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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. DR. BRUCE D. FARRELL, pastor of St. Thomas United Church of Christ, Bernville, Pennsylvania, and Chaplain (MAJ) Pennsylvania Army National Guard, guest Chaplain and guest of the lady from Berks, Mrs. Miller, offered the following prayer:

Let us quiet ourselves in prayer:

Heavenly Father, before the business to be carried out here in these chambers is begun today, we quiet ourselves in reflection before You. We recognize again the vastness of this universe and our vulnerability as Your creatures. We humble ourselves in recognition of our need of Your direction and protection in our lives.

In this season of intense political debate and conflict, I ask that each member of the House be able to put aside the human divisions which arise from campaigns so that he or she may be able to focus on the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth. May the legislation that is written reflect not just our passing whims but Your plan for us.

We pray for the citizens of the Commonwealth this day. In the midst of the publicity of the national elections, may they pay proper attention to the important State and local decisions being made as well. Help us break through the barrier of apathy and selfishness that impedes many from participating in our democracy. Be with those in this room as well who are running for reelection. May Your peace be with them.

We pray for the members of the congregation Ohev Sholom in Harrisburg. Comfort them during the trauma of their building's arson; bless them in their reconstruction efforts. Be with the investigators so that Your justice would be done. May each of us reflect more and more of Your generous love for all.

Lastly, guide our Representatives here. Help them consider all aspects and consequences of their actions and the actions they are asked to evaluate. Keep them safe in their travels and be with their families. God bless the Representatives and their staffs this day, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and may God bless America.

In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2805 By Representatives BELFANTI and PHILLIPS

An Act designating a certain bridge on SR 0054 over the North Branch of the Susquehanna River connecting Riverside, Northumberland County and Danville and Mahoning Township, Montour County, as the Danville-Riverside Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 5, 2000.

No. 2806 By Representatives HABAY, ARGALL, BARRAR, BATTISTO, BELARDI, BELFANTI, COSTA, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FICHTER, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HORSEY, MAHER, MANDERINO, MANN, S. MILLER, MUNDY, PESCI, PIPPY, PLATTS, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SAMUELSON, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STEVENSON, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRUE, WILLIAMS, WILT, YUDICHAK, ZUG and WASHINGTON

An Act amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act, further providing for property tax and rent rebate eligibility.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 5, 2000.

No. 2808 By Representatives SCRIMENTI, CAPPABIANCA, GRUCELA, LEDERER, MELIO, RUBLEY, FRANKEL, YOUNGBLOOD, BARD, YUDICHAK, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, JOSEPHS and FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, expanding provisions relating to cigarette sales and licensing to include tobacco products; and providing restrictions on placement and operation of tobacco product vending machines.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 5, 2000.

No. 2809 By Representatives COLAFELLA, BELARDI, M. COHEN, GRUCELA, KIRKLAND, STURLA, BARRAR, BISHOP, DALEY, GEORGE, HARHAI, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN, MELIO and PISTELLA

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for automatic admission of certain students to institutions of the State System of Higher Education.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 5, 2000.

No. 2810 By Representatives WOGAN, GEIST, ARGALL, BARRAR, CAPPABIANCA, L. I. COHEN, CORRIGAN, DALEY, FICHTER, KENNEY, LEH, MCGILL, MELIO, METCALFE, MUNDY, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, VITALI, WILT and WOJNAROSKI

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61), known as the Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act, further providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 5, 2000.

No. 2811 By Representatives FRANKEL, L. I. COHEN, M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, EVANS, JOSEPHS, MELIO, MICHLOVIC, PRESTON, RAMOS, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, STETLER, THOMAS, WASHINGTON and WILLIAMS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the sale or transfer of firearms.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 5, 2000.

No. 2812 By Representatives GRUCELA, M. COHEN, CAPPABIANCA, ROONEY, SOLOBAY, TIGUE, SHANER, DALLY, KIRKLAND, FREEMAN, SAMUELSON and HARHART

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for eligibility and incompatible offices of school directors.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 5, 2000.

No. 2813 By Representatives GRUCELA, COY, ROONEY, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, YOUNGBLOOD, WOJNAROSKI, WASHINGTON, TIGUE, THOMAS, SHANER, SANTONI, PETRARCA, MELIO, LAUGHLIN, JAMES, HARHAI, GEORGE, FREEMAN, EVANS, M. COHEN, BELARDI, SAINATO, MUNDY, LESCOVITZ, JOSEPHS, HORSEY, GORDNER, GEIST, FRANKEL, CORRIGAN, CAPPABIANCA and BATTISTO

An Act establishing the Family Farm and Food Protection Commission.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, October 5, 2000.

No. 2814 By Representatives GRUCELA, DeWEESE, COY, SOLOBAY, BARRAR, BELFANTI, CAPPABIANCA, DALEY, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE,

HENNESSEY, LAUGHLIN, S. MILLER, PISTELLA, SEMMEL, STURLA, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHAI, HORSEY, MELIO, PETRARCA, SAMUELSON, STABACK, THOMAS, WOJNAROSKI and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from capital gains.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 5, 2000.

No. 2815 By Representatives TANGRETTI, CASORIO, PETRARCA, HARHAI, SHANER, STAIRS and VAN HORNE

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 30 in Westmoreland County as the John H. Dent Memorial Highway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 5, 2000.

No. 2816 By Representatives PISTELLA, SCHULER, GRUCELA, COSTA, THOMAS, ORIE, SAMUELSON, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, EACHUS, HABAY, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, MELIO, TRAVAGLIO, WOJNAROSKI, MUNDY, STURLA, TRUE, KENNEY, WILLIAMS, BUNT, DeLUCA, SOLOBAY, WALKO, BELFANTI, JOSEPHS, BISHOP, PRESTON, CAPPABIANCA, GEORGE, LEDERER, FRANKEL, JAMES, HARHAI, FREEMAN, WASHINGTON, MYERS, BARD, LAUGHLIN, CAWLEY, M. COHEN, CURRY, DAILEY, DERMODY, SANTONI, BATTISTO, KAISER, KREBS, MANDERINO, MCGEEHAN, MICHLOVIC, BELARDI, DeWEESE, RUBLEY, SATHER, STABACK, TIGUE, STEELMAN, STEIL, VEON, YOUNGBLOOD, LEVDANSKY and ROEBUCK

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of Child Advocate as an independent office within the Office of Attorney General; and prescribing its powers and duties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 5, 2000.

No. 2817 By Representatives PETRONE, HENNESSEY, M. COHEN, CLYMER, PETRARCA, GRUCELA, PISTELLA and DERMODY

An Act amending the act of April 3, 1872 (P.L.1, No.1), entitled, "An act to provide for the ordinary expenses of the government, and other general and specific appropriations for the year Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two," further providing for appropriations.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 5, 2000.

No. 2818 By Representatives DALLY, NAILOR, STABACK, M. COHEN, MCGILL, BASTIAN, YOUNGBLOOD, WILT, GODSHALL, MYERS, PETRONE, BUNT, TRUE, THOMAS, SHANER, SEMMEL, TULLI and STEELMAN

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for training of inspectors.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, October 10, 2000.

No. 2819 By Representatives HABAY, DeWEESE, HENNESSEY, BASTIAN, HORSEY, PIPPY, SCRIMENTI and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for endangering welfare of children.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, October 10, 2000.

No. 2820 By Representatives HABAY, BELARDI, COSTA, DeLUCA, GEORGE, HENNESSEY, PIPPY, RUBLEY and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exclusions for homestead property.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, October 10, 2000.

No. 2821 By Representatives HABAY, MAHER and METCALFE

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, eliminating straight party voting.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 10, 2000.

No. 2822 By Representatives PISTELLA, SCHULER, GRUCELA, COSTA, THOMAS, ORIE, SAMUELSON, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, EACHUS, HABAY, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, MELIO, TRAVAGLIO, WOJNAROSKI, MUNDY, STURLA, TRUE, KENNEY, WILLIAMS, BUNT, DeLUCA, SOLOBAY, WALKO, BELFANTI, JOSEPHS, BISHOP, PRESTON, CAPPABIANCA, GEORGE, LEDERER, FRANKEL, JAMES, HARHAI, FREEMAN, WASHINGTON, MYERS, BARD, LAUGHLIN, CAWLEY, M. COHEN, CURRY, DAILEY, DERMODY, SANTONI, BATTISTO, KAISER, KREBS, MANDERINO, McGEEHAN, MICHLOVIC, BELARDI, DeWEESE, RUBLEY, SATHER, STABACK, TIGUE, STEELMAN, STEIL, VEON, YOUNGBLOOD, LEVDANSKY and ROEBUCK

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of Child Advocate as an independent office within the Office of Attorney General; prescribing its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, October 10, 2000.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 598 By Representatives YOUNGBLOOD, HORSEY, PERZEL, McGEEHAN, CARN, WOGAN, KENNEY, WATERS, LEDERER, KELLER, BUTKOVITZ, DONATUCCI, ROEBUCK, LUCYK, O'BRIEN, STEELMAN, RAMOS, JAMES, EVANS, OLIVER, WASHINGTON, MYERS, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, M. COHEN, WOJNAROSKI and JOSEPHS

A Resolution urging municipalities throughout this Commonwealth to adopt ordinances to prohibit persons from walking in public areas and at public occasions while carrying a snake.

