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# 193D OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 94

# **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

# THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (TIMOTHY J. SOLOBAY) PRESIDING

#### **PRAYER**

HON. KAREN BOBACK, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Merciful Father, help us, we beseech Thee, to govern our slice of America, this great Commonwealth called Pennsylvania. At the beginning of our day, inspire us to say and do what is pleasing to You, O Lord; let that provide a spiritual foundation. In this legislature, give us strength to build consensus between and among ourselves, knowing that it is our duty to promote the common good. Help us to reach agreements that are fair and just, realizing that what we do today will affect our tomorrow. Grant us wisdom to know what is right, integrity to realize our convictions, and courage to stand by our beliefs.

In Your name and in all that is holy, we pray. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

# JOURNAL APPROVED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Journal of Wednesday, June 24, 2009, is now in print. Will the House approve the Journal?

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

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 15, 2009, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objections.

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County for an announcement.

Mr. MARKOSEK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce an immediate meeting of the Transportation Committee in room G-50, Irvis Office Building, an immediate meeting of the Transportation Committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Transportation Committee in room G-50.

## **DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

# RULES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Casorio.

Mr. CASORIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as the secretary would say, I have a series of announcements. The House Democrats will caucus at 1:30. There will be a Rules meeting in the majority caucus room at 2:20, followed by an Appropriations Committee meeting at 2:25. We will return to the floor at 2:30.

Again, Mr. Speaker, the Democrats will caucus at 1:30. A Rules Committee meeting will be held in the majority caucus room at 2:20; Appropriations, at 2:25; and we hope to return to the floor at 2:30.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. I believe also the Appropriations Committee will meet in the majority caucus room?

Mr. CASORIO. You are correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Time on that?

Mr. CASORIO. The Rules will be at 2:20, and the Appropriations will be at 2:25.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be a Democratic caucus at 1:30. The Rules Committee will meet in the majority caucus room at 2:20, and the Appropriations Committee will meet at 2:25.

# REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Republican whip, Representative Major, for an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus at 1:30. Republicans will caucus at 1:30. I would ask all Republicans to please attend. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

## **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to recognize, to the left of the Speaker, Tom McAndrew and Michael Elchenko, who are the guests of Representative DiGirolamo. The guests will please rise.

## **RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will now be in recess until 2:30, unless called back by the Speaker.

# **AFTER RECESS**

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

# THE SPEAKER (KEITH R. McCALL) PRESIDING

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative DeWeese, who requests the following leaves of absence for: Representative DALEY from Washington County for the day; Representative LENTZ from Delaware County for the day; Representative ROEBUCK from Philadelphia County for the day; Representative GALLOWAY from Bucks County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests the following leave of absence for: Representative MUSTIO from Allegheny County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

# MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### PRESENT-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro

Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
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Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		

#### ADDITIONS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley	Lentz	Mustio	Roebuck
Galloway	Miccarelli	Perry	

# LEAVES CANCELED-1

Galloway

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

## SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

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

# SB 535, PN 542

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, September 16, 2009.

# BILL ON CONCURRENCE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

# HB 348, PN 2571

By Rep. EACHUS

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Waymart Area Historical Society, or its assigns, certain land, buildings and improvements situate in the Township of Canaan, Wayne County; and

authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Altoona Regional Health System certain lands situate in the City of Altoona, Blair County.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. That bill goes to the House supplemental calendar.

#### BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 692, PN 2071

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act designating the bridge on U.S. Route 6 over Potato Creek at Smethport, McKean County, as the POW/MIA Memorial Bridge; designating State Route 120 in the Borough of Emporium as General Joseph T. McNarney Memorial Boulevard; and designating U.S. Route 6 over Allegheny River at Liberty Township, McKean County, as the Lt. Colonel Richard J. Berrettini Memorial Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1614, PN 2012

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, repealing sunset provisions relating to State Workers' Insurance Fund investment authority.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. Those bills will go to the House supplemental calendar.

# **BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

HB 1593, PN 2545

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for the regulation of health insurance practices concerning parity and nondiscrimination.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 607, PN 657

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1987 (P.L.163, No.16), known as the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act, in Center for Rural Pennsylvania, further providing for board of directors and for grants.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. Those bills will go to the House calendar.

#### **CALENDAR**

## **RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SIPTROTH called up HR 104, PN 737, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 2009 as "Chiari Malformation Month."

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

# YEAS-196

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Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		-

# NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

# EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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Mr. SHAPIRO called up HR 386, PN 2315, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2009 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

# YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W. K.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	•	
Donatucci	Knowies	Quigley Quinn	Youngblood Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	-	1 udiciiak
Eachus		Rapp Readshaw	McCall
	Krieger		McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker

## NAYS-0

# NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

Levdansky

Evans, D.

