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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.s.t.

THE SPEAKER (JOHN M. PERZEL) PRESIDING

PRAYER

MSGR. JOSEPH McFADDEN, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us remember we are always in the presence of Almighty God, and so we pray:

Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for the many blessings You give us each and every day. As we gather today as legislators for this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we invoke Your aid and guidance.

On this day when we celebrate the cultural heritage of the men and women of Irish descent in our State, we ask You to help us always to appreciate the diversity of peoples and cultures that populate our great nation. We thank You for the contributions that have been made by so many sons and daughters of the Irish people who immigrated to this country, seeking to share in the bounty that our country offers and the opportunity to practice their faith and freedom without fear of recrimination. We are especially mindful today of the men and women of Irish descent that have served in this august body and contributed so richly to the proceedings of this legislative body in helping to fashion laws that reflect the values and ideals that are so dear to all of us.

Remember today in particular the former Speaker of the House, Matthew Ryan, who contributed so much to the spirit of fraternity and statesmanship that is the hallmark of our democratic form of government and of this institution.

Almighty God, we ask You to give this body the wisdom and knowledge to always work together for the common good. Help us to recognize the unique dignity and worth of every person and to seek to provide for the needs of all our citizens with a spirit of charity and love. May all our efforts be guided by Your help, and in the spirit of St. Patrick we ask You, God, to be with us, God be within us, God be beside us, God be behind me, God be before us, God to win us, God be there to comfort and restore us, God be beneath us, God be above us, God be with us in quiet, God be with us in time of danger, God be in the hearts of all that love us, God be in the mouths of friends and strangers alike.

On this day when we celebrate St. Patrick, we ask Your blessing on all of us, and we ask that the road may rise to meet

us, the wind may be always at our back, and, Lord, we ask You to forever hold us in the hollow of Your hand.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 16, 2004, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. However, the following Journals are in print:

Wednesday, September 17;
Monday, September 22;
Tuesday, September 23; and
Wednesday, September 24, 2003.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2300 By Representatives GILLESPIE, TURZAI, THOMAS, ARGALL, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, GOODMAN, HARPER, HERSHEY, JOSEPHS, LEVDANSKY, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, MUSTIO, NICKOL, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, WEBER and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further providing for reporting requirements; and making an editorial change.

Referred to Committee on COMMERCE, March 17, 2004.

No. 2445 By Representatives METCALFE, COLEMAN, ARMSTRONG, BARRAR, CLYMER, DAILEY, DENLINGER, FORCIER, HABAY, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, KELLER, LEH, MAHER, McILHATTAN, S. MILLER, ROHRER, THOMAS, WILT and LYNCH

An Act establishing the Special Education Mandate Relief and Options Act; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Education, school districts and program participants and for scholarship funding and payment.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, March 17, 2004.

No. 2446 By Representatives EGOLF, BALDWIN, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, BROWNE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, COLEMAN, FAIRCHILD, FORCIER, GEIST, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARRIS, HERSHEY, HESS, LEDERER, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, METCALFE, R. MILLER, MUSTIO, NAILOR, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROHRER, SATHER, SAYLOR, SHANER, B. SMITH, STERN, T. STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR and WASHINGTON

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 17, 2004.

No. 2448 By Representatives WANSACZ, CAWLEY, COSTA, DALEY, BEBKO-JONES, COLEMAN, BOYD, CREIGHTON, GERGELY, HORSEY, HARPER, SAYLOR, STURLA, SURRA, REED, MARKOSEK, SCAVELLO, WHEATLEY, CRUZ, KIRKLAND and MUSTIO

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

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 17, 2004.

No. 2449 By Representatives PHILLIPS, ALLEN, FEESE, ARMSTRONG, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, DENLINGER, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GODSHALL, HARHAI, HARRIS, HERSHEY, HESS, HORSEY, JAMES, PICKETT, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

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 the sales and use tax.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, March 17, 2004.

No. 2450 By Representatives CIVERA, WEBER, ALLEN, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BOYD, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, COY, CURRY, DALEY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FLEAGLE, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, KENNEY, KILLION, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, MANN, MARKOSEK, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MICOZZIE, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PETRARCA, READSHAW, REED, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SURRA, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD and ZUG

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for eligibility for benefits for members of certain ambulance services or rescue squads.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 17, 2004.

