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

THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN) PRESIDING

PRAYER

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

Our kind Heavenly Father, we come before You this morning again thanking You for the privilege of assembling like this and doing the affairs of Your people.

Thank You for the beautiful weather that we have this week and the showers of rain and the beautiful spring flowers that show Your handiwork. We pray for wisdom and guidance as we get on with our deliberations today. Help us to do what is right for our citizens.

We want to remember now the nation of China and the despair that they have come through with this earthquake. We ask Your blessing and comfort on those that have lost loved ones.

Bless each one of our members at this time with a special blessing as we begin our day, and we thank You for looking over us and caring for us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Journals of Wednesday, November 14; Thursday, November 15; and Monday, November 19, of 2007 are now in print. Will the House approve those Journals?

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

The SPEAKER. Those Journals are approved.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Monday, May 12, 2008, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to requests for leaves of absence. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests that Representative MYERS of Philadelphia and Representative SHAPIRO of Montgomery County be placed on leave for the day. The Chair hears no objection. The leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who indicates there are no requests for leaves. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Members will report to the floor.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—200

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Gabig	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Galloway	Marshall	Rubley
Barrar	Geist	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	George	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gerber	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gergely	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gibbons	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gillespie	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Gingrich	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Godshall	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Goodman	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grell	Millard	Sipthoth
Boback	Grucela	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Haluska	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Hanna	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhai	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harhart	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harkins	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harper	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Harris	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Helm	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hennessey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hershey	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hess	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hickernell	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	Hutchinson	Pashinski	Taylor, J.

Cox	James	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Josephs	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Kauffman	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Turzai
Cutler	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Kenney	Petri	Vitali
Dally	Kessler	Petrone	Vulakovich
DeLuca	Killion	Phillips	Wagner
Denlinger	King	Pickett	Walko
DePasquale	Kirkland	Preston	Wansacz
Dermody	Kortz	Pyle	Waters
DeWeese	Kotik	Quigley	Watson
DiGirolamo	Kula	Quinn	Wheatley
Donatucci	Leach	Ramaley	White
Eachus	Lentz	Rapp	Williams
Ellis	Levdansky	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Longietti	Readshaw	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Reed	Youngblood
Everett	Maher	Reichley	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae	
Fairchild	Major	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Manderino	Roebuck	Speaker
Frankel	Mann		

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—3

Myers	Perry	Shapiro
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LEAVES ADDED—3

Dally	Gabig	Shapiro
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LEAVES CANCELED—1

Shapiro

The SPEAKER. A quorum being present, the House will proceed to conduct business.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING**

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Ryan Edward Jones, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of Ryan Edward Jones.

Whereas, Ryan Edward Jones has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. He is a member of Troop 147.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Ryan Edward Jones.

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Whereas, Brett Goers has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. He is a member of Troop 5.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Brett Goers.

ALLAN McCUSKER INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members, kindly take your seats. We have a solemn and reverent moment that we are going to be recognizing here.

Representative George and Representative Conklin both seek recognition over this matter. So, members, kindly take your seats. Clear the aisles. Staff, please be seated.

Mr. George.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we would be much obliged if you would recognize me at session's start. If now is appropriate, we would like to recognize Allan McCusker of Clearfield County. He is the widower of Marilyn McCusker, the first woman miner killed in a deep-mine accident in the United States. Representative Conklin also would hope to be able to make a few remarks, and I await your agreement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Scott Conklin and I are proud to introduce to you a gentleman from Clearfield County, namely Allan McCusker, who is in the chamber today.

On October 2, 1979, Mr. McCusker's wife, Marilyn, was the first woman coal miner to lose her life in a United States deep-mine accident. She was 35 years old. But the story is much more than just the ending; it is about determination, hardship, and the indomitable human spirit.

Mrs. McCusker had almost 2 years' mining experience, including as a roof-bolter helper. She became a miner because the pay was better than what the local garment factories were paying. Despite her experience and determination, Mrs. McCusker and two other women, Mary Louise Carson and Bernice Dombroski, were forced to file a Federal sex discrimination lawsuit to be able to work in the mine. It took years, but they won their lawsuit, and by 1983, almost 34,000 women were working in the mines in this great country of ours. But in October of 1979, Mrs. McCusker, working as a roof bolter, began to leave the Rushton Mine in Centre County because she noticed that the roof was giving way. The roof fell before she could leave, pinning her under a huge slab. Investigators cited the mine operator's failure to support a weak section with temporary roof supports until permanent supports could be installed. It was a lapse in safety, a compromise, that cost Marilyn McCusker her life and Allan McCusker his wife.

Through all the reports through all the years, the families' dignity and determination shine through all of this.

Would the members please stand and join us in welcoming Mr. McCusker into this body.

And now, Mr. Speaker, with your permission, if I may turn this podium over to my young colleague, Representative Conklin, who will continue.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Conklin.

Mr. CONKLIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Chairman George.

I think it is very important today as we take up SB 949, the Senate bill that will give safety to miners throughout Pennsylvania, I think it is more important though that we recognize someone who has not been forgotten, Marilyn McCusker, and I think that we should all together put a face on not only that name that was lost that day in the mines but also look at the faces of the individual families that are left behind when they lose a loved one when they go into the mines for no other reason, as Mrs. McCusker did, to make more money to support her family.

So I would like to thank the members today for allowing us to take this time. I would like to thank Allan McCusker for coming down today and honoring us with his presence. But most of all, I would like to thank and worship the memory of his wife, for she was the trailblazer that not only brought women into that workplace but also gave us a reason to do what we are doing today.

Thank you, members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Members and guests will rise as a sign of respect.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Marilyn McCusker.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you.
Members and guests may be seated.

THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN) PRESIDING

LIBERTY USO VOLUNTEERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Earlier today I was joined by Adj. Gen. Jessica Wright out in Soldiers' Grove, where we had the opportunity to thank the USO (United Service Organizations) of Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey for their support of our troops around the world.

Thousands of Pennsylvania soldiers, marines, airmen, and sailors have benefited through the USO programs such as Families of the Fallen Weekend, Comfort Bear, Hero Kids Summer Camp, and others. These wonderful programs would not be possible without volunteers who assist the USO.

Today I have the privilege of noting this valuable service, and I am once again joined in this salute by General Wright, who is seated in the rear of the chamber with those whom I will now recognize.

First, I ask Ronald Lister to stand. Ronald is a proud Air Force veteran serving in Alaska and Las Vegas. He has been with the USO for 5 years and has racked up over 3,000 volunteer hours.

Next, Mark Bucci. Mark is being deployed to Iraq in November. He started with the USO in 2008. We wish you Godspeed, Mark, and we thank you for your service to our State and to our country.

I would ask Jessica Piasecki to stand. Jessica is a police officer in Bucks County, and her husband is currently deployed with the 101st Airborne. She has been with the USO since 2005 and has contributed 500 hours of her valuable time to the USO programs.

Finally, I would like you to meet Bob Baumann, president and chief operating officer of Liberty USO. Good luck in your new position, Bob, and it was great seeing you on that plane. I think good things happen for a reason, and thank you for coming to the Capitol.

My door is always open to you and your colleagues and our courageous men and women in uniform.

Also in the gallery are several of our troops. Would they please stand and be recognized. You make us proud and you grace this chamber with your presence.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Here today, as guests of Representative Saylor, seated in the gallery, are Andrew Vitz, Michelle Brocato, and Leah Teegee. Andrew is a student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Michelle is a student at Towson University, and Leah is a legislative aide in Representative Saylor's district office. Please rise and be recognized.

Visiting us today from Boothwyn in Representative Barrar's district are John and Kimberly Rapp and their sons, Connor and Jeffrey. Connor is visiting the Capitol today as part of a school project, and Connor will be shadowing Representative Barrar for a brief glimpse inside State government. Please welcome the Rapp family. They are seated to the Speaker's left.

And also, guests for Representative David Kessler, the 130th District, in the gallery, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Joann Bechtel from Exeter Township. Please rise and be recognized.

Please welcome, as guests of Representative Mario Scavello, Sarah and Jacob Mutchler. Sarah and Jacob both attend Stroudsburg High School and are serving as guest pages for the day. Please rise and be recognized.

Seated in the gallery are two interns from the Manheim School District, Alexa Radnovic and Dylan Miller. They are both juniors at Manheim Central High School. They have been serving as interns in the Manheim district office when they are not attending classes at the high school. Please rise and be recognized. They are guests of Representative Tom Creighton.

Please welcome the seventh grade class of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, which is located in Representative Marguerite Quinn's district in Bucks County. They are seated in the gallery of the House. They are here today for a tour of the State Capitol. Please stand and be recognized.

Also here today is Catherine Keim. She is serving as an intern in Representative Quinn's district office. She is seated in the gallery of the House. Please stand and be recognized.

Please welcome, as guest pages of Representative Mario Scavello, Sydney Warren and Kadeisha Malcolm. Sydney and Kadeisha are both seventh graders in the Pocono Mountain School District. Also, please welcome Sydney's father, David Warren. He is seated in the gallery. Please rise and be recognized.

MISS PENNSYLVANIA 2007 PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We have a special guest this morning. Will the gentleman, Representative Adolph, kindly come to the podium for an announcement, introduction of a special guest.

The gentleman, Mr. Adolph, is recognized when he is ready.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, it gives me great honor today to welcome a young woman who, through her own personal growth and perseverance, has risen to a level of excellence few achieve. A resident of the Broomall section of Marple Township in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, a graduate student of the University of Pennsylvania's Fels School of Government, I would like to introduce Miss Pennsylvania 2007, Miss Rachel Brooks.

Also with Rachel is her proud mother, Julia Brooks. Julia, please rise.

Throughout the Miss Pennsylvania competition, Miss Brooks has clearly demonstrated a determination and drive to succeed that few young women possess. She is indeed a worthy ambassador of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Her humanitarian mission is to be commended. Miss Brooks, who has personal experience with autism, ran on the platform of "Autism Awareness: Unlocking the Mystery." She plans to pursue a career in public service and private consulting. She is currently on leave as a research analyst with an economic consulting firm in Philadelphia.

As Miss Pennsylvania, Miss Brooks won a \$7,000 scholarship and had the opportunity to represent the Commonwealth in the 2008 Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, which she did with distinction.

Please join me again in congratulating Rachel Brooks on achieving the title of Miss Pennsylvania 2007 and her excellent volunteer work on behalf of those afflicted with autism.

Ladies and gentlemen, Miss Pennsylvania.