Referred to Committee on RULES, October 5, 2000.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1032, PN 2140

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, October 5, 2000.

SB 1281, PN 2196

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, October 5, 2000.

SB 1295, PN 1744

Referred to Committee on LIQUOR CONTROL, October 5, 2000.

SB 1532, PN 2129

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, October 5, 2000.

LETTER SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

VOTE CORRECTION

Mr. HORSEY submitted the following letter for the Legislative Journal:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

October 4, 2000

The Honorable Matt Ryan
139 Main Capitol Bldg.

Dear Speaker Ryan:

I am writing to have the records corrected for Monday, October 2, 2000, and Tuesday, October 3, 2000. There must have been a

malfunction, as I was out of the county on these dates. The records are showing that I voted on both days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,
Mike Horsey
State Legislator
190th Legislative District

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CC: Ted Mazia
H. William DeWeese
Representative Veon

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 2139, PN 3974**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 964, PN 1072 By Rep. SCHULER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for subsidized day-care services.

AGING AND YOUTH.

HB 1257, PN 4072 (Amended) By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for managed care plan liability.

INSURANCE.

HB 1799, PN 2205 By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for definitions relating to quality health care accountability and protection, for duties of managed care plans, for continuity of care, for required disclosure, for internal complaint process, for appeal of complaints, for internal grievance process, for external grievance process and for records.

INSURANCE.

HB 1804, PN 2212 By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further defining "emergency service"; further providing for responsibilities of managed care plans; and repealing provisions relating to preemption.

INSURANCE.

HB 1852, PN 2283

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for consumer complaints and grievances relating to managed care.

INSURANCE.

HB 1871, PN 2306

By Rep. MICOZZIE

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further defining "managed care plan"; and further providing for responsibilities of managed care plans and for exceptions relating to quality health care accountability and protection.

INSURANCE.

HB 2732, PN 3903

By Rep. BUNT

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to the labeling, sale and distribution of fertilizer and of soil and plant amendments; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture; establishing the Agronomic Regulatory Account; prescribing penalties; and making a repeal.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HB 2807, PN 4040

By Rep. BUNT

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further defining "agricultural conservation easement"; defining "parcel"; and further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

HB 2822, PN 4069

By Rep. SCHULER

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of Child Advocate as an independent office within the Office of Attorney General; prescribing its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

AGING AND YOUTH.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

SR 130, PN 2217 (Amended)

By Rep. O'BRIEN

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to create a stroke prevention task force and advisory committee to promote professional and public education and awareness and to improve the quality of care for stroke victims.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to leaves of absence.
The Chair is advised there is no request for leaves by the Republican whip.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Veon, who requests leaves for the week for the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. BUXTON; the gentleman from Fayette, Mr. ROBERTS; and the gentleman from Erie, Mr. CAPPABIANCA; leaves for the day for the lady from Philadelphia, Mrs. LEDERER, and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. EVANS. Without objection, all leaves will be granted. The Chair hears no objection.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 4, 2000, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Journals for Tuesday, May 16; Wednesday, May 17; and Monday, June 5, of the year 2000 will stand approved. The Chair hears no objection. The Journals are approved.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following two bills be removed from the table:

HB 2522; and
HB 2650.

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

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 2522, PN 3492; and HB 2650, PN 3784.

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.)

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome certain guests to the chamber today.

As the guest of Representative Keith McCall, Mr. Rodger Sander, who is seated to the left of the Chair. Mr. Sander, please rise.

Also, seated in the gallery, as the guests of Representative Lita Cohen, Mary Baker, Phyllis Adamo, Teresa Myers, and Fran Gaudini. Would these guests please rise.

To the left of the Speaker, as the guests of Representative Merle Phillips, Allan McDonald; Norma McDonald; Pat Reinhanna from New Zealand; and Helen Phillips, wife of Representative Phillips. I am not sure whether the McDonalds are also from New Zealand. Can you tell us that? They are? Well, welcome.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following House bills be removed from the table:

HB 964;
HB 1257;
HB 1799;
HB 1852;
HB 1804; and
HB 1871.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following House bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 964;
HB 1257;
HB 1799;
HB 1852;
HB 1804; and
HB 1871.

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

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Mr. Gladeck, do you desire recognition? Mr. GLADECK. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to call a meeting of the House Labor Relations Committee at your call of the recess at the back of the House floor to consider HB 713. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

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

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 2800 be taken from the table.

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:

HB 2800, PN 4023.

BILL RECOMMITTED

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

Mr. BARLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 2800 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—195

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| Bard | Frankel | McGill | Smith, S. H. |
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| Browne | Harhai | Nickol | Tangretti |
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ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

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LEAVES ADDED—1

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FAMILY OF OFFICER JOSE M. ORTIZ PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. Mr. Ramos, would you bring your guests forward.

The House will please come to order. Members will take their seats; members will take their seats.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR C

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. RAMOS called up HR 599, PN 4050, entitled:

A Resolution noting with great sadness the passing of Officer Jose M. Ortiz.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Ramos.

Mr. RAMOS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you for allowing me time in our schedule to honor and pay tribute to Officer Jose M. Ortiz and his family here today.

It is only fitting that we honor this fine public servant who was a respected and outstanding police officer, who died recently in the line of duty in Philadelphia.

Here with me this afternoon, as my guests, are his widow, Theresa; father-in-law, Thomas McMann; sisters, Naomi and Maribel Ortiz; partner, police officer Ron Gardner; police officer Victor Fontane; Lieutenant Bachmyer; and Capt. Tony Boyle, commander of the 25th Police District in North Philadelphia. I would like to welcome them to the House, and I appreciate your taking the time for coming here.

Not only was his death a loss to this family, but to the community and the Philadelphia Police Department. Although he was only 29 years old when he died, he had the respect of his colleagues and the community he served.

Officer Ortiz grew up in the same community that he patrolled and served, a community of neighbors who helped him develop the compassionate caring and determined strength and confidence he would need later on to be their protector; a neighborhood he would continue to be a part of even during his off-duty hours by taking part in community events and doing volunteer work. He was a generous and loving man.

The words included in the resolution we are to consider today are words and descriptions from friends, family, and coworkers that surfaced during the period of mourning. They are sincere and true, just like Jose M. Ortiz.

When I mentioned his compassion and generosity, it was with a sense of admiration, for even in his death he continued dedicating his life to serving others by being an organ donor. He never stopped giving.

I want to thank the family of Officer Ortiz for giving us this outstanding public servant who paid the highest price in life by giving his in the course of serving and protecting others.

I ask the House to join me in recognizing this exceptional young officer for his dedication, commitment, and in remembering and honoring his life. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the resolution, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Perzel.

Mr. PERZEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, police officers go to work every single day of their lives knowing that something could happen. They put their lives on the line to protect each and every citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Officer Ortiz was a great public servant and an outstanding police officer. His loss will be felt by the entire community, not just by those people in Philadelphia but by the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I wished I had known the officer better; I did not have that opportunity to know him, but I thank him for everything he did for all of us in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Jose Ortiz was one of the finest people and one of the finest police officers Philadelphia ever had. He gave his life every single day of it in order to make his community a much better community, a much safer community. He was an outstanding role model throughout his entire life; he was an outstanding role model when he died and became an organ donor. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and by all who read of the outstanding example he was throughout his entire life.

We are deeply saddened. The Ortiz family and all his friends in the community and the police force have all of our prayers and hopes. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Ramos.

Mr. RAMOS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Before I introduce Captain Boyle and the widow, Theresa Ortiz, I want to let the family know that even in the most difficult times, I just want to let you know that you are never alone. The people who represent this great institution support you, and the people of this great Commonwealth support you.

I want to introduce Capt. Tony Boyle, commander of the 25th District, for some remarks.

CAPTAIN BOYLE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Perzel, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Ramos, on behalf of the Philadelphia Police Department

and on behalf of the men and women of the 25th Police District, the busiest district in the city of Philadelphia and in this Commonwealth, I want to thank you very sincerely for the resolution, for your reception here today, and the warmth that we have received since arriving here today.

And I just want to assure each and every member in the House that the words that you have heard today are not idle words and they are not words that just come without a lot of sincerity. Jose Ortiz was the type of police officer that each and every one of you would want to be guarding your home at night.

Thank you.

Mr. RAMOS. I would like to introduce Theresa Ortiz, the widow.

Mrs. ORTIZ. I just want to thank everybody for their support and prayers during all of this, and it is an honor and a privilege to be here.

I just wish he could have seen 5 minutes of all the attention he has gotten on being a great officer. I just wish he had more of this when he was alive. But he was a really good officer, father, husband, everything, and he truly is missed. And I just thank everybody for all their support and prayers, kind words — everybody throughout the State. I have had officers from all over contacting us and giving their support, and his district was way above and beyond what they had to do for us. They were really great.

I just want to thank everybody, and thank you for the opportunity to be here today. Thank you.

Mr. RAMOS. I have to apologize, Mr. Speaker. Sister Ortiz would like to make some remarks also. Sister Ortiz.