No. 2451 By Representatives FRANKEL, THOMAS, BISHOP, COHEN, CURRY, D. EVANS, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, LEACH, MELIO, PISTELLA, ROEBUCK, ROONEY, STETLER, STURLA, WASHINGTON, WATERS, WEBER, WHEATLEY, WILLIAMS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prohibition and registration of certain assault weapons; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 17, 2004.

The SPEAKER. We do have a special guest here to the left of the rostrum. A leprechaun directly from Ireland is here to see all of you.

SENATE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 349, PN 1573**, with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendment.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 100, PN 3430**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader. Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following bills be taken from the table:

HB 2055;
HB 2081;
HB 2163;
HB 2285;
HB 2330;
HB 2348;
HB 2428;
HB 316;
HB 417;
HB 661;

HB 994;
 HB 1120;
 HB 1158;
 HB 1159;
 HB 1456;
 HB 1458;
 HB 2268;
 SB 907;
 SB 975; and
 SB 989.

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 2055, PN 3423; HB 2081, PN 3424; HB 2163, PN 2934; HB 2285, PN 3425; HB 2330, PN 3251; HB 2348, PN 3426; HB 2428, PN 3421; HB 316, PN 3285; HB 417, PN 3005; HB 661, PN 3283; HB 994, PN 3427; HB 1120, PN 1322; HB 1158, PN 1371; HB 1159, PN 2734; HB 1456, PN 1830; HB 1458, PN 1832; HB 2268, PN 3119; SB 907, PN 1174; SB 975, PN 1302; and SB 989, PN 1428.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

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

HB 2055;
 HB 2081;
 HB 2163;
 HB 2285;
 HB 2330;
 HB 2348;
 HB 2428;
 HB 316;
 HB 417;
 HB 661;
 HB 994;
 HB 1120;
 HB 1158;
 HB 1159;
 HB 1456;
 HB 1458;
 HB 2268;
 SB 907;
 SB 975; and
 SB 989.

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

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 217, PN 2680**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, authorizing school districts to reopen their 2003-2004 budgets; further providing for program of continuing professional education, for school improvement grants and for small district assistance payments; providing for basic education funding for 2002-2003 school year and for special funding provisions for 2002-2003 school year; further providing for payments; and making appropriations.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
 Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 217 be placed upon the table.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
 Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 217 be taken off the table.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 36, PN 3475 (Amended) 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 the definition of "compulsory school age" and for home education programs.

EDUCATION.

HB 1238, PN 1522 By Rep. ALLEN

An Act amending the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, further providing for self-service dispensing stations, for prohibition and for penalties.

LABOR RELATIONS.

HB 1424, PN 3474 (Amended) By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a technology enhancement fee for convictions; and establishing the Juvenile and Criminal Justice Technology Enhancement Fund.

JUDICIARY.

HB 1930, PN 2521 By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for probable cause arrests in misdemeanor sex offenses.

JUDICIARY.

HB 2149, PN 3477 (Amended) By Rep. ALLEN

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, adding a definition of "recreational cabin"; further providing for application of the act, for municipal administration and enforcement and for exemptions; and providing for municipal immunity.

LABOR RELATIONS.

HB 2178, PN 3476 (Amended) 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 Office for Safe Schools; and encouraging the establishment of pupil harassment, bullying and intimidation policies.

EDUCATION.

HB 2185, PN 2973 By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors resulting in injury or death.

JUDICIARY.

HB 2187, PN 2975 By Rep. STAIRS

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Public School Employees' Retirement Board.

EDUCATION.

HB 2378, PN 3356 By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a portion of State Route 4013 in Blair County as the Jack E. Kuhn Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2396, PN 3373 By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for the definitions of "crime" and "personal injury crime."

JUDICIARY.

HB 2405, PN 3381 By Rep. GEIST

An Act designating a certain bridge carrying SR 248 over Aquashicola Creek in Palmerton Borough, Carbon County, as the Colonel John Craig Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2447, PN 3459 By Rep. GEIST

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1931 (P.L.594, No.203), referred to as the Township State Highway Law, adding a road, Logan Township, Blair County, to the State highway system.

TRANSPORTATION.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 577, PN 3472 (Amended) By Rep. GEIST

A Resolution requesting the Attorney General of the Commonwealth to investigate the possibility of collusion in the establishment of fees within this Commonwealth as it pertains to motor vehicle emissions testing and any potential violations of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law; and directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to prepare a report on the actual costs incurred by emission inspection stations.

TRANSPORTATION.