Miss BROOKS. Well, thank you so much to Representative Adolph for how he has been a tireless advocate for all of us in our part of Delaware County here in Harrisburg. And I would also like to say a thank you to each and every one of you who are here, who are a part of this legislative body, for passing, unanimously, HB 1150, the bill that, hopefully if your colleagues in the Senate pass that through as well, will provide health insurance coverage in the private sector for so many of the young people in the State of Pennsylvania who are affected and afflicted with autism.

I have a younger brother. His name is Brandon, and he was diagnosed with autism before the age of 2. He is 19 now and doing very well, but he is one of the thousands of children who will be impacted by HB 1150. So I thank you all so much for being our advocates.

And I would like to give a special thank-you also – I do not know if he is still here – but to Speaker O'Brien. As all of you know, he has just been a tireless advocate for all of us in the

autism community. I have literally crisscrossed the State, been everywhere from Meadville to Media and everywhere in between, and have crossed his path at every point. If I am at an autism-related event, whether it is fundraising or an advocacy event, he has always been there and has been our champion, and so I thank him so much for that.

But I also ask that you remember, health care is only one piece of the autism puzzle. As you are advocating for education and health care and for housing and employment, please remember our community, as well, so that folks with autism, whether they are children or adults, can participate in all the promises that we have for all Pennsylvanians.

So thank you, again, and please continue to support the autism community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Miss Pennsylvania, and congratulations.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Please welcome Todd King, who is here today as the guest of Representative Steven Nickol. Todd is seated on the House floor. Todd is from Adams County and a first-year student at Dickinson School of Law. Please rise and be recognized.

FERMATA NOWHERE CHOIR PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will Representative Reichley and Representative Beyer kindly come to the podium. They will be making a presentation.

Mr. REICHLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Members of the House, Representative Beyer and I are very proud to be bringing forth to you today members of Fermata Nowhere male a cappella choir from Emmaus High School. Fermata Nowhere is an all-male a cappella group from Emmaus High School, which is directed by Rita Cortez. They are seated in the back of the House. She is the choral director at Emmaus High School.

And just to give you a little bit of background, some of you may recall back around the Christmas period when NBC (National Broadcasting Company) was running a series called "Clash of the Choirs." There was a contest in which singing groups from throughout the country videotaped themselves making various vocal presentations. They were submitted to NBC, and Fermata Nowhere was the only group in Pennsylvania which was invited to be one of the 10 finalists. So we are very proud to have them here. They will be singing this afternoon starting at 12 o'clock in the rotunda, and we are very glad to have them with us.

Fermata Nowhere is one of the groups out of the 10 winners, and I just want to read off the names. We are joined by the seniors, Christopher Brown, Michael Knerr, Gopal Nataraj, Jesse Sell, and Matthew Tarabulski; while in the back we have Ms. Cortez, along with Christian Castillo, Sydney Chan, Patrick Foley, Brett Hartman, Ian Hartman, Daniel Hinderliter, Michael Metz, Jake Moore, Jordan Mosser, Drake Nester, Joseph Plowman, Matthew Rhodes, Alexander Stashko, Daniel Wilkins, and Christopher Winters. Would you all please rise, those of you who are in the back, and please stand up so you can be recognized.

Now, if you do not mind, with your indulgence, Mr. Speaker, since I know it is Representative Dally's birthday at the end of the week, if the members of the choir would not mind singing happy birthday to Representative Dally. Are you able to do that? Okay. So 1, 2, 3, "Happy birthday, Representative—" Okay? Got it?

Mrs. BEYER. Not you singing.

Mr. REICHLEY. Not me singing, no.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Dally, would you like to stand and be properly recognized?

Mr. REICHLEY. Are you ready? 1, 2, 3.

("Happy Birthday" was sung by Fermata Nowhere.)

Mr. REICHLEY. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

CENTRAL DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Next up, we have Representative Marsico, who has a presentation and recognition for some special guests.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, this is a very special day for the Central Dauphin High School, the Central Dauphin Rams. To quote Rod Frisco of the Patriot-News here in Harrisburg, "Many high schools would love to have accomplished in their entire history what Central Dauphin has pulled off over the past 14 months."

Indeed, it was the Year of the Ram – a second straight wrestling team championship, and most recently, the PIAA Class AAAA Girls Basketball Championship, with a come-from-behind victory, 56 to 49, over Mount Lebanon on March 14.

Count 'em up: In slightly more than a year's time, Central Dauphin High School has generated five PIAA team championships and four individual champions. How about a big round of applause for all Central Dauphin athletes?

The Central Dauphin High School Girls Basketball Team, with the captains standing behind me and the coach, is being honored today for winning the 2007-'08 State championship. The Rams finished the season with a record of 28 wins and 7 losses. The team also captured the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Conference regular season title and was crowned the overall Mid-Penn champion.

Head coach Bill Wolf and assistant coaches Nancy Black, Jim Poole, and Matt Bushong have expertly guided this team to victory. Also offering assistance to the team was athletic trainer Craig Kemmlein.

The team is comprised of Caitlyn Bassett, Sarah Dowhower, Lauren Dunn, Shelby Etter, Ashley Johnston, Lindsey Meyer, Carly Norman, Jessie Probst, Karyn Purcell, Gabrielle Singer, Alyssa Thomas, Chandra Ulinfun, and Emily Wolford.

We in the House of Representatives today would like to present a citation and take this opportunity to congratulate all the members of the team, the coaches of the Central Dauphin High School girls basketball organization, as well as all of those

who assisted them. We certainly wish you the best of luck in the future, and also, thank you to Central Dauphin athletic director John Shaffer.

We present the citation to the team captains on behalf of their fantastic victory this year. Congratulations.

COACH BILL WOLF HONORED

Mr. MARSICO. Also, Coach Wolf was also named the Associated Press Class AAAA Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in a statewide vote of sportswriters and broadcasters from across Pennsylvania. So please join me in congratulating Coach Wolf.

Thank you. I will be right back with the wrestling team.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the remaining basketball team members seated in the back please rise and be recognized.

CENTRAL DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM PRESENTED

Mr. MARSICO. Now we have the guys up from the Central Dauphin Wrestling Team. Come on up here, guys, coach.

Let us welcome them back. They won the State championship last year, and obviously, we are certainly proud and their families and friends and this whole entire Central Dauphin family is very proud of both the girls basketball team and the boys wrestling team.

The wrestling team is being honored for winning the 2007-2008 State Class AAA Team Wrestling Championship. The Rams finished the season with a record of 20 wins and 1 loss.

The team also captured the PIAA State Wrestling Tournament, the South Central Regional Team Championship, the South Central Regional Tournament, the District III Championship, the District III Tournament, the Sectional Team Championship, the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Championship, the New Oxford Tournament, the POWERade Tournament, and the Williamsport Top Hat Tournament. The team was also the runner-up in the Beast of the East National Tournament and is ranked number six in the country by USA Today.

Head coach Jeff Sweigard and assistant coaches Mike Mauer, Tim Arnick, Ken Courts, and Jim Collins have expertly guided this team to victory.

The team was comprised of Clayton Youtz, Simon Rice, Tyler Buckman, Patrick Wieger, Kenny Stank, Marshall Peppelman, Walter Peppelman, Justin Aube, Tony Dallago, Kyle Wolfe, and Nick Stewart.

Also, in addition to the tremendous honor that they are receiving today, junior Marshall Peppelman won the individual senior title at 140 pounds, and Marshall Peppelman will receive a citation from me and from all of you for his tremendous victory.

Thank you very much for your attention. I want to also present a citation to the team on behalf of the House of Representatives, and I thank you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and congratulates the team.

Will the remaining wrestling team, located in the back of the hall of the House, kindly rise and be recognized.

Will Representative McIlvaine Smith kindly come to the podium.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. While her guests are arriving, I would like to welcome to the hall of the House, located to the left of the Speaker, Alisa, Steve, Brandon, and Lauren Shain; and David and Etta Fainblatt. They participated in a fundraising auction for Blessed Virgin Mary School and were winners for "A Day at the Capitol" with Representative Chris King. Mrs. Shain's brother-in-law could not be here today because he is in Iraq working on the war effort. Again, welcome. Please rise and be recognized, guests of Representative Chris King.

HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD AND SWIM TEAMS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative McIlvaine Smith.

Ms. McILVAINE SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is with great pride I present to the House today five young athletes from West Chester Henderson High School, my alma mater, who are representing the school's track and field and swim teams.

Some days, doing the best we can falls short of being the best we want to be, but for these athletes and their teammates, falling short simply inspires them to try harder.

Ladies first: Carly Hammond. Carly is our track and field star. She won the mile at the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Indoor Meet and placed second in the 2300-meter race at last spring's PIAA Class AAA State Meet. She is the defending District I, Class AAA champion and was named to the All-State Team. Carly is a member of the National Honor Society; she is on the honor roll and will attend Syracuse University next fall where she will study education. Her biggest interest outside of school and sports is Camp Bournelyf, a nonprofit camp for mentally challenged kids. Carly donates time as a camp counselor, and her dedication to the camp will be felt for years to come; for her senior project, she and a friend organized an auction for the camp, raising over \$5,000. The camp will make the auction an annual event.

Our four young men are all members of the West Chester Henderson High School Boys Swim Team.

Andrew Fink, a senior, was named an All-American 16 times in individual and relay swimming events. He won a gold medal in the 100-yard freestyle, a silver in the 200-yard freestyle, and was named Swimmer of the Year by the daily local news. Andrew is a history buff and looks forward to continuing his academic and athletic career at North Carolina State University in the fall, where he will major in history and pursue a teaching career, and what an inspiring teacher you will make, Andrew.

Dave Baldino, a junior, qualified for a junior national event and received an All-Area Honorable Mention for swimming. In addition to being an accomplished swimmer, Dave is also an honor roll student involved in several community service organizations, is the lead singer in a reggae/rock band, and is pondering attending a military academy. He attended the last Super Bowl as an avid New York Giants fan, but do not worry, Dave, we will not hold that against you.

David McCormick is a sophomore, and sports is in his blood – literally. His dad, Ken McCormick, is the athletic director of Henderson High School. His mom also works there, so David, I am sure, is always on his best behavior. David started swimming at age 6. He won the Lynne Hamelton Outstanding Eighth Grade Health Student at Peirce Middle School, qualified for two junior national events, is an honor roll student, and is ranked 32d in his sophomore class of 340 students.

Andrew Kusic is a freshman whose journey to this point today really illustrates overcoming one's fears. When he started swimming at age 7, he hated putting his face in the water. Today, Andrew is nationally ranked in USS swimming (United States Swimming) in the 13-to-14 age group for 50-yard freestyle and won numerous awards for USS Club Team and Summer Swim Club. He qualified for five junior national events, is an All-Area First Team in swimming, and won the Lynne Hamelton Outstanding Eighth Grade Health Student at Peirce Middle School. Not bad for a kid who did not want to get his face wet.