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

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# Mr. MYERS called up HR 431, PN 2612, entitled:

A Resolution expressing support for "National Food Safety Education Month" in September 2009.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		•
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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# Mr. MYERS called up HR 432, PN 2613, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 2009 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-196

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Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Costa, 1.	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler			Vitali
	Houghton Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Dally		Payton	
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak

Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		

## NAYS-0

## NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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## Mr. WATERS called up HR 433, PN 2614, entitled:

A Resolution proclaiming the week of August 30 through September 5, 2009, as "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

# YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
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Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
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Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
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Donatucci Drucker	Kortz Kotik	Quinn Rapp	Yudichak
Eachus Ellis Evans, D.	Krieger Kula Levdansky	Readshaw Reed	McCall, Speaker

#### NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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# Mr. SOLOBAY called up HR 448, PN 2615, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2009 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

# YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
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Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
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Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
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Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		-

## NAYS-0

## NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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# Mr. STABACK called up HR 453, PN 2631, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 23, 2009, as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

# YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.

Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		

#### NAYS-0

## NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley	Lentz	Mustio	Roebuck
Galloway	Miccarelli	Perry	

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

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## Mr. BRIGGS called up **HR 454**, **PN 2632**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania for its many years of continuous service and on the occasion of its 130th annual convention.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross

Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	•	Youngblood
		Quigley	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	i udiciiak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	MaCall
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker

## NAYS-0

# NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-7

Daley	Lentz	Mustio	Roebuck
Galloway	Miccarelli	Perry	

Levdansky

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

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# Mr. SCAVELLO called up HR 455, PN 2633, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 16, 2009, as "Stepfamily Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Evans, D.

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS-196

Adolph Evans. I. Longietti Reese Baker Everett Maher Reichley Fabrizio Barbin Mahoney Roae Barrar Fairchild Major Rock Manderino Rohrer Bear Farry Belfanti Fleck Mann Ross Benninghoff Frankel Markosek Sabatina Beyer Freeman Marshall Sainato Bishop Gabig Marsico Samuelson Boback Gabler Matzie Santarsiero Boyd Geist McGeehan Santoni Boyle George McI. Smith Saylor Bradford Gerber Melio Scavello Brennan Gergely Mensch Schroder Gibbons Metcalfe Briggs Seip Gillespie Metzgar Shapiro **Brooks** Brown Gingrich Micozzie Siptroth Godshall Millard Smith, K. Burns Goodman Smith, M. Buxton Miller Grell Milne Smith, S. Caltagirone Mirabito Carroll Grove Solobay Grucela Casorio Moul Sonney Causer Haluska Mundy Staback Christiana Hanna Murphy Stern Civera Harhai Murt Stevenson Clymer Harhart Myers Sturla Cohen Harkins O'Brien, D. Swanger Conklin Harper O'Brien, M. Tallman Costa, D. Harris O'Neill Taylor, J. Oberlander Taylor, R. Costa, P. Helm Cox Hennessey Oliver Thomas Pallone Creighton Hess True Cruz Hickernell Parker Turzai Hornaman Pashinski Vereb Curry Cutler Houghton Payne Vitali Hutchinson Payton Vulakovich Dally Day Johnson Peifer Wagner Josephs Walko Deasy Perzel Delozier Kauffman Petrarca Wansacz DeLuca Keller, M.K. Waters Petri Denlinger Keller, W. Phillips Watson DePasquale Kessler Pickett Wheatley Dermody Killion Preston White DeWeese Kirkland Pyle Williams Quigley Youngblood DiGirolamo Knowles Yudichak Donatucci Kortz Quinn Drucker Kotik Rapp McCall, Eachus Krieger Readshaw Ellis Kula Reed Speaker Evans, D. Levdansky

# NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

# EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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# Mr. DeWEESE called up HR 458, PN 2642, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Richard Louis Trumka as he assumes the presidency of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-195

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reese
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	Matzie	Santoni
Boyle	George	McGeehan	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Melio	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Mensch	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Metzgar	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Moul	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	Myers	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Oliver	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Pallone	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Payton	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Watson
-	Kessler	Phillips	
DePasquale Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Wheatley White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	M-C-11
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker

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Evans, D.