HR 581, PN 3473 (Amended) By Rep. GEIST

A Resolution recognizing the responsibility of the Commonwealth to examine the quality and efficiency of its State highway system; and establishing a select committee to consider toll roads.

TRANSPORTATION.

BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HB 2308, PN 3226 By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information relating to prospective child-care personnel.

JUDICIARY.

BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS

HB 2336, PN 3289 By Rep. O'BRIEN

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, further providing for judicial sales; and providing for procedure for judicial sale of multiple properties.

JUDICIARY.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED AND
REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

HR 529, PN 3177

By Rep. ALLEN

A Resolution urging the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs to study the efficacy of offering licensing examinations in languages other than English.

LABOR RELATIONS.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who asks for a leave of absence for the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. RIEGER; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. HORSEY; the gentleman from Northampton, Mr. ROONEY. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causar	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt

DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Perzel,
Egolf	Lescovitz		Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Horsey	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney		

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who calls for an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 100, PN 3430

By Rep. S. SMITH

An Act providing for the availability of and access to a comprehensive trauma care system; and imposing powers and duties upon the Department of Public Welfare.

RULES.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM

The SPEAKER. Would the gentleman, Mr. Lynch, please come to the rostrum for the purpose of an announcement.

The gentleman is entitled to be heard. Please keep the noise levels down.

Mr. LYNCH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and a happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you.

It is good to see the green out there from those that are truly Irish and those who all want to be, because today, on St. Patrick's Day, everybody's blood runs a little bit green.

I would like to paraphrase an old Gaelic blessing. You know, we Irish people go to the Lord every day asking Him to bless and to love us, and in our prayers we ask the Lord that for those who do not love us, that He turn their hearts so that they could love us, and if He cannot turn their hearts, that He turn their ankles so we will know them by their limping. We Irish like that.

I would now like to turn this over to the secretary of the Irish caucus, the gentleman from Chester County, Tim O'Hennessey.

Mr. HENNESSEY. Good morning. Happy St. Patrick's Day. Good morning, Mr. Speaker.

Before we begin our session work this morning, we are joined by a group of Irish dancers from Honeybrook and Downingtown in Chester County and from Havertown in Delaware County. Their names are Briane and Moire Smoker,

Ian Luebbers, Cassidy Luebbers, and Ashley Aloï. The kids had the opportunity to dance this morning on the main steps in the main rotunda and PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) was there, so they will probably be on PCN later today. They will dance for us here, and then we are going to whisk them away to meet with Governor Rendell for a photo opportunity, and then the kids have to leave quickly to go to Elverson YMCA to dance for a seniors dinner, or lunch rather, in Elverson.

So without further ado, let me introduce to you the Irish dancers and wish, again, everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

(An Irish reel was performed.)

Mr. HENNESSEY. That was the first of two Irish reels. The kids are going to dance another Irish reel. Normally this would be done in hard shoe, but because of the carpeting we are simply going to do a second Irish reel for you, and you have to imagine all that clicking of the shoes and the tapping on the floor in your minds.

(An Irish reel was performed.)

Mr. HENNESSEY. Thank you, kids. Good kids doing good things.

I hope you all enjoyed them. Thank you, kids, for joining us today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. MARKOSEK

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Markosek, rise?

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To make an announcement, a brief announcement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as dean of the House Notre Dame caucus and on behalf of my colleagues who are graduates of Notre Dame, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame – Representative LaGrotta, Representative Levdansky, Representative Pat Browne, and Representative Mike Turzai – I would like to wish all the members a happy St. Patrick's Day.

And also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the members that St. Patrick is not the only saint whom we celebrate their feast day this week. Friday, March 19, is the feast day of St. Joseph, my patron saint, and I think it is also important to remember that St. Joseph had the vocation that all of us, certainly the males in the audience today, should aspire to, and that was of being a great father.

So with that I want to again wish everybody a happy St. Patrick's Day and, on Friday, a happy St. Joseph's Day.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. BELFANTI

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

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Italians in the State House of Representatives, we would like to extend our congratulations to

all of those of Irish descent and appreciate the fact that they embraced an Italian, St. Patrick, as their patron saint. As most people should know, St. Patrick was born and raised in Italy and went to Ireland to try some Guinness, and things worked out from there.

Congratulations to all my Irish colleagues.

STATEMENT BY MR. MCGEEHAN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. McGeehan, and the Chair thanks the gentleman for the candy.