Collectively, these young men won gold medals in two relay events – the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Class AAA State Swimming and Diving Championships. Their time in the 400-yard freestyle relay was the seventh fastest in the nation during the 2007-2008 season.

Joining our athletes are athletic director Ken McCormick, who is in the back; swim team coach Jeff Bott; assistant swim team coach Kim Lewis; and indoor track coach Bill Lott. Please join me in applauding the athletic accomplishments of these students and honoring them for living their lives in such a way as to be an inspiration to all of us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady and congratulates the teams.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes the presence on the floor of the House of Representative Josh Shapiro and asks that his name be added to the master roll.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. We welcome today four students from the Emmanuel Baptist Christian Academy in Mechanicsburg, who are guest pages – Ashley Mongold, Jessica Grosh, Erin Kile, and Noel Gardner, who are the guests of Representatives Glen Grell, Mark Keller, and Representative John Payne. Please rise and be recognized by the members.

PENNSYLVANIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ALL-STATE SINGERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At this time, the Chair recognizes Representative Pashinski for an introduction. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. Its 3,000-plus members and thousands of participants are celebrating their 75th anniversary,

recognizing their contribution to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and all its citizens by expanding, creating, and sharing the wonderful power of music.

Seventy-five years ago this prestigious cultural organization was organized by a small group of music educators with the dream of enriching the lives of young musicians through a rigorous audition process, which would, in turn, identify the most talented students throughout the State of Pennsylvania. Their goal was to identify the best of the best to study and master the required skills necessary to produce the highest quality of music and then to spread the joy and beauty of these exceptional sounds so that all those who experience this music could be enriched.

In addition to performing the musical works of great composers, the founders of PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) also wanted to perpetuate the power of music by inspiring these young students to become music teachers and performers. I do not believe they could have envisioned this tremendous effect that their dream had on so many people. Literally tens of thousands of young people have enriched their lives by participating in the PMEA audition process.

And today I am proud to say, we have four outstanding All-State Singers from Holy Redeemer High School, located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, of the 121st Legislative District. These four great students began their competitive process in September and October of 2007.

Over 10,000 students engaged in the first step of competitions conducted at the local level. After hours and hours of preparation, only the best advanced to the district level. Each student competes separately, a cappella, by auditioning on the most challenging music selected by the music educators. Only the most precise, articulate, and appropriately expressive performers qualify for each level of competition on the local, district, regional, and finally, All-State level.

Together, we congratulate these outstanding musicians and their dedicated choral director, Ms. Ann Manganiello, who is also chairperson of the Holy Redeemer music department. We congratulate the entire PMEA organization, president Chuck Neihard, and executive director Margaret Baur for their dedication to the arts through the magical medium of music.

At this time I call up to the podium to join me in recognizing these outstanding students, Representative Mundy, Representative Yudichak, and Representative Boback. Now we have a quartet, and we would like to sing the following selection for you. John has just indicated he did not pay his PMEA union dues, so he is not allowed to sing.

At this time I would like to recognize those four outstanding students and their outstanding and dedicated director, Ms. Ann Manganiello. Would you please rise in the back so you can be recognized: Mr. Sean Burns, representing my district; representing Ms. Mundy's district, Katherine Thomas; Representative Yudichak's district, Joshua Niznik; and Representative Boback's district, Sarah Moga. Would you please join with me in recognizing these outstanding students. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and congratulates the All-State chorus winners.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1242, PN 1567

By Rep. GEORGE

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, limiting placement of municipal solid waste or residual waste landfills.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HB 1955, PN 3759 (Amended)

By Rep. PRESTON

An Act providing for restroom access for certain customers of retail establishments; and imposing a penalty.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

HB 2011, PN 3760 (Amended)

By Rep. PRESTON

An Act amending the act of May 2, 1947 (P.L.143, No.62), entitled "An act regulating the sale and resale for profit and the carrying on of the business of selling or reselling tickets or other devices for admission to places of amusement; providing for the licensing of persons reselling such tickets for profit; providing for the suspension and revocation of such licenses; imposing duties on licensees and owners or operators of places of amusement; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Revenue, county treasurers, district attorneys, and the receiver of taxes, and city solicitors in cities of the first class; making disposition of moneys collected and providing penalties," further providing for definitions; and providing for ticket purchasing software and for penalties.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

HB 2400, PN 3761 (Amended)

By Rep. BELFANTI

An Act providing for the criteria for independent contractors in the construction industry; and imposing penalties.

LABOR RELATIONS.

HB 2477, PN 3668

By Rep. BELFANTI

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further defining "occupational disease."

LABOR RELATIONS.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 712, PN 3598

By Rep. GEORGE

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a forestry task force to study issues concerning the renewal and management of this Commonwealth's forests; providing for an advisory committee; and directing the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee to provide administrative support to the task force.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

HR 719, PN 3646

By Rep. GEORGE

A Resolution endorsing the request for Federal funding to address vitally important water resource needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolutions will be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2499 By Representatives McCALL, SHIMKUS, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DALLY, J. EVANS, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARKINS, HARPER, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, KULA, MAHER, MOYER, MUNDY, PALLONE, PETRARCA, READSHAW, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, McILVAINE SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, SURRA, WHEATLEY, MAHONEY and WALKO

An Act regulating massage therapy; establishing the State Board of Massage Therapy; providing for funds, for licensure, for disciplinary action, for remedies and for penalties; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 13, 2008.

No. 2517 By Representatives MARSICO, BEAR, BOYD, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, R. MILLER, MOUL, NAILOR, PICKETT, REICHLEY, ROHRER, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, STEIL, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, TRUE and TURZAI

An Act amending the act of October 6, 1998 (P.L.705, No.92), known as the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, providing for prevailing wages.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, May 13, 2008.

No. 2518 By Representatives COHEN, GODSHALL, GEORGE, RAYMOND, BOBACK, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, EVERETT, FRANKEL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MANN, McGEEHAN, MENSCH, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, ROEBUCK, CARROLL, HARKINS, MAHONEY, FAIRCHILD, JOSEPHS, MUNDY, MOYER and HARPER

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; providing for the form of the compact; imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the compact commissioner; and establishing the State Council on Interstate Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, May 13, 2008.

No. 2519 By Representatives METCALFE, CUTLER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALLY, EVERETT, GEIST, GRELL, HELM, HERSHEY, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN,

KENNEY, MANTZ, MENSCH, R. MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, R. STEVENSON, TRUE, TURZAI, HUTCHINSON, RAPP, ROCK and ELLIS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for manner of applying to vote.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 13, 2008.

No. 2520 By Representatives BEYER, ARGALL, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARHAI, KENNEY, MELIO, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, THOMAS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of annuities.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, May 13, 2008.

No. 2521 By Representatives BEYER, BEAR, BOYD, FAIRCHILD, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, MACKERETH, MANDERINO, McILHATTAN, McILVAINE SMITH, R. MILLER, MILNE, PICKETT, ROAE, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, STERN and SWANGER

An Act providing for zero-based budgeting.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 13, 2008.

No. 2522 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 13, 2008.

No. 2523 By Representatives SURRA, GEORGE, J. WHITE, McCALL, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, KENNEY, KORTZ, KULA, LENTZ, MAHONEY, MANN, MARKOSEK, MURT, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, ROAE, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, STABACK, THOMAS, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act designating the portion of U.S. Route 219 bypass in Johnsonburg, Elk County, as the Sam Guaglianone Bypass.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 13, 2008.

No. 2524 By Representatives ROSS, BARRAR, BISHOP, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, DALLY, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARPER, KILLION, LONGIETTI,

MAHONEY, MENSCH, R. MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MUSTIO, NICKOL, REICHLEY, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, STERN, SWANGER, WATSON, J. WHITE and YOUNGBLOOD

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

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 13, 2008.

No. 2542 By Representative D. EVANS

An Act providing for additional debt authorization for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 13, 2008.

CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 1278, PN 1844**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for child medical support, annual fees, review of orders of support, effect of incarceration, pass-through of support and assignment of support.

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh County, Representative Reichley, who makes a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of offering amendment A07021, which the clerk will read.

The clerk read the following amendment No. **A07021**:

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 4351), page 5, line 21, by striking out "custodial" and inserting

noncustodial

Amend Sec. 4 (Sec. 4374), page 10, line 21, by striking out the bracket before the period

Amend Sec. 4 (Sec. 4374), page 10, lines 21 through 24, by striking out "]" with the exception of the" in line 21 and all of lines 22 through 24

Amend Sec. 4 (Sec. 4374), page 11, line 19, by striking out "custodial" and inserting

noncustodial

Amend Sec. 5, page 12, lines 28 and 29, by striking out ", 4352 AND 4374(C)(3)" and inserting
and 4352

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

THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Reichley on the motion to suspend.

Mr. REICHLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman will suspend for one moment.

The Chair will ask all members to take their seats. Conferences in the rear, in the well, and in the side aisles and center aisle will break up immediately. Members will take their seats.

The Chair thanks the members. Representative Reichley is in order and may proceed.

Mr. REICHLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for gaining the members' attention.

Mr. Speaker, during the course of our debate last week on SB 1278, it became obvious there were very relevant concerns about the source of the, supposedly, federally mandated collection fee that must be associated with support payments. Representative Harper felt very strongly that this should not come from the custodial parent as the bill is currently drafted. Representative Maher brought out the fact that, in fact, the Federal legislation allows the State to choose from either the custodial parent, the noncustodial parent, or the State finances.

As we have that third possibility, I am asking the members to at least suspend the rules to consider allowing an amendment to the language of the bill as it is to switch the source of collection of that \$25 mandated fee from the custodial parent, by and large the mother, in most cases, to the noncustodial parent, the parent who is actually paying the support.

I was at a rally earlier today, along with Representative McIlvaine Smith, in support of a COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) for mental health and mental retardation workers. There are numerous causes that many of the members of the House and the Senate are going to be advocating for, which will cost at least the \$2 million that would be saved by the imposition of this fee on the noncustodial parent.

So I am asking for the willingness and consideration of the members to at least suspend the rules so we can debate this and shift the collection source from the party which is the most able to pay, that being the noncustodial parent, the person paying the child support in the first place.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, on behalf of the majority leader.

Mr. McCALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is an extremely important bill. The Federal government has written to us, has called us, and asked us to immediately act on legislation or we jeopardize \$800 million in Federal reimbursement.

I would simply say we need to put this bill on the Governor's desk, and I would ask that we do not suspend the rules and that we immediately move to get this bill, on third consideration, passed and on the Governor's desk.