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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

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# Mr. BAKER called up HR 463, PN 2647, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 14 through 20, 2009, as "Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Research and Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness and understanding of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

## YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak

Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		

## NAYS-0

## NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley Lentz Mustio Roebuck Galloway Miccarelli Perry

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 465, PN 2649,** entitled:

A Resolution observing September 20 through 26, 2009, as "International Week of Peace" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

# YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko

Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		•

#### NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley	Lentz	Mustio	Roebuck
Galloway	Miccarelli	Perry	

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

#### RESOLUTION

Mr. BARRAR called up HR 404, PN 2422, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 20 through 26, 2009, as "Low-Back Pain Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania, providing for its observance and urging the Department of Public Welfare to establish a task force.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reese
Baker	Everett	Maher	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Major	Rock
Bear	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyd	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Boyle	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Bradford	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Brennan	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Briggs	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brown	Gingrich	Micozzie	Siptroth
Burns	Godshall	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Causer	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Christiana	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Civera	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman

Costa, D.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	True
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Walko
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Preston	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Rapp	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky		

#### NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-7

Daley	Lentz	Mustio	Roebuck
Galloway	Miccarelli	Perrv	

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

# **RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35**

Mr. SIPTROTH called up HR 105, PN 738, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2009 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Representative Siptroth. The gentleman will yield. The House will come to order.

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Galloway, on the House floor. His name will be added to the master roll.

# **CONSIDERATION OF HR 105 CONTINUED**

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Representative Siptroth, on the resolution.

Mr. SIPTROTH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to ask support of HR 105, which recognizes October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Domestic violence affects people from all walks of life. The abuse, both emotional and physical, has lasting effects. It harms the rich and the poor; the young and the old; Blacks and Whites; males and females. Leaving an abusive relationship is often difficult for the victim. They stay because of family or financial pressure. They stay because of concern for their children. They stay because they are frightened of their abuser.

By offering this resolution, I hope we can shatter the wall of silence that often surrounds the topic of domestic abuse. I hope to highlight the services a victim can turn to in Pennsylvania. We have 24-hour hotlines; we have counseling; we have court and emergency room assistance; and we have the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which provides victims financial help for hospital costs and property destruction from domestic violence.

I offer HR 105 so that the State House and the public can see the severity of domestic violence and domestic abuse. I ask you to join the fight against domestic violence by supporting this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Will the House adopt the resolution?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, I think the membership – many that might not have looked very closely at this – would recognize that this resolution has been drafted in a way that would advance the homosexual agenda, and I object to this as being a noncontroversial resolution. I would ask that this resolution be removed and referred back to whatever committee it belongs in.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, the majority leader, Representative Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I assume that was in the form of a motion to go back to the committee from whence it came. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman has objected that it is a rule 35 resolution. The resolution would be referred back to the committee from where it was reported.

## POINT OF ORDER

Mr. EACHUS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Is that a ruling of the Chair which would be required?

The SPEAKER. The rules provide for that. We will refer the resolution to a committee.

Mr. EACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I would oppose any motion to send this to the committee and not act on it today. The gentleman from Monroe is sincere in his action. This is a substantive matter, and I would ask for the House to act today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The rules of the House provide that if a member objects under the proviso of a rule 35 resolution going to the calendar, the Speaker refers that resolution to a standing committee. The Speaker will refer the resolution to a standing committee.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I understand the ruling of the Chair. I do not oppose it. I just want to make sure that I am clear on behalf of the member who stood for this content that this is an important issue and I stand with him.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

## CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. Members will please take their seats. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. We are about to take up a condolence resolution for the death of a former member.

The House will come to order. The clerk will read the condolence resolution.

The following resolution was read:

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Reno H. Thomas, a former member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, who passed away at the age of eighty-seven on August 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 11, 1922, in Beavertown, Mr. Thomas was a son of the late Herbert and Ada Hetrick Thomas. He was a 1940 graduate of the former Beaver Vocational High School and a 1943 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, and he was employed as a farmer with two of his brothers from 1954 until 1998. Mr. Reno was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1968. He was reelected to five consecutive terms and served the 85th Legislative District with honor and distinction until 1980. He was also a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church in Beavertown, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and youth leader and as a member of the church council. Mr. Thomas was active in the Republican Party throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, A beloved family member, dedicated worker and avowed public servant, Mr. Thomas exemplified the best qualities of the human experience. He generously gave of his heart and time to enhance the quality of life of his family and the citizens of this Commonwealth, and his loss will be felt by the many individuals who knew, admired and loved him; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Reno H. Thomas; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Phyllis Middleswarth Thomas; daughters, Gayle E. Stehr and Wendy L. Thomas; two grandchildren; one greatgrandchild; and many other family members and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by the Honorable Russell Fairchild on August 21, 2009, be transmitted to Phyllis Middleswarth Thomas.