Ms. ORTIZ. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Naomi Ortiz. I am Officer Ortiz's sister. I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Ortiz family. Thank you for your prayers in a time of mourning. My brother was everything to me, and he was a great officer, and I will miss him dearly. But I know that God likes good angels; he does not like crooked or ugly, so I know he is watching me right now.

So thank you, thank you so much for your prayers.

Mr. RAMOS. I want to thank all the members of the House and the Speaker and our leaders for giving us the time to really welcome this great family and pay tribute to a fine officer.

Thank you very much.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Bunt	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Butkovitz	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
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Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
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Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	True
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Cohen, L. I.	Josephs	Platts	Van Horne
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Dempsey	Lucyk	Rubley	Yewcic
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Fairchild	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker
Fargo			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Mr. ARGALL called up HR 567, PN 3909, entitled:

A Resolution designating the timing during which the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee shall complete its evaluation of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a voluntary water quality credits and trading program.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Benninghoff	Grucela	Miller, R.	Stetler
Birmelin	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Stevenson
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Bunt	Harhart	O'Brien	Taylor, E. Z.
Butkovitz	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Caltagirone	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
Carn	Herman	Perzel	Tigue
Casorio	Hershey	Pesci	Travaglio
Cawley	Hess	Petrarca	Trello
Chadwick	Horsey	Petrone	Trich
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Cohen, L. I.	Josephs	Platts	Van Horne
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Dempsey	Lucyk	Rubley	Yewcic
Dermody	Lynch	Ruffing	Youngblood
DeWeese	Maher	Sainato	Yudichak
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Donatucci	Major	Santoni	Zug
Eachus	Manderino	Sather	
Egolf	Mann	Saylor	Ryan,
Fairchild	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker
Fargo			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. RUBLEY called up HR 576, PN 3982, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 15 through 21, 2000, as "Radon Action Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-195

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Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Argall	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
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Baker	Forcier	McGeehan	Smith, B.
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Battisto	George	Melio	Stairs
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Belardi	Godshall	Michlovic	Steil
Belfanti	Gordner	Micozzie	Stern
Benninghoff	Grucela	Miller, R.	Stetler
Birmelin	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Stevenson
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Civera	Hutchinson	Phillips	True
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Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Williams
Dailey	Lawless	Roebuck	Wilt
Daley	Leh	Rohrer	Wogan
Dally	Lescovitz	Rooney	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Levdansky	Ross	Wright
Dempsey	Lucyk	Rubley	Yewcic
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Donatucci	Major	Santoni	Zug
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Egolf	Mann	Saylor	Ryan,
Fairchild	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker
Fargo			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

Mrs. RUBLEY called up HR 577, PN 3983, entitled:

A Resolution proclaiming November 15, 2000, as "America Recycles Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-195

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Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Argall	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

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Mrs. TAYLOR called up **HR 591, PN 4035**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Governor to proclaim October 13, 2000, as "Emergency Nurses Day"; and urging all citizens of this Commonwealth to join in its observance.

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—5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

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Mr. PHILLIPS called up **HR 592, PN 4036**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the 225th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 2000.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Phillips. The gentleman will yield.

The House will come to order.

Mr. Phillips.

Mr. PHILLIPS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"The Few, The Proud, The Marines": that is what the recruiting slogan says, and that very nicely describes those who serve and have served our country so valiantly as members of the United States Marine Corps. They are few in number compared to other services, they are very proud, and above all, they will always be Marines.

There are a number of our House members who have served in the corps, and as such, we are happy to be sponsors of this resolution calling attention to honoring the Marines on the occasion of their 225th anniversary. I would also like to thank the other members of the House who have sponsored the resolution.

It was on November 10 in 1775 that the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, passed a resolution stating that "two battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. That was the beginning of a long and proud tradition.

Following the Revolutionary War, Marines went into action in war with France. They landed in Santo Domingo, and they also took part in the operations against the Barbary pirates along the "shores of Tripoli."

During the Mexican War in the mid-1800s, Marines seized enemy seaports on both the Gulf and Pacific coasts. A battalion of Marines joined General Scott's army at Puebla and fought all the way to the "Halls of Montezuma," Mexico City.

Marines have distinguished themselves in battles and skirmishes here at home and throughout the world. During the Civil War, a battalion fought at Bull Run, and other units saw action blockading at Cape Hatteras, New Orleans, Charleston, and Fort Fisher.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

Conferences on the floor, please break up. Ladies.

Mr. PHILLIPS. In the Spanish-American War in 1898, Marines performed with valor in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines.

During World War I, our Marines distinguished themselves on the battlefields of France. The Fourth Marine Brigade earned the title of "Devil Dogs" for their heroic actions.

In World War II the exploits of the corps became etched in our minds as we heard of such faraway places as Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Tarawa, Saipan, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima. Units of the Marines took an active part in postwar occupations of Japan.

In September of 1950 the Marines were called upon to land at Inchon in Korea and again proved the doctrine of amphibious assault was still viable and necessary. Following the recapture of Seoul, Marines advanced to the Chosen Reservoir only to find the Chinese Communists had entered the war. After years of offensives, counteroffensives, and endless episodes of trench warfare followed by occupation duty, the last Marine ground troops were withdrawn from Korea in March of 1955. More than 25,000 Marines were killed or wounded during the Korean War.

In later years the landing of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Da Nang was the beginning of a large-scale Marine involvement in Vietnam.

Marines were there in Grenada and Panama, and in August of 1990 the Iraqi invasion in Kuwait would lead to the largest deployment of Marine Corps forces since World War II. In more recent years the Marine Corps units have been sent to several African nations, including Liberia, the Central African Republic, Zaire, and others, to provide security and aid in the evacuation of American citizens.

Humanitarian disaster relief operations have been conducted by Marines in Kenya and in the Central American nations of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

In this new millennium the Marine Corps is continuing its tradition of innovation to meet the challenges of our new century.

Today's Marine Corps stands ready to continue the proud tradition established by those who so valiantly fought and died in the many battles over the past 225 years. Combining that long and proud heritage of faithful service to the nation with the resolve to face tomorrow's challenges will continue to keep the United States Marine Corps the best of best. Truly they are "The Few, The Proud, The Marines."

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman, Mr. Phillips.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese. The gentleman will yield.

Please. Some resolutions are not important; some are more important than others. This is one of them – the few and the chosen.

Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to thank Merle for sponsoring the resolution. Although I never served in harm's way as Representative Tigue, Representative Belfanti, and others in this room, I think as you do, sir, as a former Marine, that this is a special resolution. And I did not want the moment to evaporate without sharing 30 seconds more on what it means to us in this chamber, because I think whether it is Representative Krebs or the Speaker, myself, Mr. Readshaw, Mr. Belfanti, Mr. Tigue, and so forth – and Merle, of course, for sponsoring it – it adds a little special aspect to our service in this body that is indicative of the magic of being in that fraternity.

So on the 225th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, I also wanted to take the microphone for 1 minute and laud the corps and ask that the adoption be unanimous, because this is a fundamental and inherent part of the fabric of our national heritage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

The SPEAKER. Mr. DeWeese, I could not help but think, and I normally do not ad-lib, but when you said you had not served in harm's way, I was thinking you were going to add until elected Speaker or floor leader.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today a group of students from the Chester County school districts representing Jefferson Citizenship Initiative, a program to introduce students to the workings of government and the political process. They are here today as the guests of the Chester County delegation. Would those guests please wave or stand to be acknowledged.

The Chair is pleased to welcome to the hall of the House today, as the guest of Representative Peter Zug, Jeremy Fox of Lebanon County, a constituent of his who is serving as a guest page today.

Today we have with us also, as the guest page of Representative Barrar, Andrew Kauffman. He is an eighth grade student at the Garnet Valley Middle School. Would he please rise to be welcomed.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. TANGRETTI called up **HR 600, PN 4063**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Jack Gazalie, who was killed during a rescue.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On the question of the adoption of the resolution, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Tangretti.

Members, please come to order. Please take your seats.

Mr. Tangretti.

Mr. TANGRETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer HR 600, along with Representative Casorio, honoring a resident of Westmoreland County and a volunteer firefighter who earlier this summer heroically gave his life to save the lives of his family.

Jack Gazalie died on August 3 when fire broke out at his home in Jeannette, Representative Casorio's district. Before succumbing to the smoke, however, Mr. Gazalie bravely rescued his own mother and daughter from the flames.

For 20 years Mr. Gazalie was a member of the Adamsburg Volunteer Fire Department, which is in my legislative district. His actions on August 3 were clearly instinctual as a family member and a longtime firefighter, but that makes those actions no less heroic.

The outpouring of sympathy and sorrow that was evident at his funeral showed that Jack Gazalie was not just a heroic firefighter but a heroic family man and community member. Hundreds came to pay their respects to a man they described as someone who truly loved being a firefighter, but more importantly, truly loved people. One of his fellow employees at the Westmoreland County 911 Dispatch Center described

Jack Gazalie as a man with a million friends and a heart of gold, a man who would have done anything for anybody.

