, for local option relating to special occasion permits, for granting of liquor licenses in certain municipalities, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licenses, for employment of minors and for penalties for the sale of liquor or malt or brewed beverage without being licensed.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 1684, PN 2071**

By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a certain bridge on State Route 128 in Ford City, Armstrong County, as the Ford City Veterans Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 1100, PN 1366 (Amended)

By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 322 in Mifflin County and Centre County as the J. Doyle Corman Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The following bills, having been called up, were considered for the second time and agreed to, and ordered transcribed for third consideration:

HB 295, PN 2346; HB 323, PN 330; HB 358, PN 371; HB 867, PN 925; HB 868, PN 926; HB 913, PN 1013; HB 1078, PN 1224; HB 1150, PN 1299; HB 1445, PN 1699; and HB 1600, PN 1944.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 1684 and SB 1100 be taken from the table.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

**LABOR RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gladeck, who calls a meeting of the House Labor Relations Committee on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. in room 39 of the East Wing, the agenda being HB 1314 and HB 1675.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Any further announcements? Does the majority leader or minority leader have any announcements?

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County, Mr. Grucela.

Mr. GRUCELA. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Chair.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 2:35 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.