Mr. MCGEEHAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this marks the first year you are presiding as Speaker during our St. Patrick's Day celebrations, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to continue the tradition we established 13 years ago of providing each and every member with those uniquely Philadelphia Irish treats, the Irish potatoes. And I want to, Mr. Speaker, read the names of my leprechauns who slaved all weekend to produce these for them, and I would ask you to join with me in thanking them. I will begin with my sister, Kerry Creelman; my niece, Hannah Creelman; my sister, Megan DeRocini – for my fellows in the Italian caucus – my niece, Erin DeRocini; my cousin, Anne Fota; her daughter, Karen Ashley Fota; my aunt, Mary Kaeppler; my cousin, Elaine Brightcliff; and my sister, Nora McGeehan, and I would like you to join me in thanking them for once again providing these treats.

Mr. Speaker, I am mindful today that this is the first year we are without the greatest Irishman this House has ever produced, our former and beloved Speaker, Matt Ryan. Last year he was with us, and I am sure he watched from his hospital bed on television the proceedings, and I know he reveled, he reveled in each Irish celebration on this House floor.

Mr. Speaker, I know last year he felt the warmth, the love, and the affection of each and every member, and this year, although he is no longer with us, I know that that love and affection and respect goes out to him again today. I know he is shining down on us and looking down and smiling. And for the record, Mr. Speaker, I added the extra box of Irish potatoes for our dear Speaker.

Matt, we love you. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 654, PN 760**, entitled:

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 approved reimbursable rental for leases hereafter approved and approved reimbursable sinking fund charges on indebtedness.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

BILL RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.
Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 654, PN 760, be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2166, PN 3429**, entitled:

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 the definition of "manufacture."

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

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Steil.
Mr. STEIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask to be excused from the vote on HB 2166 since I own a company that manufactures equipment specifically for clean room and environmental control systems, which would be a conflict, in my opinion.

The SPEAKER. Based upon the gentleman's statements, the gentleman is excused from voting.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Yudichak.
Mr. YUDICHAK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would just like to take a moment to bring to the members' attention the purpose for this bill.

In 1996 a manufacturer, a semiconductor manufacturer in my legislative district, did what we want all Pennsylvania companies to do: they invested in Pennsylvania to create jobs in Pennsylvania. But unfortunately, the Department of Revenue at that time had a tax policy that applied a sales and use tax to the construction of their clean room, saying that it was not part of their manufacturing process. As we all know, a clean room for technology companies like a semiconductor manufacturer is critical to the manufacturing process. Since that time, we have moved the Department of Revenue to change that policy. This bill would codify the policy of exempting clean rooms from the sales and use tax so that we can create jobs in Pennsylvania.

I am also happy to note that just recently the same semiconductor has invested more than \$143 million in creating 300 new jobs in northeastern Pennsylvania. These are the types of companies that we have to help, that we have to foster, so that they can continue to improve Pennsylvania's economy.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote on HB 2166.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lescovitz	Ruffing
Allen	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Sainato
Argall	Fabrizio	Lewis	Samuelson
Armstrong	Fairchild	Lynch	Santoni
Baker	Feese	Mackereth	Sather
Baldwin	Fichter	Maher	Scavello
Bard	Fleagle	Maitland	Schroder
Barrar	Flick	Major	Scrimenti
Bastian	Forcier	Manderino	Semmel
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Mann	Shaner
Belardi	Freeman	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belfanti	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Benninghoff	Gannon	McCall	Solobay
Bianucci	Geist	McGeehan	Staback
Birmelin	George	McGill	Stairs
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhattan	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Melio	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Metcalfe	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Micozzie	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Millard	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, R.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Miller, S.	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mundy	Thomas
Causer	Hanna	Mustio	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Myers	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	Nailor	True
Clymer	Harper	O'Brien	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	Oliver	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	O'Neill	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Pallone	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Payne	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petrarca	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petri	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Petrone	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Phillips	Watson
Curry	James	Pickett	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Pistella	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Preston	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Raymond	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reed	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Reichley	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roberts	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Roebuck	Zug
Diven	Leach	Rohrer	
Donatucci	Lederer	Ross	Perzel,
Eachus	Leh	Rubley	Speaker
Egolf			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Horsey	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney	Steil	

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1796, PN 2337**, entitled:

An Act providing for the strengthening and enrichment of children and families by promoting safe, healthy and nurturing home environments, for the educational and supportive services of home visiting programs in this Commonwealth, for the Ounce of Prevention grant program and for integrated community-based delivery of services; specifying program requirements; designating an oversight board; providing for responsibilities of the board and the Department of Public Welfare; specifying criteria for community program grant funding; requiring training and an independent evaluation process; and providing for quality assurance.