Truly Jack Gazalie's death in August was a tragedy, but it is clear that his life was a celebration — a celebration of love, of family, dedication to community, and sacrifice for others. His life and his death also remind us of the tremendous responsibility that our volunteer firefighters assume when they accept the role of protectors of the property and lives of their loved ones and neighbors. Jack Gazalie accepted that role and for 20 years fulfilled it in a way that made his family, friends, neighbors, and fellow firefighters extremely proud. I am sure that his final act, though tragic and mourned by all who knew him, also made them even more proud.

I know that I am proud today to ask for your support in honoring Jack Gazalie for a lifetime of dedication and sacrifice to his family as a son and a father, the 20 years of dedication and sacrifice to his community as a volunteer firefighter, and the final sacrifice that he made doing his duty to save the family he loved.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Casorio.

Mr. CASORIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support with Representative Tangretti of HR 600.

HR 600, Mr. Speaker, honors the passing and the life of Jack Gazalie. Jack was not only a firefighter in the city of Jeannette area in Representative Tangretti's district in Adamsburg but a resident of Jeannette City and a member for years, Mr. Speaker, of the Jeannette Auxiliary Police. Mr. Gazalie, through his actions, has shown all of us what it is to be a volunteer firefighter, a volunteer auxiliary police officer.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gazalie did what all of us hopefully would do, and that is risk our lives for our family members — for our daughters, for our mothers. Mr. Gazalie's actions that very early morning in the city of Jeannette on Clay Avenue are something that should be recognized throughout this Commonwealth, not only in Representative Tangretti's legislative district but in my legislative district.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the members of this House to adopt unanimously HR 600, which honors the life and death of a fine man, a member of the Jeannette Auxiliary Police and of the Adamsburg Volunteer Fire Department — Jack Gazalie.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Fargo			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. O'BRIEN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to ask the members of this House to join me in cosponsoring a resolution. I think it is appropriate that we take it up today, although it was not planned to have this coordinated with the honoring of Officer Ortiz or the firefighter that we just honored. But it is my intention to introduce a resolution honoring Maureen Faulkner for her courage in supporting the memory of her husband.

And if you all recall, at the initiative of Representative Jerry Stern earlier this year when they had the ceremony honoring all fallen police officers in the Commonwealth in Soldiers' Grove, Maureen Faulkner graced this body with her presence and received a warm ovation, and it is in that light that I am asking the members of this House to generously affix their

names to a resolution honoring her in her support of her husband's memory. Thank you.

And if you do intend to do that, it is my understanding we will take it up later on this afternoon, and the paper will be down at the bill clerk, and you can affix your name there. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Mr. Hess.

Mr. HESS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to reconvene a meeting of the Transportation Committee that was recessed last week at 2:45 today in room 148; 2:45 in room 148, a meeting of the Transportation Committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Stairs.

Mr. STAIRS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce to the members of the Education Committee that we recessed our meeting this morning, and we will continue our meeting at the call of the recess this afternoon – momentarily, I suspect – at the back of the House chambers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Fargo, any caucus announcements?

Mr. FARGO. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be a meeting of the Republican Caucus. The caucus, in order to allow for a couple of committee meetings here immediately, we will start our caucus at 2:15. We will plan on coming back for further votes at 3 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will also be a Democratic caucus at 2:15.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Mr. Barley, do you desire recognition?

Mr. BARLEY. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a committee meeting.

I would like to call a committee meeting of the Appropriations Committee in the majority Appropriations Committee room immediately upon the call for recess.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Any further announcements? Corrections to the record?

Hearing none, this House stands in recess until 3 p.m., unless called back sooner or extended by the Chair.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 3:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 608 By Representatives O'BRIEN, McGEEHAN, PERZEL, WOGAN, J. TAYLOR, S. MILLER, MCGILL, KELLER, BUTKOVITZ, ORIE, FLEAGLE, HUTCHINSON, GEORGE, SURRA, STRITTMATTER and SAMUELSON

A Resolution paying tribute to Maureen Faulkner for her remarkable courage, loyalty, love and devotion to justice.

Referred to Committee on RULES, October 10, 2000.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to welcome Lori Lovelace, who is a fellow to the House Judiciary Committee. She is here today as the guest of Representative Tom Gannon from Delaware County, and she is seated to the left of the Speaker. Would she please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 16, PN 8 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an aid ratio guarantee.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1160, PN 1313 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for construction, for planning commission membership and business, for planning agency powers and duties, for compliance by counties, for official municipality maps, for county planning agency jurisdiction, for subdivision and land development ordinances, for plat approval and recording, for preventive remedies, for the transportation capital improvements plan, for ordinance provisions, for classifications, for municipal curative amendments and for standards and conditions for planned residential development; providing for transferable development rights; further providing for zoning hearing board membership, organization, jurisdiction and time limits; and making repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1786, PN 3387 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act providing for the transferring of liquefied petroleum gas, for registration, for fees, for inspection, for records, for training, for permits and for appeal; establishing the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Advisory Board; providing for insurance, for prohibitions and for penalties; and making repeals.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1862, PN 3980 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, directing school districts to establish policies regarding student possession and self-administration of certain asthma medications.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1980, PN 4074 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for unauthorized publication of name or likeness; and establishing a right of action.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2070, PN 3948 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the volunteer-in-public-service negligence standard.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2434, PN 4075 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1996 (P.L.1504, No.195), known as the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, further providing for disclosure statement of rights of taxpayers and for the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate; providing for innocent spouse relief, for burden of proof and for reports to the General Assembly; and further providing for the expiration date.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2458, PN 4076 (Amended) By Rep. BARLEY

An Act requiring dormitories in public and private institutions of higher education to conform to certain automatic sprinkler system specifications; establishing a loan program; and imposing penalties.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2710, PN 3872 By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for confidential communications to crime stopper or similar anticrime program.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2800, PN 4023

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1971 (P.L.281, No.72), entitled "An act standardizing the procedures for pledges of assets to secure deposits of public funds with banking institutions pursuant to other laws; establishing a standard rule for the types, amounts and valuations of assets eligible to be used as collateral for deposits of public funds; permitting assets to be pledged against deposits on a pooled basis; and authorizing the appointment of custodians to act as pledgees of assets," further providing for amounts required to be pledged and for eligible assets and valuation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 844, PN 2186

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for criminal victim aid good Samaritan civil immunity.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1224, PN 1855

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), entitled Crime Victims Act, further providing for definitions, for victims' rights, for law enforcement functions and for prosecutorial functions; providing for juvenile probation office functions; and further providing for costs.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1299, PN 1677

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the admissibility of certain statements.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 1477, PN 2177

By Rep. BARLEY

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61), entitled Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act, further providing for definitions and for functions of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; and providing for enforcement related to electronic toll collection.

APPROPRIATIONS.

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 713, PN 4077 (Amended)

By Rep. GLADECK

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for minimum wage.

LABOR RELATIONS.

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 16, PN 8; and HB 2434, PN 4075.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 713 be removed from the table and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I now move that HB 713 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

SENATE MESSAGE

**ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate
October 10, 2000

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, November 13, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, November 13, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. COHEN called up **HR 602, PN 4071**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 2000 as "Arts and Humanities Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
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Armstrong	Flick	McCall	Shaner
Baker	Forcier	McGeehan	Smith, B.
Bard	Frankel	McGill	Smith, S. H.
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Birmelin	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Stevenson
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Corrigan	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wansacz
Costa	Krebs	Reinard	Washington
Coy	LaGrotta	Rieger	Waters
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Williams
Dailey	Lawless	Roebuck	Wilt
Daley	Leh	Rohrer	Wogan
Dally	Lescovitz	Rooney	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Levdansky	Ross	Wright
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Dermody	Lynch	Ruffing	Youngblood
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Donatucci	Major	Santoni	Zug
Eachus	Manderino	Sather	
Egolf	Mann	Saylor	Ryan.
Fairchild	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker
Fargo			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Buxton	Evans	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca			

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 550, PN 3700**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for payment of life insurance benefits.

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A4030**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 12, by removing the period after "benefits" and inserting
and for publication of rate increases on home page.

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, lines 16 and 17, by striking out "a section" and inserting
sections

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, by inserting between lines 25 and 26

Section 2194. Publication of Rate Increases on Home Page.—The Insurance Department shall post all proposed and finalized rate increases by providers of health care benefits over which, the Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction on the Insurance Department's home page and shall provide ratepayers with the opportunity to file comments on any proposed rate increase on-line or by mail.

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

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

Mr. **GEORGE**. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment simply allows the input of health insurance rates on the Internet. The whole world is talking about, you can buy this; you can buy that; you can buy anything you want, and you can buy it cheaper by going to the Internet. This amendment simply says, let us put insurance rates on the Internet.

I hope that you would agree to this amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The Chair returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Veon, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. **DALEY**, for the balance of today's session. Without objection, the leave will be granted. The Chair hears no objection. The leave is granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 550 CONTINUED

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Would the gentleman, Mr. George, come to the rostrum, please.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Argall	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
Armstrong	Flick	McCall	Shaner
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Egolf	Manderino	Sather	
Fairchild	Mann	Saylor	
Fargo	Markosek	Schroder	Ryan, Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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 pro tempore. Mr. Gordner, are you withdrawing your amendments? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Wright, the Chair understands that you have an amendment that was filed late. Do you wish to withdraw it? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On final passage, the Chair recognizes the lady from Montgomery County, Ms. Bard.