Russell Fairchild, Sponsor Keith R. McCall, Speaker of the House ATTEST: Anthony Frank Barbush, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Members and guests will rise as a sign of respect for the former member.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Reno H. Thomas.) The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.

Members and guests may please be seated. The Sergeants at Arms may open the doors of the House.

#### FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair gives permission to Nicholas Morgan, ABC channel 6 out of Philadelphia, to video with audio for 10 minutes.

#### **GUESTS INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. Today in our chamber we have some very special guests. They are Chinese community leaders who were brought here to Harrisburg at the invitation of the gentleman from Montgomery County, Representative Rick Taylor. They are accompanied by Mr. Harry Kao, who is the executive director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs, and Mr. Han Pan, deputy executive director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our guests.

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **SB 925**, **PN 1309**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 9, 2008 (P.L.1438, No.118), known as the Massage Therapy Law, further providing for qualification for licensure and for other professions.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

# BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1614**, **PN 2012**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, repealing sunset provisions relating to State Workers' Insurance Fund investment authority.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. **BELFANTI** offered the following amendment No. **A03738**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 30, by striking out "repealing" and inserting

further providing for the State Workers' Insurance Board and for

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 3 through 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Sections 1731-A and 1732-A of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, added July 7, 2005 (P.L.174, No.41), are reenacted and amended to read: Section 1731-A. State Workers' Insurance Board.

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of section 1512 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, section 504 of the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.847, No.356), known as the Banking Code of 1965, section 922 of the act of December 14, 1967 (P.L.746, No.345), known as the Savings Association Code of 1967, and any other law of this Commonwealth, the power of the State Workers' Insurance Board to invest money shall include the power to hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer and dispose of securities, including common stock with the following restrictions:

- (1) Investments in equities may not exceed the lesser of: (i) 20% of the State Workers' Insurance Fund's
- assets; or
- (ii) the State Workers' Insurance Fund's statutory surplus after discount, except that in the event that the statutory surplus is less than 7 1/2% of the book value of the assets of the State Workers' Insurance Fund, the investment in equities may not exceed the percentage set forth in the provisions applicable to savings banks in section 504 of the Banking Code of 1965.
- (1.1) Investments in equities shall be made subject to the prudent man rule of section 504(c) of the Banking Code of 1965.
- (2) The State Workers' Insurance Board shall establish a policy for investments and shall meet at least annually to develop a schedule for rebalancing its investments in securities to meet the restriction of paragraph (1).

Section 1732-A. Expiration.

This subarticle shall expire June 30, [2009] 2014.

Section 2. The reenactment and amendment of sections 1731-A and 1732-A shall apply retroactively to June 30, 2009.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out "2" and inserting 3

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northumberland County, Representative Belfanti.

Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment, A3738, to HB 1614 has been agreed to by the Senate. It simply extends the sunset provisions for SWIF, which is the State Workers' Insurance Fund; extends the deadline that has now lapsed, of June 30, 2009, for 5 more years until June 30, 2014. If the House recalls the original bill, it allowed SWIF to go from a 7-percent cap of their surplus for certain investments, not foreign investments – that was 7 1/2 percent – up to 20 percent of SWIF's assets and/or statutory surplus. With the ups and downs in the stock market, it is up to the SWIF Board and their actuaries, just like private insurance companies, as to whether or not it is a good idea to invest in certain equities up to 20 percent or to pull back and move into the bond market or something else. Again, very similar to what the private sector does.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-197

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reese
Baker	Evans, J. Everett	Longietti	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Briggs	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brooks	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Brown	Gillespie	Metzgar	Siptroth
Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Buxton	Godshall	Millard	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Solobay
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	•
Casorio	Grucela	Moul	Sonney Staback
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Stern
Civera	Hanna	•	
	Harhai	Murphy Murt	Stevenson Sturla
Clymer Cohen			
Conklin	Harhart	Myers	Swanger Tallman
	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	
Costa, D.	Harper Harris	O'Brien, M. O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.			Taylor, R.
Cox	Helm	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Hennessey	Oliver	True
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	Turzai
Curry	Hickernell	Parker	Vereb
Cutler	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Houghton	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Hutchinson	Payton	Wagner
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Walko
Delozier	Josephs	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petrarca	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Phillips	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Pickett	White
DeWeese	Killion	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quinn	
Eachus	Kotik	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Kula	Reed	

# NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

# EXCUSED-6

Daley	Miccarelli	Perry	Roebuck
Lentz	Mustio		

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?