So I would ask the members to vote "no" on the suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will remind the members, this motion is debatable by the majority and minority leaders and the maker of the motion.

Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge the members to support the suspension of the rules. Elements of this bill have been debated previously, and while no one disagrees that there is some level of urgency for implementing this legislation to comply with changes at the Federal level, it is interesting that that sense of urgency was not expressed by the administration when they delayed notifying the legislature – notifying us – of the need for this.

It seems apparent that this has been known to some people for quite some time, yet it was really only brought to the attention of the legislature, at least to my knowledge, just maybe in the last month and a half to 2 months. So when you are talking about moving legislation that is sensitive and impacts people in the way that this legislation potentially does, some good and some bad, Mr. Speaker, I do not disagree that there is a sense of urgency for moving this.

However, the fact that the administration waited to try to apply the crisis of time, that we had to have this done by a month or so ago, which we have already missed that deadline – this House had passed legislation in time for that deadline; it was not acted on – the fact is, we have already missed the deadline. The fact is, we are moving forward on legislation that will address the concerns that are put forth by the Federal government. Whether this becomes law today or tomorrow, though, Mr. Speaker, is not going to change those facts. We have already missed that deadline. If we were going to be subject to some sanction by the Federal government, we are already subject to it and just have not felt the pain.

We are moving forward; that is clear. The record shows that. I think that the compromise embodied in this amendment is practical and worthwhile and would urge the members to support the motion to suspend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Reichley for the second time.

Mr. REICHLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just to amplify upon the remarks of the gentleman from Jefferson, the members of the House did not create the imperative that this legislation be passed; that is of the administration's doing. They dragged their feet for months and months. This has been something which was made evident to the administration some time ago.

A bill was passed – Representative Caltagirone's bill – was passed in this chamber, I think more than 2 months ago, and then we recessed without any further action. It is sitting in the Senate. That bill could be taken up by the Senate, but I think, based upon the level of commentary last week when this bill was debated, the members have an opportunity to be able to say to their constituents, we are not taking the \$25 from those people who are the least able to afford it. We are not going to deprive money that we want to put into COLAs for MH/MR (mental health/mental retardation) workers or other kinds of programs which we feel valuable in the State budget. This is a responsible way of addressing the concerns of the Federal government, doing it in a timely fashion. The world will not fall apart if we do not move to final passage on the bill as it is written today. I think the members should be sensible in looking at what the true source of the funds is – that is, the noncustodial parent, the person paying the support – and have that person be assessed with a \$25 fee, not the mothers, primarily, of the children, who are the ones trying to get by, sometimes on very limited support.

If the noncustodial parent is not paying the support, how do you then say to these same people, we want the \$25 from you even though you did not get the support? So I think the members really have a very clear and easy choice here: Vote to suspend the rules so you can move forward on this amendment, and move that forward so the administration can take the responsible step.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the motion to suspend, Representative McCall.

Mr. McCALL. Very briefly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have been put on notice by the Federal government that we have to act. The reality is that we had this debate on this legislation last week or 2 weeks ago, and the Senate sent over a bill, without the amendments that you are trying to include in this legislation, because they fully understand the importance of getting this bill to the Governor's desk and acted upon.

And with all due respect, the reality is that our staff has been meeting – including the Republican staff – has been meeting and has met with the administration, as early as September 2007, explaining the urgency and the need to get this legislation passed, not only on this issue but a myriad of other issues relative to the Department of Public Welfare and what their needs are in this budget.

But the reality is that, specifically, this bill was talked about in 2007, September 2007, its importance and its need to pass this General Assembly so this State does not lose \$800 million in reimbursement, so we are not sanctioned. As a matter of fact, if we do not do it now, we are going to start losing our monthly payments right now. March 31 was the actual deadline that we faced.

Mr. Speaker, it is important. The Senate, understanding and realizing the importance, sent this bill over unamended so we could send it right to the Governor. I would urge the members to vote "no" on the suspension of the rules.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-99

Adolph	Fleck	Marsico	Raymond
Argall	Gabig	McIlhattan	Reed
Baker	Geist	Mensch	Reichley
Barrar	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Roae
Bastian	Gingrich	Micozzie	Rock
Bear	Godshall	Millard	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Grell	Miller	Ross
Beyer	Harhart	Milne	Rubley
Boback	Harper	Moul	Saylor
Boyd	Harris	Moyer	Scavello
Brooks	Helm	Murt	Schroder
Cappelli	Hennessey	Mustio	Smith, S.
Causar	Hershey	Nailor	Sonney
Civera	Hess	Nickol	Stairs
Clymer	Hickernell	O'Neill	Steil
Cox	Hutchinson	Payne	Stern
Creighton	Kauffman	Peifer	Stevenson
Cutler	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Swanger
Dally	Kenney	Petri	Taylor, J.
Denlinger	Killion	Phillips	True
DiGirolo	Mackereth	Pickett	Turzai
Ellis	Maher	Pyle	Vereb

Evans, J.	Major	Quigley	Vulakovich
Everett	Mantz	Quinn	Watson
Fairchild	Marshall	Rapp	

NAYS—101

Belfanti	Galloway	Manderino	Shimkus
Bennington	George	Mann	Siptroth
Bianucci	Gerber	Markosek	Smith, K.
Bishop	Gergely	McCall	Smith, M.
Blackwell	Gibbons	McGeehan	Solobay
Brennan	Goodman	McI. Smith	Staback
Buxton	Grucela	Melio	Sturla
Caltagirone	Haluska	Mundy	Surra
Carroll	Hanna	O'Brien, M.	Tangretti
Casorio	Harhai	Oliver	Taylor, R.
Cohen	Harkins	Pallone	Vitali
Conklin	Hornaman	Parker	Wagner
Costa	James	Pashinski	Walko
Cruz	Josephs	Payton	Wansacz
Curry	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Waters
Daley	Kessler	Petrone	Wheatley
DeLuca	King	Preston	White
DePasquale	Kirkland	Ramaley	Williams
Dermody	Kortz	Readshaw	Wojnarowski
DeWeese	Kotik	Roebuck	Yewcic
Donatucci	Kula	Sabatina	Youngblood
Eachus	Leach	Sainato	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Lentz	Samuelson	
Fabrizio	Levdansky	Santoni	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Longjetti	Seip	Speaker
Freeman	Mahoney	Shapiro	

NOT VOTING—1

Thomas

EXCUSED—2

Myers Perry

Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,
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.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes Representative Harper.
Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Well, it is indeed unfortunate that we did not go with the suggestion made on the floor last week by Representative Thomas to amend the bill, but since we did not, I am forced to remind my colleagues what it is we are voting on today.

If you have signed a taxpayer pledge not to raise taxes or enact new taxes, you should vote "no" on this bill, because it is a new tax on moms and children receiving child support.

Mr. Speaker, am I in order to speak on the bill?

The SPEAKER. The lady was recognized to speak on the bill.

If the lady will suspend for one moment.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will ask the members to please reduce the noise level. The noise level is entirely too loud. The Chair will ask members to take their seats. The lady is entitled to be heard.

Representative Harper.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And with all due respect to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, the House has already passed a bill by a near perfect majority which does not contain the fee but which does meet all of the Federal requirements. That bill is sitting in the Senate. The Senate could vote that bill this afternoon and send it to the Governor's desk.

I would also remind my colleagues that Pennsylvania receives, from the Federal government, \$175 million from the Federal government to collect child support. The fee raises between \$2 million and \$3 million. There is no reason to take this fee out of the child support that children are receiving; we can take this fee from the money that the Federal government sends to us. There is no reason to enact a new tax on mothers and children, and I would urge my colleagues to vote "no." We can comply with the Federal government's requirements by asking the Senate to pass the House version of this bill, which we passed before the March 31 deadline.

I would also like to remind my colleagues that the cost of this bill, the \$2 1/2 million, can easily be borne by the Commonwealth's money from the Federal government or perhaps some other source. Our budget this year will be \$27 billion; that is \$27 billion with a "b." Two and a half million dollars is a significant sum, but it is not a significant sum when compared to our total budget. In fact, it is not even a significant sum when compared to the amount of money we have set aside last year and this year for the film industry. We have \$70 million for the film industry, and we cannot spare \$2 1/2 million for children receiving child support? These children are not getting a government benefit like the film industry. This is money from their own parents. We are taking it from them.

This morning on my way to the Capitol, I had to fill up my car. It cost me more than \$25. What is \$25 worth to you? What is it worth to a mother struggling to provide for children? We have 169,000 families who will be affected by this bill – 169,000 mothers, 169,000 fathers – and with an average of 2 children per family, about a million Pennsylvanians affected by the vote you are about to take.

I would urge you to vote "no," to understand what you are doing, to realize that the bill that takes care of this problem has been sitting in the Senate for weeks now. You do not have to take this from mothers and children.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my remarks to anyone in the hall who is a mother, anyone in the hall who has a mother, anyone in the hall who sent a sappy card to somebody praising mothers. I want you to think about what you are doing today to mothers. You do not need to do this to mothers. Please vote "no" on this bill.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Here today, as the guests of Representative Bill DeWeese and the entire Washington County delegation, are representatives of the community health centers in Washington and Greene Counties. They are to the left of the Speaker. Would you please stand and be recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 1278 CONTINUED

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—116

Belfanti	George	Markosek	Santoni
Bennington	Gerber	Marshall	Seip
Bianucci	Gergely	McCall	Shapiro
Bishop	Gibbons	McGeehan	Shimkus
Blackwell	Goodman	McI. Smith	Siptroth
Boyd	Grucela	McIlhattan	Smith, K.
Brennan	Haluska	Melio	Smith, M.
Buxton	Hanna	Micozzie	Solobay
Caltagirone	Harhai	Miller	Staback
Carroll	Harkins	Moul	Sturla
Casorio	Hickernell	Mundy	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	O'Brien, M.	Tangretti
Conklin	James	Oliver	Taylor, R.
Costa	Josephs	Pallone	True
Cruz	Keller, W.	Parker	Vitali
Curry	Kenney	Pashinski	Vulakovich
Cutler	Kessler	Payne	Wagner
Daley	King	Payton	Walko
DeLuca	Kirkland	Petrarca	Wansacz
DePasquale	Kortz	Petrone	Waters
Dermody	Kotik	Phillips	Wheatley
DeWeese	Kula	Preston	White
DiGirolamo	Leach	Ramaley	Williams
Donatucci	Lentz	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
Eachus	Levdansky	Roebuck	Youngblood
Evans, D.	Longietti	Rubley	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Mackereth	Sabatina	
Frankel	Mahoney	Sainato	O'Brien, D.,
Freeman	Manderino	Samuelson	Speaker
Galloway	Mann		

NAYS—84

Adolph	Fairchild	Mantz	Reed
Argall	Fleck	Marsico	Reichley
Baker	Gabig	Mensch	Roae
Barrar	Geist	Metcalfe	Rock
Bastian	Gillespie	Millard	Rohrer
Bear	Gingrich	Milne	Ross
Benninghoff	Godshall	Moyer	Saylor
Beyer	Grell	Murt	Scavello
Boback	Harhart	Mustio	Schroder
Brooks	Harper	Nailor	Smith, S.
Cappelli	Harris	Nickol	Sonney
Causer	Helm	O'Neill	Stairs
Civera	Hennessey	Peifer	Steil
Clymer	Hershey	Perzel	Stern
Cox	Hess	Petri	Stevenson
Creighton	Hutchinson	Pickett	Swanger
Dally	Kauffman	Pyle	Taylor, J.
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Quigley	Turzai
Ellis	Killion	Quinn	Vereb

Evans, J.	Maher	Rapp	Watson
Everett	Major	Raymond	Yewcic

NOT VOTING—1

Thomas

EXCUSED—2

Myers

Perry

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.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to recognize, as the guests of Representative Tom Killion, Dr. Richard and Teresa O'Flynn. They are seated to the left of the Speaker. Would you please stand and be recognized.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Cohen. Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an immediate meeting of the House Democratic Caucus. We have two bills and a short presentation from NCSL (National Conference of State Legislatures). An immediate meeting, House Democratic Caucus. We hope the meeting will be brief, and we will be back on the floor at 1:15 – 1:15.