Ms. BARD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 550 is an important consumer protection bill designed to fairly compensate the beneficiaries of life insurance policies where delays occur in the payment of death benefits. The law in Pennsylvania currently does not address this issue, and Pennsylvania is one of only six States which lacks such a statute.

Although many companies do voluntarily pay interest, there is no guarantee, and this is why this was brought to my attention by a constituent. HB 550 establishes standards that are fair and equitable and balances the needs of the beneficiaries with the rights of the insurance companies for timely notice.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask for favorable consideration.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Armstrong	Flick	McCall	Shaner
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Egolf	Manderino	Sather	
Fairchild	Mann	Saylor	Ryan,
Fargo	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Turn to supplemental calendar B.

HB 1980 will be over temporarily.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2070, PN 3948**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the volunteer-in-public-service negligence standard.

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A3706**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "STATUTES," providing for participation in certain environmental cases; and

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 7 and 8 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) There has been a disturbing increase in lawsuits, known as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP), brought primarily to chill the valid exercise by citizens of their constitutional right to freedom of speech and to petition the government for the redress of grievances.

(2) It is in the public interest to empower citizens to bring a swift end to retaliatory lawsuits seeking to undermine their participation in the establishment of State and local environmental policy and in the implementation and enforcement of environmental law and regulations.

(3) This act will ensure that a frivolous lawsuit or a SLAPP can be resolved in a prompt manner by permitting citizens to raise civil immunity to such suits when filing a preliminary objection for legal insufficiency of a pleading or demurrer or upon another appropriate motion and to obtain a stay on discovery as provided for in this act.

(4) A court should grant or deny relief on the preliminary objection or other appropriate motion without reserving the matter for further discovery.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 19 and 20, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 8313. Participation in environmental law or regulation.

(a) Immunity.—

(1) A person who acts in furtherance of the person's right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with an issue related to enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation shall be immune from civil liability in any action except where the communication to the government agency is not genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable governmental action, result or outcome.

(2) A communication is not genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable governmental action, result or outcome if it:

(i) is not material or relevant to the enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation;

(ii) was knowingly false when made;

(iii) was rendered with reckless disregard as to the truth or falsity of the statement when made; or

(iv) represented a wrongful use of process or abuse of process.

(b) Stay of discovery.—The court shall stay all discovery proceedings in the action upon the filing of preliminary objections for legal insufficiency of a pleading or other appropriate motion on the basis of immunity, provided, however, that the court, on motion and after a hearing and for good cause shown, may order that specified discovery be conducted. The stay of discovery shall remain in effect until notice of the entry of the order ruling on the preliminary objections or on another appropriate motion.

(c) Admissibility of court determination.—If the court determines that the plaintiff has established that there is a substantial likelihood that the plaintiff will prevail on the claim, neither that determination nor the fact of that determination shall be admissible in evidence at any later stage of the case, and no burden of proof or degree of proof otherwise applicable shall be affected by that determination.

(d) Intervention.—The government agency involved in the furtherance of a person's right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in

connection with a public issue may intervene or otherwise participate as an amicus curiae in the action involving public petition and participation.

(e) Legal protections of defendants.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any constitutional, statutory or common-law protections of defendants to actions involving public petition and participation.

(f) Abuse of legal process.—In addition to other costs or remedies allowed by general rule or statute, in any administrative or judicial proceeding related to the enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation, the agency or court may award costs, including reasonable attorney fees, if the agency or court determines that an action, appeal, claim, motion or pleading is frivolous or taken solely for delay or that the conduct of a party or counsel is dilatory or vexatious.

(g) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

“Act in furtherance of a person’s right of petition or free speech under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with a public issue.” Any written or oral statement or writing made before a legislative, executive or judicial proceeding, or any other official proceeding authorized by law; any written or oral statement or writing made in connection with an issue under consideration or review by a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other official proceeding authorized by law; any written or oral statement or writing made in a place open to the public or a public forum in connection with an issue of public interest; or any written or oral statement or writing made to a government agency in connection with the implementation and enforcement of environmental law and regulations.

“Enforcement of environmental law and regulations.” Any activity related to the identification and elimination of violations of environmental laws and regulations, including investigations of alleged violations, inspections of activities subject to regulation under environmental law and regulations and responses taken to produce correction of the violations.

“Government agency.” The Federal Government, the Commonwealth and all of its departments, commissions, boards, agencies and authorities, and all political subdivisions and their authorities.

“Implementation of environmental law and regulations.” Any activity related to the development and administration of environmental programs developed under environmental law and regulations.

Section 2. Section 8332.4(a) and (e) of Title 42 are amended to read:

Amend Sec. 2, page 5, line 1, by striking out “2” and inserting 3

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

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman withdraws the amendment? Mr. George, do you withdraw that amendment?

The George amendment will be over temporarily. In fact, the whole bill will be over temporarily.

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2710, PN 3872**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for confidential communications to crime stopper or similar anticrime program.

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

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A3708**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 4, by removing the period after “program” and inserting
and for participation in certain environmental cases.

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 4 and 5
The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) There has been a disturbing increase in lawsuits, known as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP), brought primarily to chill the valid exercise by citizens of their constitutional right to freedom of speech and to petition the government for the redress of grievances.

(2) It is in the public interest to empower citizens to bring a swift end to retaliatory lawsuits seeking to undermine their participation in the establishment of State and local environmental policy and in the implementation and enforcement of environmental law and regulations.

(3) This act will ensure that a frivolous lawsuit or a SLAPP can be resolved in a prompt manner by permitting citizens to raise civil immunity to such suits when filing a preliminary objection for legal insufficiency of a pleading or demurrer or upon another appropriate motion and to obtain a stay on discovery as provided for in this act.

(4) A court should grant or deny relief on the preliminary objection or other appropriate motion without reserving the matter for further discovery.

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 8, by striking out “a section” and inserting
sections

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

§ 8313. Participation in environmental law or regulation.

(a) Immunity.—

(1) A person who acts in furtherance of the person’s right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with an issue related to enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation shall be immune from civil liability in any action except where the communication to the government agency is not genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable governmental action, result or outcome.

(2) A communication is not genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable governmental action, result or outcome if it:

- (i) is not material or relevant to the enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation;
- (ii) was knowingly false when made;
- (iii) was rendered with reckless disregard as to the truth or falsity of the statement when made; or
- (iv) represented a wrongful use of process or abuse of process.

(b) Stay of discovery.—The court shall stay all discovery proceedings in the action upon the filing of preliminary objections for legal insufficiency of a pleading or other appropriate motion on the basis of immunity, provided, however, that the court, on motion and after a hearing and for good cause shown, may order that specified discovery be conducted. The stay of discovery shall remain in effect until notice of the entry of the order ruling on the preliminary objections or on another appropriate motion.

(c) Admissibility of court determination.—If the court determines that the plaintiff has established that there is a substantial likelihood that the plaintiff will prevail on the claim, neither that determination nor the fact of that determination shall be admissible in evidence at any

later stage of the case, and no burden of proof or degree of proof otherwise applicable shall be affected by that determination.

(d) Intervention.—The government agency involved in the furtherance of a person’s right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with a public issue may intervene or otherwise participate as an amicus curiae in the action involving public petition and participation.

(e) Legal protections of defendants.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any constitutional, statutory or common-law protections of defendants to actions involving public petition and participation.

(f) Abuse of legal process.—In addition to other costs or remedies allowed by general rule or statute, in any administrative or judicial proceeding related to the enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation, the agency or court may award costs, including reasonable attorney fees, if the agency or court determines that an action, appeal, claim, motion or pleading is frivolous or taken solely for delay or that the conduct of a party or counsel is dilatory or vexatious.

(g) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

“Act in furtherance of a person’s right of petition or free speech under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with a public issue.” Any written or oral statement or writing made before a legislative, executive or judicial proceeding, or any other official proceeding authorized by law; any written or oral statement or writing made in connection with an issue under consideration or review by a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other official proceeding authorized by law; any written or oral statement or writing made in a place open to the public or a public forum in connection with an issue of public interest; or any written or oral statement or writing made to a government agency in connection with the implementation and enforcement of environmental law and regulations.

“Enforcement of environmental law and regulations.” Any activity related to the identification and elimination of violations of environmental laws and regulations, including investigations of alleged violations, inspections of activities subject to regulation under environmental law and regulations and responses taken to produce correction of the violations.

“Government agency.” The Federal Government, the Commonwealth and all of its departments, commissions, boards, agencies and authorities, and all political subdivisions and their authorities.

“Implementation of environmental law and regulations.” Any activity related to the development and administration of environmental programs developed under environmental law and regulations.

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

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

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, I hope this is an agreed-to amendment.

Mr. Speaker, some might ask why I continue to bring up this anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) legislation. In the Pittsburgh area right now, there have been a multitude of lawsuits against individuals who attempt to stand up and protect their persons and property. Mr. Speaker, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette described a \$7-million lawsuit that was filed against 17 different groups and people because they contacted their local government against a planned development. So the problem exists, and it exists in Pennsylvania, the home of our Bill of Rights.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment provides for qualified immunity for citizens who participate in matters of public concern. This version of the anti-SLAPP, Mr. Speaker, was passed unanimously in the House last April in the form of HB 393. In the meantime, the Senate has amended the bill beyond recognition, and maybe it is not their constituents that are being faced with lawsuits, Mr. Speaker, but it is your constituents and mine. With your help, I would like to send this bill over to the Senate as a clear message that the House will not stand for it drastically changing our unanimously passed bills.