Mr. BELFANTI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record. I apologize, I did not want—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed. Mr. BELFANTI. Thank you.

I apologize; I did not want to mislead any member of the chamber. However, it is a different bill or amendment that is authored by me that has been run by the Senate. However, we have no word of any opposition coming from the Senate. So I wanted to make that correction.

The SPEAKER. 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.)

#### CALENDAR CONTINUED

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1418**, **PN 2532**, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010; itemizing transportation assistance projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation; stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Turzai. The gentleman is withdrawing the amendment? The Chair thanks the gentleman.

It is the Chair's understanding that all of the other amendments by the gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Godshall; the gentleman from Philadelphia; Representative Mike O'Brien; and the gentleman from Beaver County, Representative Matzie, are being withdrawn. Is that correct? The Chair thanks the gentlemen.

For what purpose does the gentleman, Representative Metcalfe, rise?

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request a roll-call vote for this to go forward on second.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration? Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1768**, **PN 2280**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, further defining "host municipality"; and for providing for site limitations.

On the question recurring,

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that all of the amendments have been withdrawn.

Is the gentleman, Representative Gabler, offering an amendment?  $\label{eq:Gabler}$ 

Mr. GABLER. Mr. Speaker, I will be withdrawing my amendments, and I just wanted to note that I appreciated the opportunity to work with the gentleman from Lackawanna County on this bill. It is obviously not a perfect bill, but nothing in this business is. I appreciated working across the aisle with you, and I hope the process can continue forward in working together to improve the bill.

Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman, Mr. Goodman, withdrawing his amendment?

The gentlelady, Representative Quinn, withdrawing?

The gentleman, Representative Levdansky, withdrawing?

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.)

# DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair rescinds its announcement that HB 1768 is agreed to on second consideration.

On the question recurring,

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

#### RECONSIDERATION MOTION FILED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker has in his possession a reconsideration motion filed by the gentleman, Representative Ross, and the gentleman, Representative Hutchinson.

#### **BILL PASSED OVER**

The SPEAKER. The reconsideration motion and the bill will go over for the day.

# **BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1861**, **PN 2591**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for fees; providing for divorce fees; further providing for deposits into account and for distribution of funds; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

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

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe, on final passage.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, is there someone who could answer a brief question on some of the content in this legislation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Berks County, Representative Caltagirone, indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman, Mr. Metcalfe, is in order and may proceed.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that this legislation increases the cost of a marriage license from \$3 to \$25, I believe. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Yes, it does.

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, do you know why that license was increased that amount of money?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

Mr. METCALFE. Why are we proposing to increase the marriage license from \$3 to \$25, would be my follow-up question there, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. It is to-

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield. Will the gentleman yield.

# PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise, I believe it is a parliamentary inquiry. It was my understanding that interrogation is for the purpose of having questions answered that you do not know. For example, the most recent inquiry as to the amount of money from \$3 to \$28, it is in the plain language right in the bill. Anybody who actually read the bill would know that that was the answer. Please.

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, I read the bill. I do not have the language in front of me. I was just putting that on the record.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield. The gentleman will yield.

The Chair thanks the gentleman, Representative Pallone. The gentleman, Representative Caltagirone, is in order and may answer the question.

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. This has been an agreed-to amendment that has been worked on by Chairman Marsico and myself and our staffs, along with the Domestic Violence Coalition. That is where that money is slated to go.

Mr. METCALFE. So, Mr. Speaker, the domestic violence advocates have been asking for this increase in the marriage license for funding for their organizations?

Mr. CALTAGIRONE. Yes, sir.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I am in order to make a few comments on this legislation.

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

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, I think that asking for individuals who are looking to get married to pay an increased fee from \$3 up into the mid-\$20 range – I think it was \$25 – asking them to pay a 700-percent increase on their marriage license fee so that domestic violence organizations across the State can access more money from the State, I think it is a slap in the face to family values and to individuals who actually want to enter into the institution of marriage, Mr. Speaker. I think for the State to ask for any more than a minimal cost that it takes to expedite the paperwork that is involved with a marriage license, to ask for individuals who are getting married to pay for an organization to have more money that is serving the domestic violence community, I think is a wrong way and, as I said, is a slap in the face to family values, Mr. Speaker.

This is wrong, and I am going to vote "no." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Will the House agree to the bill?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Marsico.