The SPEAKER. Are there any other announcements? Representative Hennessey?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to announce there will be a meeting of the Steel Caucus in room 39, East Wing, immediately. Steel Caucus, 39 East Wing, immediately.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 1:15 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

SENATE MESSAGE

**RECESS 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,
May 12, 2008

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 2, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 2, 2008, 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.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

SB 1278, PN 1844

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for child medical support, annual fees, review of orders of support, effect of incarceration, pass-through of support and assignment of support.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative GABIG be placed on leave for the remainder of the day. The Chair sees no objection. The leave will be granted.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome some special guests: Sierra Beecher and the advanced placement government class from Big Spring High School, as the guests of the Speaker, and they are in the balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who requests that Representative SHAPIRO be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. Leave will be granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to acknowledge the birthday of two of our members: Tony Melio and Sean Ramaley. Would you please join the Speaker in wishing them best wishes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. GRUCELA

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Grucela, rise?

Mr. GRUCELA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A point of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is recognized under the provision of unanimous consent.

Mr. GRUCELA. Thank you; I was not sure which one, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to mention that it is also Representative Melio's wife's birthday.

The SPEAKER. Oh, yes.

Mr. GRUCELA. And he told me that happens a lot. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman, and also wishes Mrs. Melio a happy birthday on behalf of the chamber.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. FAIRCHILD called up **HR 730, PN 3746**, entitled:

A Resolution celebrating May 13, 2008, as "Liberty USO Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rubley
Barrar	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney

Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petri	Vitali
Dally	Killion	Petrone	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Phillips	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Pickett	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Preston	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Pyle	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Quigley	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quinn	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Ramaley	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Rapp	Williams
Ellis	Longietti	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Maher	Reed	Youngblood
Everett	Mahoney	Reichley	Yudichak
Fabrizio	Major	Roae	
Fairchild	Manderino	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Fleck	Mann	Roebuck	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Gabig	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1858, PN 2527**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 2, 1961 (P.L.1232, No.540), known as the Model Act for the Regulation of Credit Life Insurance and Credit Accident and Health Insurance, further providing for premiums and refunds.

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

Mr. **DeLUCA** offered the following amendment No. **A07011**:

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 30, by striking out "2008" and inserting

2009

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

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes Representative **DeLuca** on the amendment.

Mr. DeLUCA. Thank you, **Mr. Speaker**.

Mr. Speaker, all this amendment does is change the effective date from 2008 to 2009, and I ask for an affirmative vote on it. Thank you, **Mr. Speaker**.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-199

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED—4

Gabig Myers Perry Shapiro

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 second consideration as amended?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who requests that Representative DALLY be placed on leave. The Chair sees no objection. Leave will be granted.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 949, PN 1921**, entitled:

An Act providing for bituminous coal mines; and making a repeal.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **DeWEESE** offered the following amendment No. **A06674**:

Amend Sec. 316, page 154, line 10, by striking out "within two hours of" and inserting
prior to operating the equipment at

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative DeWeese on the amendment.

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

My amendment, A06674, would allow that each trailing cable on mobile equipment in use shall be examined prior to operating the equipment at the beginning of each shift by the machine operator, and they would be looking for abrasions and other defects.

The previous language has asserted that this would be within 2 hours, and it is our contention and the perspective of our brothers and sisters in the United Mine Workers that it should happen immediately, not within 2 hours. The metaphor that was used in some of our dialogues, historically, was that an airplane pilot would take a very, very aggressive view of his or her aircraft immediately, not 2 hours into the flight.

Now, whether that metaphor is satisfactory to some of the men and women in this room or not, it makes perfect sense that these trailing cables be inspected immediately at the commencement of the shift. Therefore, that is the motivation behind this amendment.

I would ask for an affirmative vote.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(JOSEPH A. PETRARCA) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Major	Roae	
Fleck	Manderino	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Mann	Roebuck	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally Myers Perry Shapiro
Gabig

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 second consideration as amended?

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill is over temporarily.

**THE SPEAKER (DENNIS M. O'BRIEN)
PRESIDING**

DONOVAN McNABB PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair has just been informed by Representative Jewell Williams that we have a very special guest gracing our chamber today. For all those Steelers fans, as a Philadelphian, we believe that the Pittsburgh Steelers, we are optimistic that you will make it to the Super Bowl, but with the renewed health of our quarterback of the Philadelphia Eagles, we know we are going, and we are going to return to the NFC (National Football Conference) Championship and the Super Bowl this year.

But it is my pleasure to introduce those who are responsible for our great success over these many years in the city of Philadelphia, the Eagles franchise. We would like to thank and recognize Wilma and Sam McNabb, Donovan's parents, who are here. Would you please stand and be recognized.

And even though I do not have my own talk show, I am an avid Eagles fan, and I wear that proudly. As an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan, I would ask the indulgence of the House and ask Donovan McNabb, the quarterback of the next Super Bowl for the city of Philadelphia, to come up and address this General Assembly.

E-a-g-l-e-s, Eagles.

Mr. McNABB. Okay, I never thought I would be doing this. I got a couple bills I need to pass, receivers. Well, we want to thank you guys for having us here. It is truly an honor. Through my 9 years, now 10 years, I never thought I would be in Harrisburg, PA, but we are here, obviously, for a cause of just trying to spread the awareness of high blood pressure and ask that if you have not been diagnosed, to see your doctors and physicians to make sure you learn more about yourself. There is a Web site, bpsuccesszone.com, that you guys can go to and learn more about it, but truly, this is an honor for me and my family to be here.

For those who are Eagles fans, be ready for an exciting year. We are all healthy. It is going to be an exciting time. For those who are wearing those other colors, you know, the black and gold, I am pretty sorry for what is going to happen this up-and-coming year against you guys, but for you Eagles fans, wear your green, because we will be on top at the end of the game. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Donovan, on behalf of the General Assembly, we recognize that you are a great individual, an upstanding citizen, but more importantly, I think it is important for us to recognize athletes who give back and participate in identifying, passionately, causes that they are for, so they can

rally the citizenry around that cause. So, Donovan, thank you for not only what do you as an individual and what you do for the Philadelphia Eagles but also for advancing these important health-care issues. Thank you very much.

For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Solobay, rise? There is only one team in order today, the Chair will remind the members.

Mr. SOLOBAY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

But just to correct the record, if I may. I believe you said the Philadelphia Eagles' next Super Bowl quarterback; you got to win one first before you can have a next one, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is out of order, and the Chair will instruct the Parliamentarian to strike that from the record. We have serious business we have to get back to now.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(JOSEPH A. PETRARCA) PRESIDING**

CONSIDERATION OF SB 949 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Returning to SB 949.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON offered the following amendment No. **A06681**:

Amend Sec. 104, page 18, lines 4 and 5, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Hutchinson.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw that amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. And my other amendments.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. REED offered the following amendment No. **A06682**:

Amend Sec. 108, page 29, line 16, by striking out "(A) FREQUENCY AND PURPOSE.—"

Amend Sec. 108, page 30, lines 5 through 25, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative Reed.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw amendment A06682, but I would still, at the appropriate time, like to offer amendment A06729.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This would be that time, Representative.

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. REED offered the following amendment No. **A06729**:

Amend Sec. 108, page 30, line 18, by striking out "CONCERNING HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THE MINE." and inserting

from the same mine concerning health and safety.

Amend Sec. 108, page 30, lines 22 through 25, by striking out "FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE" in line 22 and all of lines 23 through 25

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Reed.

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

Today truly is a landmark day in Pennsylvania, as we look to move forward with the revised and updated mine safety law, which will help to put our miners into a more safe environment in their workplace.

This amendment is quite simple and looks to enhance those safety efforts. When an inspector goes into a mine, they are afforded the opportunity to be escorted through that mine with a representative of the miners. This amendment would, quite simply, make sure that that miner's representative actually is a miner from the mine that they are inspecting.

The entire purpose of this amendment is to make sure that the miner's representative is familiar with the mine that they are taking the inspector around in and familiar with the different tunnels and different atmosphere and environment within the mine that the mine inspectors intend to make safe for all of the miners within that environment. I would ask for your support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would respectfully oppose the gentleman's amendment. I do not believe it does what he wants it to do. The amendment is not necessary and really does not accomplish what the sponsor intends. The amendment states that the department shall meet with no fewer than two miners from the same mine concerning health and safety when there is no authorized representative of the miners.

The current language, Mr. Speaker, of SB 949, approved by the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee chaired by Bud George, already establishes that the department meet with no fewer than two miners concerning the health and safety of the mine. SB 949 does not, repeat, does not require or suggest that the department meet with the miners who are not employed at the mine. The purpose of meeting with miners when there is not an authorized representative of the miners is to allow miners to discuss any concerns they may

have with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) mine inspector.

I would argue that the gentleman's effort does not accomplish what he wants to accomplish, and it is with that perspective that I would ask for a negative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The minority leader, Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would urge the members to support this amendment. I think the comments just made by the majority leader were a little bit circular in their argument in that the bill, as it is currently before us, would allow someone from a competing mine to have access on a walk-through with the inspector. I find that, Mr. Speaker, to be a little bit odd and not necessary.

