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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11:28 a.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (JENNIFER L. MANN) PRESIDING

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the prayer and Pledge recited in today's regular session will serve as the prayer and Pledge for today's special session.

HON. ARTHUR D. HERSHEY, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us bow our heads.

Thank You, dear God, for allowing me to serve in this General Assembly of the Commonwealth. Dear God, as we deliberate, help us to do right by the people we serve. Help us to put self-interests aside.

We ask a special blessing at this time on each one of our members and all staff this morning. Lead, guide, and direct us in future deliberations.

At this season of the year, we are in awe of Your artistic handiwork as we watch Penn's Woods put on these fall colors.

Let us never forget we are children of Thine, and we thank You for Your love and Your care. In Your name we pray. Amen.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Tuesday, October 2, 2007, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The leaves of absence granted in today's regular session will be granted for today's special session.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The master roll call taken in today's regular session will also be the master roll call for today's special session.

Are there any changes to the master roll for the special session? The Chair sees none.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. McILVAINE SMITH called up **HR 5, PN 21**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 3, 2007, as "Change a Light, Change the World Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Representative McIlvaine Smith.

Ms. McILVAINE SMITH. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today House Democrats are taking the lead in making the State Capitol more energy-efficient. It has often been said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. What little step are you willing to take to help protect our environment and conserve our energy supplies?

Our journey to wean Pennsylvania off of oil from the Middle East and put us at the forefront of renewable, sustainable power began last week when we opened our special session on energy. Today I am asking my fellow House members to take another step towards our goal, a small step to be sure, but I think an important step. Today is the kickoff for the 2007 "Change a Light, Change the World" campaign by ENERGY STAR, a bright idea for cutting energy use and saving the environment.

All we are asked to do is change one light bulb in our home or office to an ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulb. No excuse for not doing that. On your desks you will find your own qualified fluorescent light bulb, and I want to add that no taxpayer money was used to purchase these light bulbs. They came out of my own pocket. It is a gift from me to you, a gift that I hope will help wean you off of ordinary light and encourage you to use these energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs.

I am also offering HR 5, which I hope all of you will support, to encourage all Pennsylvanians to get involved in the "Change a Light, Change the World" campaign and take the pledge to change just one light with a qualified compact fluorescent light bulb.

This little light bulb is a powerhouse in helping to save energy. It uses about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and lasts up to 10 times longer. It saves about \$30 in electricity costs over its lifetime and produces about 75 percent less heat than regular light bulbs. So it is safer to use and can cut energy costs associated with home and office cooling.

If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, we would save energy enough to light more than 3 million homes for a year, we would save more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and we would cut greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

Our journey to make Pennsylvania more energy independent and wean this State off of oil from the Middle East will be a journey of many little steps like the one I am asking you to take right now.

Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Freeman	Markosek	Ross
Argall	Galloway	Marshall	Rubley
Baker	Geist	Marsico	Sabatina
Barrar	George	McCall	Sainato
Bastian	Gerber	McGeehan	Samuelson
Bear	Gergely	McI. Smith	Santoni
Belfanti	Gibbons	McIlhattan	Saylor
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Melio	Scavello
Bennington	Gingrich	Mensch	Schroder
Beyer	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bianucci	Grell	Micozzie	Shapiro
Bishop	Grucela	Millard	Shimkus
Blackwell	Haluska	Miller	Siptroth
Boback	Hanna	Milne	Smith, K.
Boyd	Harhai	Moul	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhart	Moyer	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harkins	Mundy	Solobay
Buxton	Harper	Murt	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harris	Mustio	Staback
Cappelli	Helm	Myers	Stairs
Carroll	Hennessey	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hershey	Nickol	Stern
Causar	Hess	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hickernell	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hornaman	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hutchinson	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	James	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, J.
Cox	Kauffman	Payton	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Keller, M.	Peifer	True
Cruz	Keller, W.	Perry	Turzai
Curry	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Cutler	Kessler	Petri	Vitali
Daley	King	Petrone	Vulakovich
Denlinger	Kirkland	Phillips	Wagner
DePasquale	Kortz	Pickett	Walko
Dermody	Kotik	Preston	Wansacz
DeWeese	Kula	Pyle	Waters
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quigley	Watson
Donatucci	Lentz	Quinn	Wheatley
Eachus	Levdansky	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Longietti	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Maher	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Mahoney	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	
Fleck	Mann	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Mantz	Rohrer	Speaker

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

DeLuca	Killion	Perzel	Thomas
Godshall	Pashinski	Roebuck	

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there any announcements of committees or reports for special session?

HOUSE BILLS

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 23 By Representatives STURLA, GEORGE, JOSEPHS, WANSACZ, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BENNINGTON, CONKLIN, DALEY, DALLY, DePASQUALE, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, HERSHEY, KING, KOTIK, LENTZ, LONGIETTI, R. MILLER, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PETRONE, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SHIMKUS, SOLOBAY, SURRA, THOMAS, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, HORNAMAN and KULA

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for use of the Growing Greener Bond Fund to support the installation of small wind energy systems; and establishing the Small Wind Energy Assistance Fund.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 3, 2007.

No. 24 By Representatives ROSS, BAKER, BELFANTI, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, DALLY, DePASQUALE, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRELL, HERSHEY, KING, KORTZ, LEACH, MANN, MCGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MOYER, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PEIFER, PETRI, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROHRER, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, STEIL, STERN, SURRA, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, YUDICHAK and HARPER

An Act authorizing investment tax credits for qualified alternative energy enterprises.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 3, 2007.

No. 25 By Representatives WATSON, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, RUBLEY, ADOLPH, BASTIAN, CLYMER, DALLY, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, KENNEY, LEACH, MCGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, MOYER, MURT, O'NEILL, PEIFER, PRESTON, RAPP, READSHAW, ROSS, SOLOBAY, SWANGER and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, establishing an energy-efficient home assistance program.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, October 3, 2007.

No. 26 By Representatives MUSTIO, BELFANTI, BOYD, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DALLY, EVERETT, FREEMAN, GEIST, GINGRICH, HARHART, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, KOTIK, O'NEILL, PYLE, RAPP, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SOLOBAY, J. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH, J. WHITE, YUDICHAK, BRENNAN, SONNEY, SIPTROTH, SCHRODER and SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, authorizing the Neighborhood Energy Assistance Tax Credit.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 3, 2007.

No. 27 By Representatives ADOLPH, CIVERA, KENNEY, MICOZZIE, BAKER, BELFANTI, BOBACK, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, DALLY, EVERETT, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, KULA, LEACH, MANTZ, McILHATTAN, MELIO, METCALFE, R. MILLER, MURT, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PEIFER, PETRARCA, QUINN, RAPP, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROSS, RUBLEY, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, MOYER, SONNEY, BRENNAN, HARPER, SCHRODER, SAYLOR, BEYER and SIPTROTH

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 3, 2007.

No. 28 By Representatives ELLIS, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BIANCUCCI, CALTAGIRONE, CRUZ, CUTLER, EVERETT, FREEMAN, GEIST, GRELL, HERSHEY, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, M. KELLER, KILLION, KULA, MAJOR, McILHATTAN, METCALFE, MILLARD, MOYER, MURT, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PICKETT, RAPP, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SONNEY, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, SWANGER, THOMAS, WATSON, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, DALLY, BOYD and BARRAR

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 3, 2007.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there any additional announcements, committee announcements for special session?

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will stand in recess in special session until the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN) PRESIDING

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Vulakovich from Allegheny County moves that this special session of the House do now adjourn until Thursday, October 4, 2007, until the call of the Chair.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 3:05 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.