Mr. MARSICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As mentioned by Chairman Caltagirone, this is an agreed-to bill supported by both chairs. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-145

Adolph Barbin Belfanti Beyer Bishop Boback Boyd Boyle Bradford Brennan Briggs Brown Burns Buxton Caltagirone Carroll Casorio	Everett Fabrizio Fairchild Farry Fleck Frankel Freeman Galloway Geist George Gerber Gergely Gibbons Gillespie Goodman Grell Grove	Levdansky Longietti Mahoney Major Manderino Mann Markosek Marshall Marsico Matzie McGeehan McI. Smith Melio Micozzie Miller Milne Mirabito	Readshaw Reichley Sabatina Sainato Samuelson Santarsiero Santoni Saylor Seip Shapiro Siptroth Smith, K. Smith, M. Smith, S. Solobay Staback Sturla
Casorio Civera Cohen Conklin	Grove Grucela Hanna Harhai	Mirabito Moul Mundy Murphy	Sturla Taylor, J. Taylor, R. Thomas
Costa, D.	Harhart	Murt	True

Costa, P.	Harkins	Myers	Vereb
Cruz	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Vitali
Curry	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Wagner
Dally	Hennessey	O'Neill	Walko
Day	Hess	Oliver	Wansacz
Deasy	Hornaman	Pallone	Waters
Delozier	Houghton	Parker	Watson
DeLuca	Johnson	Pashinski	Wheatley
DePasquale	Josephs	Payton	White
Dermody	Keller, W.	Peifer	Williams
DeWeese	Kessler	Perzel	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Killion	Petri	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kirkland	Phillips	
Drucker	Kortz	Pickett	McCall,
Eachus	Kotik	Preston	Speaker
Evans, D.	Kula	Quinn	

#### NAYS-52

Baker	Evans, J.	Maher	Roae
Barrar	Gabig	Mensch	Rock
Bear	Gabler	Metcalfe	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Gingrich	Metzgar	Ross
Brooks	Godshall	Millard	Scavello
Causer	Haluska	Oberlander	Schroder
Christiana	Helm	Payne	Sonney
Clymer	Hickernell	Petrarca	Stern
Cox	Hutchinson	Pyle	Stevenson
Creighton	Kauffman	Quigley	Swanger
Cutler	Keller, M.K.	Rapp	Tallman
Denlinger	Knowles	Reed	Turzai
Ellis	Krieger	Reese	Vulakovich

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-6

Daley	Miccarelli	Perry	Roebuck
Lentz	Mustio		

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.

# DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair is rescinding its announcement that HB 1768 is over for the day.

# **CONSIDERATION OF HB 1768 CONTINUED**

On the question recurring,

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

## AMENDMENT A03059 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair has before it a motion to reconsider a vote on an amendment. The motion is filed by Representative Chris Ross and Representative Scott Hutchinson, who move that the vote by which amendment A03059 was passed in the House to HB 1768, PN 2280, on the 19th day of August be reconsidered.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-197

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Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reese
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
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Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Briggs	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brooks	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
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Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Buxton	Godshall	Millard	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Solobay
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Sonney
Causer	Grucela	Moul	Staback
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Stern
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Sturla
Cohen	Harhart	Myers	Swanger
Conklin	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Costa, 1.	Helm	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Hennessey	Oliver	True
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	Turzai
Curry Cutler	Hickernell	Parker Pashinski	Vereb Vitali
	Hornaman		
Dally	Houghton Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day		Payton	Wagner
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Walko
Delozier	Josephs	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petrarca	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Phillips	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Pickett	White
DeWeese	Killion	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quinn	
Eachus	Kotik	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Kula	Reed	

#### NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

## EXCUSED-6

Daley	Miccarelli	Perry	Roebuck
Lentz	Mustio		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the motion was agreed to.

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

The clerk read the following amendment No. A03059:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "defining "host" in line 15 and "municipality"; and further providing for site limitations" in line 16 and inserting

providing for definitions; and further providing for powers and duties of municipalities other than counties, for site limitation, for records, for information provided to host municipalities, for joint inspections with host municipalities, for claims resulting from pollution occurrences, for independent evaluation of permit applications, for host municipality benefit fee and for records

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 19 through 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Section 103 of the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 through 15, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

"Adjacent municipality." A municipality other than a county that:

(1) is located within one mile of the footprint of a permit area of a proposed new municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility, or of a proposed expansion of a municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility; and

(2) has notified the department in writing of its intention to be considered an adjacent municipality under this act.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "Section 511(a) of the act is" and inserting

Sections 304(b), 511(a), 704 and 1101 of the act are Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 17 and 18 Section 304. Powers and duties of municipalities other than counties.