I would like to take a minute to explain the amendment. Under my amendment a citizen would be immune unless a communication is not material or relevant to the enforcement or implementation of the environmental law or regulation, and was knowingly false when it was made, was rendered with reckless disregard to the truth or falsity of the statement when made, or represented a wrongful use of process or abuse of process. My amendment also allows for a SLAPP suit to be dismissed on a preliminary objection and provides for an associated stay on discovery.

Because the success of protecting citizens from SLAPP suits depends largely on the manner in which the legislation is implemented, I have also included a preamble that does the following: defines Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation; two, explains the need for anti-SLAPP; and three, outlines the procedure whereby the General Assembly, Mr. Speaker, intends civil immunity to be raised and resolved in court, including that no issues be reserved for further discovery – for example, by preliminary objection in conjunction with the stay of discovery.

I urge an affirmative vote, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Argall	Fleagle	Mayermik	Semmel
Armstrong	Flick	McCall	Shaner
Baker	Forcier	McGeehan	Smith, B.
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Cohen, L. I.	Josephs	Platts	Van Horne
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Costa	Krebs	Reinard	Washington
Coy	LaGrotta	Rieger	Waters
Curry	Laughlin	Robinson	Williams
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Dally	Leh	Rohrer	Wogan
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rooney	Wojnaroski
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Fairchild	Mann	Saylor	Ryan,
Fargo	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
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Butkovitz	Hasay	Oliver	Taylor, J.

Caltagirone	Hennessey	Orie	Thomas
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Egolf	Manderino	Sather	
Fairchild	Mann	Saylor	Ryan,
Fargo	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 844, PN 2186**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for criminal victim aid good Samaritan civil immunity.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Mr. **GEORGE** offered the following amendment No. **A3899**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "for" participation in certain environmental cases and for

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 7, by striking out "a section" and inserting sections

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, by inserting between lines 7 and 8 § 8314. Participation in environmental law or regulation.

(a) Immunity.—

(1) A person who acts in furtherance of the person's right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with an issue related to enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation shall be immune from civil liability in any action except where the communication to the government agency is not genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable governmental action, result or outcome.

(2) A communication is not genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable governmental action, result or outcome if it:

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(b) Stay of discovery.—The court shall stay all discovery proceedings in the action upon the filing of preliminary objections for legal insufficiency of a pleading or other appropriate motion on the basis of immunity, provided, however, that the court, on motion and after a hearing and for good cause shown, may order that specified discovery be conducted. The stay of discovery shall remain in effect until notice of the entry of the order ruling on the preliminary objections or on another appropriate motion.

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(d) Intervention.—The government agency involved in the furtherance of a person's right of petition or free speech under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Pennsylvania in connection with a public issue may intervene or otherwise participate as an amicus curiae in the action involving public petition and participation.

(e) Legal protections of defendants.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any constitutional, statutory or common-law protections of defendants to actions involving public petition and participation.

(f) Abuse of legal process.—In addition to other costs or remedies allowed by general rule or statute, in any administrative or judicial proceeding related to the enforcement or implementation of environmental law or regulation, the agency or court may award costs, including reasonable attorney fees, if the agency or court determines that an action, appeal, claim, motion or pleading is frivolous or taken solely for delay or that the conduct of a party or counsel is dilatory or vexatious.

(g) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

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"Enforcement of environmental law and regulations." Any activity related to the identification and elimination of violations of environmental laws and regulations, including investigations of alleged violations, inspections of activities subject to regulation under environmental law and regulations and responses taken to produce correction of the violations.

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"Implementation of environmental law and regulations." Any activity related to the development and administration of environmental programs developed under environmental law and regulations.

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

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

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will not belabor the matter. The matter is that we stand before you with intent to send this over in a Senate bill. It is the same legislation or the amendment that was in the previous bill.

I ask that all of our colleagues that believe in protecting our people will vote for this amendment.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
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Argall	Fleagle	Mayernik	Semmel
Armstrong	Flick	McCall	Shaner
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?
Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

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Egolf	Manderino	Sather	
Fairchild	Mann	Saylor	Ryan,
Fargo	Markosek	Schroder	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1224, PN 1855**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), entitled Crime Victims Act, further providing for definitions, for victims' rights, for law enforcement functions and for prosecutorial functions; providing for juvenile probation office functions; and further providing for costs.

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

Mr. **BLAUM** offered the following amendment No. **A3832**:

Amend Title, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "for"
the Victims' Services Advisory Committee, for
powers and duties of the committee and for
Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 13, by striking out " "crime" and" and
inserting

"crime,"

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 14, by inserting after "crime" "
and "victim"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 103), page 4, by inserting between lines 19
and 20

"Victim." The term means the following:

- (1) A direct victim.
- (2) A parent or legal guardian of a child who is a direct victim, except when the parent or legal guardian of the child is the alleged offender.

(3) A minor child who is a material witness to any of the following crimes and offenses under Title 18 committed or attempted against a member of the child's family:

Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide).
Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).
Section 3121 (relating to rape).

[(3)] (4) A family member of a homicide victim, including stepbrothers or stepsisters, stepchildren, stepparents or a fiance, one of whom is to be identified to receive communication as provided for in this act, except where the family member is the alleged offender.

Amend Sec. 6, page 13, line 15, by striking out "Section 1101 of the act is" and inserting

Sections 321(b)(7), 322 and 1101 of the act are

Amend Sec. 6, page 13, by inserting between lines 15 and 16 Section 321. Committee.

(b) Membership.—The committee shall consist of 15 members:

(7) Nine individuals appointed by the Governor.

Members under this paragraph must represent direct victims, Statewide victims' coalitions, prosecution-based victim/witness programs and other victim service or victim advocacy organizations, the courts, members of local government and other victims' organizations or organizations involved in the coordination or delivery of services to direct victims. At least one of the Governor's appointees must be a representative of a victims' services agency working directly with children.

Section 322. Powers and duties of committee.

The committee has the following powers and duties:

(1) To serve in an advisory capacity to the commission, including the bureau, through the committee's participation in the development of that part of the commission's plan relating to direct victims' services and compensation.

(2) To advise the commission on the development of direct services for minor children who are material witnesses to any of the following crimes and offenses under Title 18 (relating to crimes and offenses) committed or attempted against a member of the child's family:

Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide).
Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).
Section 3121 (relating to rape).

[(2)] (3) To perform those functions related to the direct approval and disbursement of financial assistance in an advisory capacity only. The committee shall have the opportunity to review and comment on applications other than applications for claims for compensation pursuant to sections 702 and 706 within 30 days after receipt of the application from the commission.

[(3)] (4) To advise the commission on the definition, development and correlation of programs and projects and the establishment of priorities for direct victims' services and compensation.

[(4)] (5) To develop standards, methods and procedures for evaluating and monitoring direct victims' services.

[(5)] (6) Upon request, to provide assistance and advice to the commission on any other matters relating to direct victims' services and compensation.

[(6)] (7) To receive staff support from the commission and the bureau in order to adequately perform the duties provided for in this section.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' (194 total). Includes names like Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Battisto, Bebkco-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Caltagirone, Cam, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Cornell, Corrigan, Costa, Coy, Curry, Dailey, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Eachus, Egolf, Fairchild, Fargo, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Freeman, Gannon, Geist, George, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Grucela, Gruitza, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Jadlowiec, James, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lucyk, Lynch, Maher, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Mann, Markosek, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, 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, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Ruffing, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Schroder, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., Thomas, Tighe, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko, Wansacz, Washington, Waters, Williams, Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, Zimmerman, Zugg, Ryan, Speaker.

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Table listing names of members who were 'EXCUSED' (6 total): Buxton, Cappabianca, Daley, Evans, Lederer, Roberts.

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Mr. Grucela, do you seek recognition? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton County.

Mr. GRUCELA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of SB 1224.

Many of you have received a cosponsorship memo from me based on something this bill addresses. So that legislation becomes a moot point should this bill pass.

After talking with Representative Blaum and his staff on an issue that concerned one of my constituents basically about a crime that was committed some 30 years ago, the constituents, who were sisters of the victim, came to my office and asked me about a prior notification. Their mother, who was in her eighties, had to read in the paper about an upcoming hearing for the convicted murderer, who was serving a life sentence. The mother obviously became somewhat upset. They had asked me whether there was any law on prior notification. After consulting with Representative Blaum and his staff, I had put together legislation and had put out a cosponsorship memo. However, Representative Blaum was kind enough to remind me that this bill does address that particular issue.