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-181

Adolph	Evans, J.	Lynch	Samuelson
Allen	Fabrizio	Mackereth	Santoni
Argall	Fairchild	Maher	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maitland	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Major	Schroder
Bard	Flick	Manderino	Scrimenti
Barrar	Frankel	Mann	Semmel
Bastian	Freeman	Markosek	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Gabig	Marsico	Smith, B.
Belardi	Gannon	McCall	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Geist	McGeehan	Solobay
Benninghoff	George	McGill	Staback
Biancucci	Gergely	McIlhattan	Stairs
Birmelin	Gillespie	McIlhinney	Steil
Bishop	Gingrich	McNaughton	Stern
Blaum	Godshall	Melio	Stetler
Boyd	Good	Micozzie	Stevenson, T.
Browne	Goodman	Millard	Sturla
Bunt	Grucela	Miller, R.	Surra
Butkovitz	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Tangretti
Buxton	Haluska	Mundy	Taylor, E. Z.
Caltagirone	Hanna	Mustio	Taylor, J.
Cappelli	Harhai	Myers	Thomas
Casorio	Harhart	Nailor	Tigue
Causar	Harper	O'Brien	Travaglio
Cawley	Harris	Oliver	True
Civera	Hasay	O'Neill	Vance
Clymer	Hennessey	Pallone	Veon
Cohen	Herman	Payne	Vitali
Corrigan	Hershey	Petrarca	Walko
Costa	Hess	Petri	Wansacz
Coy	Hickernell	Petrone	Washington
Crahalla	James	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Josephs	Pickett	Watson
Curry	Keller	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Kenney	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Killion	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kirkland	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DeLuca	Kotik	Reed	Wright
Dermody	LaGrotta	Reichley	Yewcic
DeWeese	Laughlin	Roberts	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Leach	Roebuck	Zug

Diven	Lederer	Ross	
Donatucci	Lescovitz	Rubley	
Eachus	Levdansky	Ruffing	Perzel,
Evans, D.	Lewis	Sainato	Speaker

NAYS-15

Armstrong	Egolf	Hutchinson	Stevenson, R.
Coleman	Fleagle	Leh	Turzai
Creighton	Forcier	Metcalf	Wilt
Denlinger	Habay	Rohrer	

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Horsey	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney		

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.

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that HB 217, PN 2680, be recommitted to the Committee on Rules.

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

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. GINGRICH called up **HR 574, PN 3337**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2004 as "Junior Achievement Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler

Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causser	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Perzel,
Egolf	Lescovitz		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Horsley	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney		

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

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Mr. McGEEHAN called up **HR 594, PN 3394**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring March 2004 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello

Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causser	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Perzel,
Egolf	Lescovitz		Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Horsley	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney		

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

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Mr. BAKER called up **HR 599, PN 3437**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Tioga County on its 200th anniversary.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causer	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Perzel,
Egolf	Lescovitz		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Horsey	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney		

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SOLOBAY called up **HR 609, PN 3463**, entitled:

A Resolution declaring March 2004 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McIlhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causer	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Perzel,
Egolf	Lescovitz		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED—6

Horshey Rieger Saylor Youngblood
Nickol Rooney

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

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Mr. SOLOBAY called up **HR 610, PN 3464**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2004 as “Lupus Alert Month” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Bimelin	George	McIlhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Surla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causar	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O'Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O'Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rublely	

Eachus Leh Ruffing Perzel,
Egolf Lescovitz Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Horshey Rieger Saylor Youngblood
Nickol Rooney

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 100, PN 3430**, entitled:

An Act providing for the availability of and access to a comprehensive trauma care system; and imposing powers and duties upon the Department of Public Welfare.

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

The SPEAKER. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Schroder, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Mr. Schroder.

Mr. SCHRODER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge concurrence with the Senate amendments.