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#### (b) Ordinances.-

(1) In carrying out its duties under this section, a municipality other than a county may adopt resolutions, ordinances, regulations and standards for the recycling, transportation, storage and collection of municipal wastes or source-separated recyclable materials, which shall not be less stringent than, and not in violation of or inconsistent with, the provisions and purposes of the Solid Waste Management Act, this act and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(2) The host municipality shall have the authority to adopt reasonable ordinances concerning the hours and days during which vehicles may deliver waste to the facility and the routing of traffic on public roads to the facility. An adjacent municipality shall have the authority to adopt reasonable ordinances concerning the hours and days during which vehicles delivering waste to the facility may travel on public roads within the adjacent municipality and concerning the routing of traffic within the adjacent municipality. Such ordinances may be in addition to, but not less stringent than, not inconsistent with and not in violation of, any provision of the Solid Waste Management Act, any regulation promulgated pursuant to that act, any order issued under that act, or any permit issued pursuant to that act. Such ordinances found to be inconsistent and not in substantial conformity with this paragraph shall be superseded. Appeals under this paragraph may be brought before a court of competent iurisdiction.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by striking out "or" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting after "waste" where it occurs the second time

or construction and demolition waste

Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by striking out "2,500 feet of a municipal reservoir" and inserting

one mile of a reservoir that serves as a water source for a community water system, as defined in section 3 of the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2 Section 704. Records.

Each operator shall keep daily records of all deliveries of solid waste to the facility as required by the department, including, but not limited to, the name and address of the hauler, the source of the waste, the kind of waste received and the weight or volume of the waste. A copy of these records shall be maintained at the site by the operator for no less than five years and shall be made available to the department [and], the host municipality and any adjacent municipality for inspection, upon request.

Section 1101. Information provided to host municipalities <u>and adjacent</u> municipalities.

- (a) Departmental information.—The department will provide all of the following information to the governing body of host municipalities and adjacent municipalities for municipal waste landfills and resource recovery facilities:
  - (1) Copies of each department inspection report for such facilities under the Solid Waste Management Act, the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, and the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, within five working days after the preparation of such reports.
  - (2) Prompt notification of all department enforcement or emergency actions for such facilities, including, but not limited to, abatement orders, cessation orders, proposed and final civil penalty assessments, and notices of violation.
  - (3) Copies of all air and water quality monitoring data collected by the department at such facilities, within five working days after complete laboratory analysis of such data becomes available to the department.
- (b) Operator information.—Every operator of a municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility shall provide to the host municipality and adjacent municipalities copies of all air and water quality monitoring data, as required by the department for the facility, conducted by or on behalf of the operator, within five days after such data becomes available to the operator.
- (c) Public information.—All information provided to the host municipality <u>and adjacent municipalities</u> under this section shall be made available to the public for review upon request.
- (d) Information to county.—If the host municipality owns or operates the municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility, or proposes to own or operate such landfill or facility, the information required by this section shall be provided to the county within which the landfill or facility is located or proposed to be located and to adjacent municipalities instead of the host municipality.
- (e) Sign on vehicle.—A vehicle or conveyance used for the transporting of solid waste shall bear the name and business address of the person or municipality which owns the vehicle or conveyance and the specific type of solid waste transported by the vehicle or conveyance. All signs shall have lettering which is at least six inches in height.

Section 3. Section 1102 of the act, repealed in part July 11, 1996 (P.L.619, No.105), is amended to read:

Section 1102. Joint inspections with host municipalities <u>and adjacent</u> municipalities.

- (a) Training of inspectors.-
- (1) The department shall establish and conduct a training program to certify host municipality and adjacent municipality

inspectors for municipal waste landfills and resource recovery facilities. This program will be available to no more than two persons who have been designated in writing by the host municipality or adjacent municipality. The department shall [hold] offer training programs at least twice a year. The department shall certify host municipality and adjacent municipality inspectors upon completion of the training program and satisfactory performance in an examination administered by the department.