So I rise in total support of SB 1224 and urge its passage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Table listing names of representatives who voted 'YEAS' (194 total). Includes names like Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Belardi, Belfanti, Benninghoff, Birmelin, Bishop, Blaum, Boyes, Browne, Bunt, Butkovitz, Caltagirone, Carn, Casorio, Cawley, Chadwick, Civera, Clark, Clymer, Cohen, L. I., Cohen, M., Colafella, Cornell, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Freeman, Gannon, Geist, George, Gladeck, Godshall, Gordner, Grucela, Gruitza, Habay, Haluska, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Hasay, Hennessey, Herman, Hershey, Hess, Horsey, Hutchinson, Jadlowiec, James, Josephs, Kaiser, Keller, Kenney, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Metcalfe, Michlovic, Micozzie, Miller, R., Miller, S., Mundy, Myers, Nailor, Nickol, O'Brien, Oliver, Orie, Perzel, Pesci, Petrarca, Petrone, Phillips, Pippy, Pistella, Platts, Preston, Ramos, Raymond, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steelman, Steil, Stern, Stetler, Stevenson, Strittmatter, Sturla, Surra, Tangretti, Taylor, E. Z., Taylor, J., Thomas, Tighe, Travaglio, Trello, Trich, True, Tulli, Vance, Van Horne, Veon, Vitali, Walko.

Table listing names of representatives who did not vote or were excused. Includes names like Corrigan, Costa, Coy, Curry, Dailey, Dally, DeLuca, Dempsey, Dermody, DeWeese, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Eachus, Egolf, Fairchild, Fargo, Kirkland, Krebs, LaGrotta, Laughlin, Lawless, Leh, Lescovitz, Levdansky, Lucyk, Lynch, Maher, Maitland, Major, Manderino, Mann, Markosek, Readshaw, Reinard, Rieger, Robinson, Roebuck, Rohrer, Rooney, Ross, Rubley, Ruffing, Sainato, Samuelson, Santoni, Sather, Saylor, Schroder, Wansacz, Washington, Waters, Williams, Wilt, Wogan, Wojnaroski, Wright, Yewcic, Youngblood, Yudichak, Zimmerman, Zug, Ryan, Speaker.

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Table listing names of representatives who were excused. Includes names like Buxton, Cappabianca, Daley, Evans, Lederer, Roberts.

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

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

The House proceeded to third consideration of SB 1299, PN 1677, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the admissibility of certain statements.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Table listing names of representatives who voted 'YEAS' (194 total). Includes names like Adolph, Allen, Argall, Armstrong, Baker, Bard, Barley, Barrar, Bastian, Battisto, Bebko-Jones, Feese, Fichter, Fleagle, Flick, Forcier, Frankel, Freeman, Gannon, Geist, George, Gladeck, Marsico, Masland, Mayernik, McCall, McGeehan, McGill, McIlhattan, McIlhinney, McNaughton, Melio, Metcalfe, Schuler, Scrimenti, Semmel, Shaner, Smith, B., Smith, S. H., Snyder, Solobay, Staback, Stairs, Steelman.

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1477, PN 2177**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61), entitled Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act, further providing for definitions and for functions of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; and providing for enforcement related to electronic toll collection.

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

Mr. VITALI offered the following amendment No. **A3922**:

Amend Title, page 2, line 20, by removing the period after "collection" and inserting
and for a study by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting after line 30

Section 4. (a) The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall conduct a study of the following:

(1) The feasibility of consolidating the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission with the Department of Transportation.

(2) Competitive bidding of bonds issued by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

(3) Eliminating patronage practices in filling positions within the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and including these positions within the classified service under the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known as the Civil Service Act.

(4) Contracting procedures and practices.

(b) The results of the study, including the recommendations of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, shall be completed and made available to the General Assembly six months after the effective date of this section.

Amend Sec. 4, page 13, line 1, by striking out "4" and inserting
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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 Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What this amendment would do would be to direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a 6-month study of the Turnpike Commission focusing in on a number of points. The first point would be whether the public would be better served by consolidating the Turnpike Commission into the Department of Transportation. The second point would examine competitive bidding with regard to bond contracts. The third point would deal with whether patronage should be eliminated as the method for awarding turnpike jobs as opposed to civil service appointments, and the fourth would relate to its contracting procedures.

Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this study would give us some guidance in seeing whether the public would be better served here. The turnpike has a long history of problems. In fact, Governor Shapp back in 1972 recommended abolishing the Turnpike Commission. Governor Thornburgh, he was quoted in an Inquirer article several years ago saying that his fondest hope was to get rid of the Turnpike Commission as it serves no purpose. That was Governor Thornburgh's remarks back in 1997. I think that same Inquirer article quoted a ranking member of our own Transportation Committee as calling the Turnpike Commission a playground for the Senate.

Various studies have shown that the turnpike, the hiring of the turnpike, it is over staffed; the tolls are over priced. And I think that this is an issue that perhaps the House is not ready to deal with this session, but I think as we look to reform this system, this study, which would be completed in 6 months, sometime next spring, would put us on good footing to revisit this issue.

So I would ask that the members of this House at least consider a study commission and would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair County, Mr. Geist.

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

We have had tremendous pressure from the people down east for E-ZPass. Representative McGill, Representative Bard, and many members of our committee, we have been down. We have toured that site; we have toured the sites. We know that these things are extremely necessary.

Also, Mr. Speaker, a study of this nature would take us into the next term of the General Assembly. This is a very timely piece of legislation. It is a piece of legislation that needs passed now, and I would oppose the amendment.

(Conference held.)

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Mr. Speaker, that amendment will be withdrawn for the time being.

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I am still digesting exactly what that means.

BILL PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Snyder, go ahead.

Mr. SNYDER. I would like to request that this— The amendment has been withdrawn. I would like to ask that this bill be held over.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the bill will be over for the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2070 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Turn to page 1 of supplemental calendar B.

HB 2070, PN 3948.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the George amendment, A3706, is withdrawn.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—194

Adolph	Feese	Marsico	Schuler
Allen	Fichter	Masland	Scrimenti
Argall	Fleagle	Mayemik	Semmel

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

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

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who calls for an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee at the majority leader's desk.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 608, PN 4078

By Rep. PERZEL

A Resolution paying tribute to Maureen Faulkner for her remarkable courage, loyalty, love and devotion to justice.

RULES.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR E

RESOLUTION

Mr. O'BRIEN called up **HR 608, PN 4078**, entitled:

A Resolution paying tribute to Maureen Faulkner for her remarkable courage, loyalty, love and devotion to justice.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Cohen, on the resolution.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, when was this resolution introduced? Today? I am assuming it was introduced today.

Mr. Speaker, I basically agree with this resolution, but I have some problems with some of the wording. Could we hold this until I could speak to Mr. O'Brien privately?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be at ease.
Mr. COHEN. Thank you.

(Conference held.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will come to order.
The Chair had announced earlier that this was a resolution pursuant to rule 35. It is not, and since it is not a rule 35 resolution, it would require a suspension of the rules in order to run it today.

RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. O'Brien, what is your pleasure in that regard?

Mr. O'BRIEN. I would move to suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Moved by the gentleman, Mr. O'Brien, that the rules of the House be suspended so that he may offer HR 608 immediately.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I would oppose the suspension of the rules.

On the whole this is a very good resolution. Some of the language is inflammatory in this resolution. I believe it is a very simple matter to change this resolution, get rid of inflammatory language, and therefore, I would oppose suspending the rules.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—144

Adolph	Egolf	Major	Ruffing
Allen	Fairchild	Mann	Sainato
Argall	Fargo	Markosek	Samuelson
Armstrong	Feese	Marsico	Santoni
Baker	Fichter	Masland	Sather
Bard	Fleagle	Mayernik	Saylor
Barley	Flick	McCall	Schroder
Barrar	Forcier	McGeehan	Schuler
Bastian	Gannon	McGill	Semmel
Battisto	Geist	McIlhattan	Smith, B.
Belardi	George	McIlhinney	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gladeck	McNaughton	Snyder
Birmelin	Godshall	Melio	Staback
Blaum	Gordner	Metcalfe	Stairs
Boyes	Grucela	Micozzie	Steil
Browne	Gruitza	Miller, R.	Stern
Bunt	Habay	Miller, S.	Stevenson
Butkovitz	Haluska	Mundy	Strittmatter
Caltagirone	Harhart	Nailor	Taylor, E. Z.
Casorio	Hasay	Nickol	Taylor, J.
Cawley	Hennessey	O'Brien	Tigue
Chadwick	Herman	Oliver	True
Civera	Hershey	Orie	Tulli
Clark	Hess	Perzel	Vance
Clymer	Hutchinson	Pesci	Wansacz
Cohen, L. I.	Jadlowiec	Petrarca	Wilt
Colafella	Kaiser	Petrone	Wogan
Cornell	Keller	Phillips	Wojnaroski
Corrigan	Kenney	Pippy	Wright
Coy	LaGrotta	Platts	Yewcic
Dailey	Lawless	Raymond	Yudichak
Daily	Leh	Reinard	Zimmerman
DeLuca	Lescovitz	Rieger	Zug
Dempsey	Lucyk	Rohrer	
Dermody	Lynch	Ross	
DiGirolamo	Maher	Rubley	Ryan,
Donatucci	Maitland		Speaker

NAYS—50

Bebko-Jones	Horsey	Readshaw	Thomas
Belfanti	James	Robinson	Travaglio
Bishop	Josephs	Roebuck	Trello
Carn	Kirkland	Rooney	Trich
Cohen, M.	Krebs	Scrimenti	Van Horne
Costa	Laughlin	Shaner	Veon
Curry	Levdansky	Solobay	Vitali
DeWeese	Manderino	Steelman	Walko
Eachus	Michlovic	Stetler	Washington
Frankel	Myers	Sturla	Waters
Freeman	Pistella	Surra	Williams
Hanna	Preston	Tangretti	Youngblood
Harhai	Ramos		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

A majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Cohen, on the resolution.
Mr. COHEN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution was introduced today and we were given an opportunity to cosponsor it, and now that we have had the opportunity to cosponsor it for about 2 hours, we are now asked to vote on this resolution.