The fact is, the people that are working in these deep mines – mines are very peculiar places to work. They are places that are unique to each other; in other words, they are not all the same. The purpose for this element of the law, this section of the law, obviously, is to allow an employee of the mine to be along with the inspector not only just for familiarity of what is going on, but also to help point out and respond to any of the issues, whether they just be solely on the safety side of things or others to allow for a line of communication and explanation of what is actually taking place at that particular point in the mine.

I think the problem here, Mr. Speaker, is that in anybody's given mind, to suggest that a miner, an employee of a competing company, should have that type of access is a little bit confounding to me. I believe the Reed amendment that is before us is there simply to clarify the fact that the mining employees – as opposed to the mining company management – that the mining company employees do have access to the inspector, do have time with the inspector as they are going through the mine but that that should not be open to just anybody who happens to be a miner somewhere in Pennsylvania.

I would urge the members, Mr. Speaker, to support this amendment. Clearly, if the majority leader is correct in his general assessment, there is clearly nothing about this amendment that takes away from the purpose of the bill or the intent of the bill. It just clarifies that the miner shall be an employee of that particular mine under inspection. I think it is a good amendment, Mr. Speaker, and urge the members to support it.

Thank you.

Mr. DeWEESE. Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. The walkaround rights that we are asking for in this amendment are a part of the West Virginia coal-mining scene. The walkaround rights that we are discussing in this amendment are a part of the Federal coal-mining law. The amendment says, and I quote, "Where there is no authorized representative of the miners, the department shall meet with no fewer than two miners..." from the same mine "...concerning health and safety...."

The amendment does not even say anything about the walkaround rights. So ostensibly, they could have a meeting in the bathroom or they could have a meeting at the conference table in the mine foreman's office, and they would not be walking through the mine. So the honorable gentleman, I believe, if he is trying to do what I think he is trying to do,

needs different language. This amendment does not do what the honorable gentleman wants to do. In fact, it would vitiate the dynamics of the proposal that miners be walking with inspectors in all of these different mine settings.

So I again, respectfully, would ask for a negative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Pyle.

Mr. PYLE. Will the maker of the amendment please stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman indicates that he will.

Mr. PYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have a question. How does this amendment address the quote, unquote, "walking-around rights"?

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, this amendment would actually not impact walkaround rights and the ability to have a miner's representative joining with the mine inspector during the inspection of the mine. In fact, this amendment does two very clear and two very distinct things: The first part of the amendment, which amends section 108, page 30, line 18, strikes out, quote, unquote, "concerning health and safety at the mine," and instead inserts "from the same mine concerning health and safety," which ensures that the miner's representative is actually an employee at that mine, which ensures that the miner's representative has actually been in that mine that they are supposed to tour the inspector through.

The second part of this amendment removes the reference to Federal statute, and by removing the reference to Federal statute, it then reverts back to the first part of SB 949. I will quote for you, on page 17 of this proposal, line 17, where we define "Representative of the miners" to be, "A miner employed at the mine who is authorized by a vote of two or more miners working at the same mine to perform the duties specified in this act." So what we are doing, there is a loophole in the Federal statute that could allow an outside miner to be taking the inspector around a mine they have never been in. By referencing the first part of SB 949 that was put forward by House Republicans, by House Democrats, by Senate Democrats, by Senate Republicans, by the DEP, by the administration, by representatives of the UMWA (United Mine Workers of America) and the Coal Association – they drafted that definition of a miner's representative.

We are going to ensure that that definition stands and there is no ambiguous interpretation of that definition by referencing Federal statute. So what we are actually ensuring is that the person who is afforded the walkaround rights, elected by the miners to be their representative, has actually been in that mine before. Let us be clear: If we are going to have an inspector traveling around these mines with the miner's representative, the safest and most appropriate way to do it is to provide complete clarity in this law that ensures that that miner has actually been in that mine before.

Mr. PYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. PYLE. I am somewhat familiar with the geology of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth – a subject I taught for 13 years in our high school. It barely addresses the issue that the geology varies greatly in each of the corners of the State and the midstate. Mr. Speaker, I would think the Reed amendment would go a long way to assuring that each one of these

individual mines is being inspected by a person familiar with it, a.k.a. a localized miner from that individual operation.

It would seem both safer and more expedient for the sake of the mine inspectors for us to support the Reed amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Representative George.

Mr. GEORGE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in no way do I intend to stand here and attempt to impugn any of those who have spoken or the maker of this amendment, and I believe that we all, no matter what we believe, we cherish the human life and what we can do to make their daily usage safe. Now, we can talk about many things, and it seems like maybe being a little older and working in a mine and seeing all the changes that have come by in 50 years and then recognizing, for some reason, that yet not enough has been done.

There should be no reason, there should be no cost prohibited, there should be no usage of influence that would change that. I insist, as the gentleman, Mr. DeWeese, has argued, that we are second to West Virginia, who has been, over the years, notorious in their lackluster means, but yet we fall behind them. What I am saying is that we should not, whether it is our spouse or our children or our parents or what, or who we are or where we are from, should we not be able to do what is best so that these miners, when they leave home in the morning, they return home at night immediately after the shift, not in a box a couple of hours later.

I am saying this amendment allows a company to be able to gain the matter of influence and be able to influence greatly some safety matter. I do not think that any of those who have spoken for this bill are not well meaning. I just insist, if it is your son, your daughter, your parent, you could not go to bed at night thinking that you did something to eliminate the possibility that you have saved that life, and I urge those members to make this personal, to believe this is we, ourselves, our families that are asking to go the whole way.

This harms nobody. That is the nice thing about the bill, but an amendment could, in some way. For that gentleman who provides this bill to insist that a man must be familiar, a man who has experience in the mining is familiar with a mine operation no matter which gob or which cavern that he is in, and so I say, without being personal or without being vindictive, this is not what we want to do with this bill. I ask us to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes Representative Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a grandson of coal miners, as a son of coal miners, as a legislator that represents a district that is peppered with coal miners, in both Washington and Fayette County, I think it is a great day in Pennsylvania that we are looking to protect the lives of coal miners throughout our State. Coal has played a dominant role in the economy of Pennsylvania and America, and without the coal miners of western Pennsylvania and central Pennsylvania and northeastern Pennsylvania, World War II would not have turned out the way it had.

The coal miners of western Pennsylvania and central Pennsylvania, as well as northeastern Pennsylvania, mined the anthracite coal that ran New York City and ran all the

shipbuilding that was going on, all the ships that were built with the munitions – that was created by the coal from western and central Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, this is a great time in the lives of Pennsylvania coal miners, where we in the legislature take time to say, it is time that we really protect the rights and the health and safety of coal miners. I do not know how many of you have ever been down in a coal mine. I chaired the Coal Caucus for 16 years. We went down a wildcat mine in an anthracite region; in an open strip mine in an anthracite region; we were up in Representative Bud George's district for an open mine; we were down in the coal mines, 600 feet below southwestern Pennsylvania, where they had continuous miners and longwall miners that mine more coal in one day than a coal mine used to mine in a year.

And it is so important that we, as legislators, recognize how important the lives of coal miners are, like the Robena Mine, which had a disaster when I was a young man in seventh grade, and many men never came out of that mine that day. Then Marianna, Pennsylvania, in the early 1900s had a disaster where over 100 people were killed. Now, of course, we pay attention because of Quecreek and what goes on in West Virginia.

Coal was the driving factor of America. The companies and the miners have worked together for many years to make coal competitive with the rest of the natural resources in our country. This amendment does not accomplish it. In all respect to Mr. Reed, who I have tremendous respect for, it does not accomplish his intent. This amendment is not necessary. I ask that you vote "no," with all due respect to Mr. Reed.

But I want you to think about the health, safety, and welfare of the coal miners and their families and their children that attend the schools of Pennsylvania, that we have to protect their lives; it is absolutely paramount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Representative Mahoney.

Mr. MAHONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a former coal miner in 1979, I went into the coal mines at the age of 21 years old. I might look a little big to be in the mines, but I did the job. It is a tough job to do. We have not addressed this problem since 1961. We need to address this problem because coal is our future; our future is coal. I want to tell you a little bit of a story about safety in the coal mines.

In 1980 I was coming out of the coal mine, we were coming out the main haulage—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman suspend. Will the House please come to order and give the gentleman the courtesy of being heard. Members please take their seats.

Representative Mahoney.

Mr. MAHONEY. In 1980, when the shift was over, we were coming out the main haulage, and there was a fall in the main haulage. There were 22 of us trapped in the mine for 4 hours. We had to walk approximately 2 miles to an air shaft. We had to walk through water up to our chins. I believe it is time, and I know it is time, and I think this bill does address most of the problems in the coal mine for safety.

We need to make the miners feel safe underground, because coal is the future. It is going to be the future, and that is why I oppose this amendment. I think this bill needs to go for a vote now. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any other members seeking recognition? The minority leader, Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the issue before us, there is no one here that does not believe that the core of this bill, that the bulk of this bill is not something that is necessary. It is probably something that is a little bit overdue, but there have been a lot of people who put a lot of work into this bill, negotiating it between the various parties that are affected, from the mining companies to the labor side, to the environmental regulators, to those that deal with the safety side of it from DEP.

Mr. Speaker, we are very much in support of this legislation. The Reed amendment before us, Mr. Speaker, has to do with one small section of this bill. It has to do with who is permitted to walk around the mine when the inspectors – who are outsiders, those are the regulators – when they are in the mine. That is what it has to do with.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the men and women that are working in a particular mine are the people who have the most vested interest in that mine being safe. They are the people who are in that mine virtually every day. They are the ones who should be part of that inspection, as opposed to someone from another mine somewhere else in Pennsylvania.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that this amendment does anything to reduce the safety value that is composed in this legislation. I think it ensures, Mr. Speaker, that those miners that are directly affected, whose livelihoods are taken out of that particular mine, are the individuals that should be allowed and afforded and guaranteed the opportunity to walk around with the inspectors.

That is the core of what this amendment does, Mr. Speaker. It does not reduce the overall effect of this legislation. It does not diminish it in any way. It merely protects that the men and women that are working in a mine get to decide who among them is going to walk with those inspectors, and that, I think, Mr. Speaker, is an improvement to this bill and something that we can all support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative DeWeese.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If the Reed amendment is adopted, people who work underground under collective-bargaining agreements will not have the same dynamics as they do under the bill that was brought forward from Chairman George's committee with an overwhelming vote. Two people at a mine could bring a person in to walk around with the inspector. In the words of the gentleman's amendment, 50 percent of the mine would have to decide upon a person to walk around with the inspector, and everybody motivated by the most minimal amount of common sense will agree that it would be almost impossible in a nonunion mine for over half of the workers there to agree on who was going to do the walking-around inspection.