The Senate kept the basic bill that we sent over intact. They did make a few improvements, establishing some criteria for Level III trauma centers. They specify requirements that the Trauma Systems Foundation certify eligible hospitals within 120 days and promptly accredit the Level III centers. Also, it requires the Department of Health be given 60 days' notice in the event of closure of a trauma center, and most importantly, I think, it permits the immediate distribution of the funds that were passed in this current year's budget without having to wait for the Federal approval of the matching funds. Also, it requires the Trauma Systems Foundation to report to the Department of Health in 5 years on the impact of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, today's vote culminates about 3 years of work that was begun by Representative Ron Buxton and myself to try to give relief to the trauma centers across the State of Pennsylvania. This situation became even more acute and severe because of the medical malpractice crisis that we have been facing, and Governor Rendell got involved with this issue as well and has been very supportive.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank all the members of the General Assembly, the Senate for the hard work that they have done, the Department of Public Welfare – Secretary Richman and her staff – the staff at the Governor’s Office who have been very helpful with this.

I urge a concurrence vote, as the Governor is waiting for this to reach his desk. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Sainato
Allen	Evans, J.	Lewis	Samuelson
Argall	Fabrizio	Lynch	Santoni
Armstrong	Fairchild	Mackereth	Sather
Baker	Feese	Maher	Scavello
Baldwin	Fichter	Maitland	Schroder
Bard	Fleagle	Major	Scrimenti
Barrar	Flick	Manderino	Semmel
Bastian	Forcier	Mann	Shaner
Bebko-Jones	Frankel	Markosek	Smith, B.
Belardi	Freeman	Marsico	Smith, S. H.
Belfanti	Gabig	McCall	Solobay
Benninghoff	Gannon	McGeehan	Staback
Biancucci	Geist	McGill	Stairs
Birmelin	George	McLhattan	Steil
Bishop	Gergely	McIlhinney	Stern
Blaum	Gillespie	McNaughton	Stetler
Boyd	Gingrich	Melio	Stevenson, R.
Browne	Godshall	Metcalfe	Stevenson, T.
Bunt	Good	Micozzie	Sturla
Butkovitz	Goodman	Millard	Surra
Buxton	Grucela	Miller, R.	Tangretti
Caltagirone	Gruitza	Miller, S.	Taylor, E. Z.
Cappelli	Habay	Mundy	Taylor, J.
Casorio	Haluska	Mustio	Thomas
Causser	Hanna	Myers	Tigue
Cawley	Harhai	Nailor	Travaglio
Civera	Harhart	O’Brien	True
Clymer	Harper	Oliver	Turzai
Cohen	Harris	O’Neill	Vance
Coleman	Hasay	Pallone	Veon
Corrigan	Hennessey	Payne	Vitali
Costa	Herman	Petrarca	Walko
Coy	Hershey	Petri	Wansacz
Crahalla	Hess	Petrone	Washington
Creighton	Hickernell	Phillips	Waters
Cruz	Hutchinson	Pickett	Watson
Curry	James	Pistella	Weber
Dailey	Josephs	Preston	Wheatley
Daley	Keller	Raymond	Williams
Dally	Kenney	Readshaw	Wilt
DeLuca	Killion	Reed	Wojnaroski
Denlinger	Kirkland	Reichley	Wright
Dermody	Kotik	Roberts	Yewcic
DeWeese	LaGrotta	Roebuck	Yudichak
DiGirolamo	Laughlin	Rohrer	Zug
Diven	Leach	Ross	
Donatucci	Lederer	Rubley	
Eachus	Leh	Ruffing	Perzel,
Egolf	Lescovitz		Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Horsey	Rieger	Saylor	Youngblood
Nickol	Rooney		

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bills numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the titles were publicly read as follows:

HB 100, PN 3430

An Act providing for the availability of and access to a comprehensive trauma care system; and imposing powers and duties upon the Department of Public Welfare.

HB 349, PN 1573

An Act amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, further defining “city.”

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to announce that Representative Larry Roberts became the proud grandfather of a new baby boy born to his son, Mark, and Mark’s wife, Jennifer. Congratulations to the Roberts family.

There will be no further votes.

The Chair will remain open for committee reports.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. KENNEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a reminder for the members of the Health and Human Services Committee: We will have a meeting at 1 o’clock in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Health and Human Services Committee will be meeting at 1 o’clock in room 205 of the Ryan Office Building.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. COHEN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be informal discussions in the House Democratic caucus room immediately upon the call of the recess.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

HB 2080, PN 3478 (Amended) By Rep. CLYMER

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for provisions relating to lobby regulation and disclosure; making an appropriation; and making a related repeal.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

The SPEAKER. Are there any further announcements?

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Petri.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, March 22, 2004, at 1 p.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 11:52 a.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.