Certainly Maureen Faulkner deserves our admiration for the enormous courage with which she has dealt with the problems which she has faced in view of the murder of her husband nearly 20 years ago. She has carried on a great campaign to honor the memory of her husband and to see that what she perceives as justice is done in this case.

I would urge support for this resolution, but I would like to state for the record that I disagree with this language in paragraph (6) characterizing the campaign of efforts of Mumia Abu-Jamal. I do not believe we have this information. We are not a court hearing this case. We ought not to pretend we are a court hearing this case, and I think this is the wrong way to go to get us involved in this issue and to pretend that we really have an independent base to make the knowledge. What we have are newspaper accounts and opinions of the advocates of various sides, but we are not the decision-making body and we ought not to be making judgments, in my opinion, that assume that we are the decision-making body, and therefore, the wording of paragraph (6) on page 2, in my judgment, really ought to be changed.

However, you know, on the whole I agree with the resolution and would urge support, and I would hope, though, the people who come up with these resolutions would give time for input of members before we have such resolutions in the future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the question, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not think there is anything controversial about this resolution. I ask for immediate approval of this.

This resolution is very simple and straightforward. Not to adopt this would be to say that Danny Faulkner did something wrong in the performance of his duties, and therefore, Maureen Faulkner in defending her husband's memory is doing something wrong. I think that is abhorrent. We should vote this immediately. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—183

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

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—11

Carn	Kirkland	Roebuck	Waters
James	Manderino	Thomas	Youngblood
Josephs	Myers	Washington	

EXCUSED—6

Buxton	Daley	Lederer	Roberts
Cappabianca	Evans		

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There will be no further votes today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY
SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Before you leave, the Chair would like to remind the members that there is a surprise retirement party immediately in the majority caucus room for Representative Howard Fargo and his loyal and talented assistant, Mrs. Toni Christman. The Chair understands he is not within hearing of this microphone.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MS. STEELMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would now like to recognize the lady from Indiana, Ms. Steelman, under unanimous consent.

Ms. STEELMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to apprise the members of the House that I have introduced today a resolution that would require us, the Senate concurring, to adjourn sine die on or before October 31. Pennsylvania is one of only 11 States in the country that permits legislative business to continue after an election at the end of a session. We have seen many, many misuses of the legislative process during that period. At this point we have plenty of time to schedule another 9 days of legislative activity before October 31, wrap up our business, and go home and face the voters with the perception that we have actually done everything that we were sent down here to do and, it is to be hoped, nothing that we were not sent down here to do. Thank you.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Ms. Manderino, do you seek recognition? For what purpose does the lady from Philadelphia rise?

Ms. MANDERINO. To correct the record, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You are in order and may proceed.

Ms. MANDERINO. Thank you.

On HB 2070, PN 3948, I was recorded in the affirmative. I had intended to vote in the negative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady's remarks will be spread upon the record.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

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

HB 231;
HB 479;
HB 708;
HB 1156;
HB 1536;
HB 1831;
HB 2038;
HB 2234;
HB 2304; and
HB 2320.

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

BILLS TABLED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be placed on the tabled calendar:

HB 231;
HB 479;
HB 708;
HB 1156;
HB 1536;
HB 1831;
HB 2038;
HB 2234;
HB 2304; and
HB 2320.

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

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

HB 1107, PN 1255 By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a section of Legislative Route 1077 as the Stan Musial Byway.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2595, PN 3656 By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a certain bridge in Lancaster County as the Thaddeus Stevens Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2696, PN 3856 By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for pupil attendance in certain territory that has been transferred from one school district to another school district.

EDUCATION.

HB 2712, PN 3874 By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a bridge in the borough of Renovo, Clinton County, the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2805, PN 4051 By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a certain bridge on SR 0054 over the North Branch of the Susquehanna River connecting Riverside, Northumberland County and Danville and Mahoning Township, Montour County, as the Danville-Riverside Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2815, PN 4084 (Amended)

By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 30 in Westmoreland County as the John H. Dent Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 1251, PN 2223 (Amended)

By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2027 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, as Charles Houck Road; designating a bridge over the Ohio River in Allegheny County as the Pittsburgh Naval and Shipbuilders Memorial Bridge 1941-1945; 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; designating State Route 1077 in Donora Borough and Carroll Township, Washington County, as the Stan Musial Byway; designating a portion of State Route 24 in York County as the 24th Infantry Division Association Highway; designating a bridge on the Mon/Fayette Expressway as the Braddock's Crossing Bridge; designating a portion of the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the Medal of Honor Highway; and designating a certain bridge on State Route 1002 over French Creek in Venango Borough, Crawford County, as the Venango Veterans Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 1332, PN 2225 (Amended)

By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 62, Pennsylvania Route 8 in Venango County as the Colonel Francis S. Gabreski Highway; 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; designating State Route 1077 in Donora Borough and Carroll Township, Washington County, as the Stan Musial Byway; designating a portion of State Route 24 in York County as the 24th Infantry Division Association Highway; designating a bridge on the Mon/Fayette Expressway as the Braddock's Crossing Bridge; designating a portion of the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the Medal of Honor Highway; and designating a certain bridge on State Route 1002 over French Creek in Venango Borough, Crawford County, as the Venango Veterans Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 1412, PN 2224 (Amended)

By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a bridge on State Route 44, over Little Pine Creek in Lycoming County, as the Lieutenant Michael Wolf Bridge; 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; designating State Route 1077 in Donora Borough and Carroll Township, Washington County, as the Stan Musial Byway; designating a portion of State Route 24 in York County as the 24th Infantry Division Association Highway; designating a bridge on the Mon/Fayette Expressway as the Braddock's Crossing Bridge; designating a portion of the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the Medal of Honor Highway; and designating a certain bridge on State Route 1002 over French Creek in Venango Borough, Crawford County, as the Venango Veterans Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

REPORT SUBMITTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of the report of the Working Group on Biomedical Research submitted by the Joint State Government Commission pursuant to HR 419 of 1998.

(Copy of report is on file with the Chief Clerk.)

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. O'BRIEN submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

I am here to announce the release of the Joint State Government Commission's report on biomedical research in Pennsylvania.

Two years ago, I sponsored a House resolution that directed the Joint State Government Commission to set up a working group to assess the level of biomedical research being conducted by the Commonwealth's universities and teaching hospitals, and to make specific recommendations as to how we can ensure the growth of biomedical research in Pennsylvania.

The working group was composed of individuals with expertise in biomedical research, health care, economic development, and higher education. They took a critical look at the state of biomedical research in this State, and they recommended some strategic policy actions that would help Pennsylvania maintain its status as a leader in biomedical research.

This report, which I will present to the Speaker of the House, is the end result of that working group's efforts.

I want to thank all of the professionals who devoted their time and talent to this study. I would especially like to thank the Joint State Government Commission for facilitating this project, and David Hostetter, executive director of the Joint State Government Committee, for leading the working group and heading up the drafting of this report.

Recent advances in biomedical research have changed our understanding of the life sciences and have opened the door to new ways to prevent, treat, and cure disease. New drugs and therapies have been extremely successful in treating AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), cancer, strokes, and heart attacks, as well as other diseases.

But the best may be yet to come. The future will likely produce even more profound advancements, leading to untold benefits in the human condition.

We are living in an era that is being called "The Age of Biology." In the years to come, biotechnology as a growth industry will be rivaled only by that of information technology.

That is why Pennsylvania must not just maintain its competitive edge in this field, it must strengthen it. The Commonwealth is poised to be a leader in biomedical science and research in the coming years, but we must take action now to ensure that eventuality.

The goal for Pennsylvania should be to solidify its position in the upper echelon of academic biomedical research and to prepare the Commonwealth to compete aggressively in this quickly evolving area that has the potential to improve the lives of so many of our citizens.

This report will not simply be allowed to gather dust. Rather, I will ask the working group's members to reconvene as a group to formulate the next steps to be taken to implement the recommendations of the report.

We will look at ways to support the research infrastructure at our research institutions in a way that promotes the goals of the report, and we will welcome other "champions" to join with us.

Many of these will come from the private and philanthropic sectors: Pharmaceutical companies, foundations, et cetera, will be approached to foster strong alliances to push this agenda forward.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Cohen, do you seek recognition under unanimous consent?

Mr. COHEN. Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the members here in the House and for anybody within the sound of my voice, we are going to have a Democratic caucus tomorrow to discuss the changes in the keystone opportunity zone bill which was just added to the calendar for tomorrow as well as any other amendments that are presented at the last moment.

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. PERZEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 16 be recommitted to the Committee on Rules.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. Miller.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 4:15 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.