So suddenly, the gentleman's proposal, I think, inures to the detriment of the United Mine Workers and all who work underground under collective-bargaining agreements. To the best of my knowledge, that is only the United Mine Workers, but it is not accidental that the UMWA opposes the gentleman's language. It is not accidental that many of his Republican colleagues helped as the bill came out of committee, and I would like to have it looking like it came out of committee, not the way it would be altered by my honorable friend with his amendment.

I, again, for the third time, respectfully and politely, would request a negative vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

For the second time, Representative Reed on the amendment.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, as we look at this issue, everyone is exactly right that it is time for Pennsylvania to come out of the Dark Ages when it comes to mine safety and our mine-safety statutes. I guess where we differ in opinions is that some of us have used this opportunity to debate whether you are for mine safety or against mine safety. That is not the debate before us today. The debate before us today is, what is the appropriate way to ensure that mine safety is at the forefront?

Some of us have looked at this issue in a number of different ways that are somewhat, in my opinion, inaccurate. This amendment is very simple. It actually ensures that the person leading a mine inspector through a mine has actually been in that mine. And when you think of it commonsense-wise, when your first priority is safety, why would you send a miner into a mine they have never been in, leading an inspector? You are putting that first miner's life in danger; you are putting that inspector's life in danger, before you have even started the inspection.

If you truly care about mine safety, what you need to do is begin with the folks inspecting the mines and the miner who is actually going to be taking them around. No miner's life should be more valuable than another miner's life, and that begins by ensuring that they actually have knowledge of where they are going in any given mine. This amendment does it. This amendment ensures that they are qualified and knowledgeable on where they are leading the inspector. Any evidence to the contrary is a vote against mine safety – putting a miner's life in danger, putting an inspector's life in danger, for no good purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask for support of this amendment. Let us care about every single miner, not just the miners that we choose to. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-91

Adolph	Geist	McIlhattan	Reed
Argall	Gillespie	Mensch	Reichley
Baker	Gingrich	Metcalfe	Roae
Barrar	Godshall	Micozzie	Rock
Bastian	Grell	Millard	Rohrer
Bear	Harhart	Miller	Ross
Benninghoff	Harper	Milne	Rubley
Beyer	Harris	Moul	Saylor
Boback	Helm	Mustio	Scavello
Boyd	Hennessey	Nailor	Schroder
Brooks	Hershey	Nickol	Smith, S.
Causer	Hess	O'Neill	Sonney
Civera	Hickernell	Payne	Stairs
Clymer	Hutchinson	Peifer	Steil
Cox	Kauffman	Perzel	Stern
Creighton	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Stevenson
Cutler	Kenny	Phillips	Swanger
Denlinger	Killion	Pickett	Taylor, J.

Ellis	Mackereth	Pyle	True
Evans, J.	Maher	Quigley	Turzai
Everett	Major	Quinn	Vulakovich
Fairchild	Mantz	Rapp	Watson
Fleck	Marsico	Raymond	

NAYS-107

Belfanti	Galloway	Mann	Shimkus
Bennington	George	Markosek	Siproth
Bianucci	Gerber	Marshall	Smith, K.
Bishop	Gergely	McCall	Smith, M.
Blackwell	Gibbons	McGeehan	Solobay
Brennan	Goodman	McI. Smith	Staback
Buxton	Grucela	Melio	Sturla
Caltagirone	Haluska	Moyer	Surra
Cappelli	Hanna	Mundy	Tangretti
Carroll	Harhai	Murt	Taylor, R.
Casorio	Harkins	O'Brien, M.	Thomas
Cohen	Hornaman	Oliver	Vereb
Conklin	James	Pallone	Vitali
Costa	Josephs	Parker	Wagner
Cruz	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Walko
Curry	Kessler	Payton	Wansacz
Daley	King	Petrarca	Waters
DeLuca	Kirkland	Petrone	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kortz	Preston	White
Dermody	Kotik	Ramaley	Williams
DeWeese	Kula	Readshaw	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Leach	Roebuck	Yewcic
Donatucci	Lentz	Sabatina	Youngblood
Eachus	Levdansky	Sainato	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Longietti	Samuelson	
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Santoni	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Frankel	Manderino	Seip	
Freeman			

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is the understanding of the Chair that Representative Conklin will be withdrawing amendment 06965. The gentleman withdraws the amendment. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

**UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA
INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative DeWeese, for an introduction.

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

On behalf of the coalfield delegation from Greene and Fayette and Washington, as well as our brothers and sisters in the hard coal anthracite regions, I would like to introduce members of the United Mine Workers of America from Cumberland Mine, Emerald Mine, 84 Mine, in western Pennsylvania, who are in the audience today, and give them a round of applause. Thank you.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2353, PN 3415**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for indebtedness.

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.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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—137

Adolph	Frankel	Mann	Samuelson
Baker	Freeman	Markosek	Santoni
Barrar	Galloway	Marshall	Seip
Bastian	Geist	Marsico	Shimkus
Belfanti	George	McCall	Siptroth
Bennington	Gerber	McGeehan	Smith, K.
Beyer	Gergely	McI. Smith	Smith, M.
Bianucci	Gibbons	Melio	Solobay
Bishop	Godshall	Micozzie	Staback
Blackwell	Goodman	Miller	Stairs
Brennan	Grucela	Moyer	Steil
Buxton	Haluska	Mundy	Stevenson
Caltagirone	Hanna	Nickol	Sturla
Cappelli	Harhai	O'Brien, M.	Surra
Carroll	Harkins	O'Neill	Tangretti
Casorio	Harris	Oliver	Taylor, J.
Causer	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Civera	Hornaman	Parker	Thomas
Cohen	James	Pashinski	Vitali
Conklin	Josephs	Payne	Wagner
Costa	Keller, W.	Payton	Walko
Cruz	Kenney	Perzel	Wansacz
Curry	Kessler	Petrarca	Waters
Daley	Killion	Petri	Watson
DeLuca	King	Petrone	Wheatley

DePasquale	Kirkland	Phillips	White
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Williams
DeWeese	Kotik	Quinn	Wojnaroski
DiGirolamo	Kula	Ramaley	Yewcic
Donatucci	Leach	Raymond	Youngblood
Eachus	Lentz	Readshaw	Yudichak
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley	
Fabrizio	Longiatti	Roebuck	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Fairchild	Mahoney	Sabatina	
Fleck	Manderino	Sainato	

NAYS—61

Argall	Grell	Mensch	Rock
Bear	Harhart	Metcalfe	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Harper	Millard	Ross
Boback	Helm	Milne	Rubley
Boyd	Hennessey	Moul	Saylor
Brooks	Hershey	Murt	Scavello
Clymer	Hickernell	Mustio	Schroder
Cox	Hutchinson	Nailor	Smith, S.
Creighton	Kauffman	Peifer	Sonney
Cutler	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Stern
Denlinger	Mackereth	Pyle	Swanger
Ellis	Maher	Quigley	True
Evans, J.	Major	Rapp	Turzai
Everett	Mantz	Reed	Vereb
Gillespie	McIlhattan	Roae	Vulakovich
Gingrich			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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 1439, PN 2483**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.571, No.254), known as The Fourth to Eighth Class and Selective County Assessment Law, further providing for appeals by municipalities.

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.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Seip. Mr. SEIP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HB 1439 will remedy a glitch that presently exists in the county tax code. This glitch creates an inequity in law that results in many people being treated differently in the Commonwealth. According to current law, people who have identical homes on identical lots of identical sizes, within the same school district, possibly right next door to each other, may be taxed at different rates. They may be taxed at different rates because of this technical glitch which allows spot appeals to occur.

Spot appeals, basically, are the same thing as a spot assessment. We all know that spot assessments are illegal and are not allowed under current law. However, spot appeals are allowable and continue as I speak. This practice occurs when an existing home is sold. The new owner may be singled out for an incredible tax increase if the district feels that they can siphon off enough money from the new owners through a spot appeal, while leaving other homes at the existing lower rate that everyone else pays – even those with identical homes, and again, possibly right next door to the one getting spot appealed.

Mr. Speaker, this is clearly not fair and was never intended to occur. Last year in Schuylkill County, there were 1500 appeals made. One hundred and sixty-eight were initiated by the property owners. The remaining 1332 appeals were almost exclusively initiated by the school district.

Mr. Speaker, I have folks in my district, retirees, that wanted to downsize. They wanted a smaller home, similar home on a smaller lot so that they could reduce their financial obligations. The result was a spot appeal. That spot appeal increased their taxes and caused them more financial hardship.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman suspend. Will the House please come to order and show the gentleman courtesy.

Representative Seip.

Mr. SEIP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this type of inequity cannot continue. Let us not allow the school districts to just cherry-pick properties that they wish to raise taxes on. Let us return to a system where everybody is taxed the same by fixing this egregious glitch in the law. Also, if this practice of spot assessment is allowed to continue, it will only serve to discourage home buying. It will shun new people from wanting to move into our communities, and it will also serve to stifle economic development in our Commonwealth, which will only further burden the remaining taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, this travesty is not just limited to homes. My fine colleague from Berks County, the gentleman that represents the Kutztown area, had a farm that was purchased and spot appealed. The result was a three-times-the-prior-rate increase in their taxes. It was over \$20,000 of an increase for that particular farm. We should be encouraging people to continue to farm. That is why the Farm Bureau and the Grange have supported this legislation. The realtors also support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I implore all of my colleagues to vote in favor of fairness and in favor of the taxpayers. I would encourage an affirmative vote on HB 1439. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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—195

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

NAYS—3

Everett	Maher	Ross
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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 1438, PN 2482**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 1931 (P.L.1379, No.348), referred to as the Third Class County Assessment Board Law, further providing for appeals by corporate authorities.

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.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Seip.

Mr. SEIP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I will be very brief.

This bill just amends the third-class county code to try and remedy those same flaws and glitches that I referenced in HB 1439. This would be for the third-class counties.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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-195

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Argall	Geist	Marshall	Rubley
Baker	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Barrar	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bastian	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Bear	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Belfanti	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Bennington	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Beyer	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Biancucci	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Bishop	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Blackwell	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boback	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Boyd	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brennan	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Brooks	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Buxton	Harper	Murt	Staback
Caltagirone	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Cappelli	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Carroll	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Casorio	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Causer	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla

Civera	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Clymer	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Cohen	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Conklin	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Costa	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Cox	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Creighton	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Cruz	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
Curry	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Cutler	Kessler	Petri	Vitali
Daley	Killion	Petrone	Vulakovich
DeLuca	King	Phillips	Wagner
Denlinger	Kirkland	Pickett	Walko
DePasquale	Kortz	Preston	Wansacz
Dermody	Kotik	Pyle	Waters
DeWeese	Kula	Quigley	Watson
DiGirolamo	Leach	Quinn	Wheatley
Donatucci	Lentz	Ramaley	White
Eachus	Levdansky	Rapp	Williams
Ellis	Longiatti	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, D.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Yewcic
Evans, J.	Mahoney	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Major	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Manderino	Roae	
Fleck	Mann	Rock	O'Brien, D., Speaker
Frankel	Mantz	Roebuck	
Freeman			

NAYS-3

Everett	Maher	Ross
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NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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 1065, PN 1465**, entitled:

An Act designating State Bridge No. 36-4009-0030-0000, the newly replaced bridge on Dillerville Road in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, as the Edward Anthony Davis Memorial Bridge.

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.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On the question, the Chair recognizes Representative True.
Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the fact, this is Senator Armstrong's bill that was sent over to us. I would ask all our members just for a moment so I can explain the importance of this honor of dedicating this bridge to Captain Davis.

Mr. Speaker, could I just have order for just a brief second, please?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The lady is correct. She is entitled to be heard. Will members please take their seats.

Representative True.

Mrs. TRUE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Capt. Edward Anthony Davis from Lancaster County passed away of pancreatic cancer 2 years ago, and I cannot really explain what a phenomenal local hero he is to us. This bridge is really going to be— It connects Representative Bear's district into Representative Sturla's district.

Mr. Davis was my constituent. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1987, and on his 57th combat mission, Captain Davis was shot down over north Vietnam and became a prisoner of war at the "Hanoi Hilton" prison compound, where he remained for 7 1/2 years. I just wanted to really get into the record, for the members to know that he was the most optimistic person – never, never did anything but speak well of America and his people and all people.

I am just really proud that those of us who live in Lancaster, and any of you that care to visit, any time you go over that bridge, you can think of one of our finest Americans, and I am just really pleased that we finally got this job done. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the lady.

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—198

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rubley
Barrar	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti

Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petri	Vitali
DeLuca	Killion	Petrone	Vulakovich
Denlinger	King	Phillips	Wagner
DePasquale	Kirkland	Pickett	Walko
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Wansacz
DeWeese	Kotik	Pyle	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kula	Quigley	Watson
Donatucci	Leach	Quinn	Wheatley
Eachus	Lentz	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Levdansky	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Longiotti	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Maher	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Major	Roae	
Fleck	Manderino	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Mann	Roebuck	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. ADOLPH called up **HR 374, PN 2299**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating Rachel Brooks of Broomall, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on winning the 2007 Miss Pennsylvania pageant.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rubley
Barrar	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.

Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petri	Vitali
DeLuca	Killion	Petrone	Vulakovich
Denlinger	King	Phillips	Wagner
DePasquale	Kirkland	Pickett	Walko
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Wansacz
DeWeese	Kotik	Pyle	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kula	Quigley	Watson
Donatucci	Leach	Quinn	Wheatley
Eachus	Lentz	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Levdansky	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Longietti	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Maher	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Major	Roae	
Fleck	Manderino	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Mann	Roebuck	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

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Mr. PAYNE called up **HR 634, PN 3398**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 18 through 24, 2008, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; designating May 22, 2008, as "EMS Services Day" in Pennsylvania; designating May 23, 2008, as "Moment of Silence Day" in Pennsylvania; and designating May 24, 2008, as "EMS Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rubley

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

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Mr. MELIO called up **HR 714, PN 3641**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 21, 2008, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 737, PN 3729**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 16, 2008, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

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Mr. MARKOSEK called up **HR 746, PN 3724**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 11 through 17, 2008, as "Transportation Week" and recognizing May 16, 2008, as "National Defense Transportation Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

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Ms. BOBACK called up **HR 747, PN 3730**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 25, 2008, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

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

Fleck Manderino Rock O'Brien, D.,
Frankel Mann Roebuck Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally Myers Perry Shapiro
Gabig

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

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Mr. WHEATLEY called up **HR 748, PN 3731**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 11 through 18, 2008, as "AmeriCorps Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rublely
Barrar	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petri	Vitali
DeLuca	Killion	Petrone	Vulakovich
Denlinger	King	Phillips	Wagner
DePasquale	Kirkland	Pickett	Walko
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Wansacz
DeWeese	Kotik	Pyle	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kula	Quigley	Watson
Donatucci	Leach	Quinn	Wheatley

Eachus Lentz Ramaley White
Ellis Levdansky Rapp Williams
Evans, D. Longiotti Raymond Wojnaroski
Evans, J. Mackereth Readshaw Yewcic
Everett Maher Reed Youngblood
Fabrizio Mahoney Reichley Yudichak
Fairchild Major Roae
Fleck Manderino Rock O'Brien, D.,
Frankel Mann Roebuck Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally Myers Perry Shapiro
Gabig

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

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Mr. CURRY called up **HR 751, PN 3734**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2008 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rublely
Barrar	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti
Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
Cutler	Kenney	Petrarca	Vereb
Daley	Kessler	Petri	Vitali

DeLuca	Killion	Petrone	Vulakovich
Denlinger	King	Phillips	Wagner
DePasquale	Kirkland	Pickett	Walko
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Wansacz
DeWeese	Kotik	Pyle	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kula	Quigley	Watson
Donatucci	Leach	Quinn	Wheatley
Eachus	Lentz	Ramaley	White
Ellis	Levdansky	Rapp	Williams
Evans, D.	Longietti	Raymond	Wojnaroski
Evans, J.	Mackereth	Readshaw	Yewcic
Everett	Maher	Reed	Youngblood
Fabrizio	Mahoney	Reichley	Yudichak
Fairchild	Major	Roae	
Fleck	Manderino	Rock	O'Brien, D.,
Frankel	Mann	Roebuck	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

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Mr. MILNE called up **HR 756, PN 3747**, entitled:

A Resolution urging parents to instill and monitor safe Internet practices by their children.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	Freeman	Mantz	Rohrer
Argall	Galloway	Markosek	Ross
Baker	Geist	Marshall	Rubley
Barrar	George	Marsico	Sabatina
Bastian	Gerber	McCall	Sainato
Bear	Gergely	McGeehan	Samuelson
Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello
Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causer	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
Conklin	Hutchinson	Parker	Tangretti

Costa	James	Pashinski	Taylor, J.
Cox	Josephs	Payne	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Kauffman	Payton	Thomas
Cruz	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	True
Curry	Keller, W.	Perzel	Turzai
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
Gabig			

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be at ease momentarily.

The House will come to order.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. FAIRCHILD called up **HR 757, PN 3758**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 11 through 17, 2008, as "Armed Forces Week" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the observance of May 17, 2008, as "Armed Forces Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Belfanti	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Santoni
Benninghoff	Gillespie	McIlhattan	Saylor
Bennington	Gingrich	Melio	Scavello

Beyer	Godshall	Mensch	Schroder
Biancucci	Goodman	Metcalfe	Seip
Bishop	Grell	Micozzie	Shimkus
Blackwell	Grucela	Millard	Siptroth
Boback	Haluska	Miller	Smith, K.
Boyd	Hanna	Milne	Smith, M.
Brennan	Harhai	Moul	Smith, S.
Brooks	Harhart	Moyer	Solobay
Buxton	Harkins	Mundy	Sonney
Caltagirone	Harper	Murt	Staback
Cappelli	Harris	Mustio	Stairs
Carroll	Helm	Nailor	Steil
Casorio	Hennessey	Nickol	Stern
Causser	Hershey	O'Brien, M.	Stevenson
Civera	Hess	O'Neill	Sturla
Clymer	Hickernell	Oliver	Surra
Cohen	Hornaman	Pallone	Swanger
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NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Dally	Myers	Perry	Shapiro
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 2400 and HB 2477 be removed from the tabled bill calendar.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 2400 and HB 2477 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1902, PN 2621**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 522 over the Aughwick Creek in Shirley Township, Huntingdon County, as the Queen Aliquippa Bridge.

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

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair again recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1902 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled bill calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1902 be removed from the tabled bill calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2525 By Representatives CASORIO, HANNA, MAHER, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, McCALL, ADOLPH, BENNINGTON, BEYER, BIANCUCCI, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CARROLL, CIVERA, CONKLIN, COSTA, CRUZ, DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, DiGIROLAMO, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GEORGE, GERBER, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, W. KELLER, KILLION, KING, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KULA, LEACH, LENTZ, MAHONEY, MANN, MANTZ, MARSHALL, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MENSCH, MOYER, MUSTIO, NAILOR, D. O'BRIEN, M. O'BRIEN, OLIVER, O'NEILL, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PAYTON, PETRONE, PRESTON, RAYMOND,

READSHAW, RUBLEY, SABATINA, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SHAPIRO, SHIMKUS, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, M. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STURLA, J. TAYLOR, R. TAYLOR, TRUE, VEREB, WAGNER, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATSON, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, REED, MANDERINO and SAMUELSON

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for definitions, for issuance of dog licenses, for applications for dog licenses, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for out-of-State dealer license, for bills of sale, for revocation, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses, for transportation of dogs, for health certificates for importation, for inspections of premises and dogs and for additional duties of department; providing for refusal of entry; further providing for seizure and detention of dogs, for confinement of dogs, for dog bites, for registration, for certain requirements, for control of dangerous dogs, for public safety, for selling, bartering or trading dogs, for damages caused by coyotes, for burdens of proof, for enforcement, for rules and regulations and for violations; providing for exemption; further defining "releasing agency"; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 13, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Are there any announcements?

COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Representative Daley for an announcement.

Mr. DALEY. Mr. Speaker, the House Commerce Committee will meet in G-50, Irvis Building, immediately upon the call of the recess.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be a Commerce Committee meeting in G-50, Irvis Building.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Stevenson, rise?

Mr. STEVENSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To correct the record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. STEVENSON. On HB 2353, PN 3415, I was recorded in the affirmative. I should have been recorded in the negative, if I could change that, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's comments will be spread across the record.

Any other announcements?

There will be no further votes, but the desk will remain open to receive committee reports.

For the information of the members, we expect to convene regular session tomorrow at 11 a.m.

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

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

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (JEWELL WILLIAMS) PRESIDING

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 2503, PN 3712

By Rep. DALEY

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for loans from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

COMMERCE.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 2503 be removed from the tabled 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, who moves that HB 2503 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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, any remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there any further business before the House? Is there any further business before the House?

Hearing none, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny County, Representative Wagner, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 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 3:51 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.