- (2) Certified host municipal inspectors and adjacent municipal inspectors are authorized to enter property, inspect only those records required by the department, take samples and conduct inspections in accordance with department regulations as applicable to department inspectors. However, certified host municipal inspectors and adjacent municipal inspectors may not issue orders except as provided in this subsection. A certified host municipal inspector or adjacent municipal inspector may order the operator of a facility to cease any operation or activity at the facility which constitutes an immediate threat to public health and safety and which represents a violation of the Solid Waste Management Act, the regulations promulgated under that act, any order issued under that act or the terms or conditions of a permit issued under that act. The order shall expire within two hours unless the inspector notifies the department and the governing body of the host municipality and adjacent municipality. The department may, after conducting an inspection, supersede the inspector's order by issuing an order of its own which vacates or modifies the terms of the inspector's order. If the department does not supersede the order, the order shall expire after 24 hours unless otherwise extended, continued or modified by a court pursuant to section 1703(b).
- (4) The department may decertify host municipality or adjacent municipality inspectors pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Environmental Quality Board.
- (b) Departmental information.-
- (1) Whenever any host municipality <u>or adjacent municipality</u> presents information to the department which gives the department reason to believe that any municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility is in violation of any requirement of the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, any regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, any order issued pursuant thereto or the condition of any permit issued pursuant thereto, the department will promptly conduct an inspection of such facility.
- (2) The department will notify the host municipality <u>and adjacent municipality</u> of this inspection and will allow a certified municipal inspector from the host municipality <u>and adjacent municipality</u> to accompany the inspector during the inspection.
- (3) If there is not sufficient information to give the department reasons to believe that there is a violation, the department will provide a written explanation to the host municipality and adjacent municipality of its decision not to conduct an inspection within 30 days of the request for inspection.
- (4) Upon written request of a host municipality or adjacent municipality to the department, the department will allow a certified inspector of such municipality to accompany department inspectors on routine inspections of municipal waste landfills and resource recovery facilities.
- (c) County involvement.—If the host municipality owns or operates the municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility, the training and inspection requirements of this section shall be available to the county within which the landfill or facility is located <u>and to adjacent municipalities</u> instead of the host municipality.

Section 4. Sections 1107(c) and 1110 of the act are amended to read:

Section 1107. Claims resulting from pollution occurrences.

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(c) Liability limited.—A host municipality [or], adjacent municipality, county or municipality within the planning area may not be held liable for bodily injury or property damage resulting from pollution occurrences solely by reasons of participation in the preparation or adoption of a county or municipal solid waste plan. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any host municipality, adjacent municipality, county or municipality within the planning area from obtaining or giving such indemnities as may be appropriate in connection with the ownership, operation or control of a municipal solid waste facility.

Section 1110. Independent evaluation of permit applications.

At the request of a host municipality or adjacent municipality, the department may reimburse a host municipality or adjacent municipality for costs incurred for an independent permit application review, by a professional engineer who is licensed in this Commonwealth and who has previous experience in preparing such permit applications, of an application under the Solid Waste Management Act, for a new municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility or that would result in additional capacity for a municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility. Reimbursement shall not exceed \$10,000 per complete application.

Section 5. Chapter 13 heading of the act is amended to read: CHAPTER 13

#### [HOST MUNICIPALITY] BENEFIT FEE

Section 6. Sections 1301 and 1304 of the act are amended to read:

Section 1301. [Host municipality benefit] Benefit fee.

- (a) Imposition.—There is imposed a host municipality benefit fee upon the operator of each municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility that has a valid permit on the effective date of this act or receives a new permit or permit that results in additional capacity from the department under the Solid Waste Management Act after the effective date of this act. The fee shall be paid to the host municipality. If the host municipality owns or operates the landfill or facility, the fee shall not be imposed for waste generated within such municipality. If the landfill or facility is located within more than one host municipality, the fee shall be apportioned among them according to the percentage of the permitted area located in each municipality.
- (b) Amount.—The fee is \$1 per ton of weighed solid waste or \$1 per three cubic yards of volume-measured solid waste for all solid waste received at a landfill or facility. Any amounts paid by an operator to a host municipality pursuant to a preexisting agreement shall serve as a credit against the fee amount imposed by this section.
- (c) Municipal options.—Nothing in this section or section 1302 shall prevent a host municipality from receiving a higher fee or receiving the fee in a different form or at different times than provided in this section and section 1302, if the host municipality and the operator of the municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility agree in writing.
- (d) Supersede.—The fee imposed by this section shall preempt and supersede any tax imposed on each municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility under the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, which is in excess of the amount imposed on or before December 31, 1987.
- (e) County options.—Nothing in this act shall prevent a host county from negotiating a fee or fee in a different form, if the host county and the operator of the municipal waste landfill or resource recovery agree in writing. Any county which has negotiated a fee as of the effective date of this act may require that the fee be continued.
- (f) Adjacent municipality options.—Nothing in this act may prevent an adjacent municipality from negotiating a fee or fee in a different form if the adjacent municipality and the operator of the municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility agree in writing.

Any adjacent municipality which has negotiated a fee as of the effective date of this act may require that the fee be continued.

Section 1304. Records.

Each operator that is required to pay the host municipality benefit fee shall keep daily records of all deliveries of solid waste to the landfill or facility, as required by the host municipality, including, but not limited to, the name and address of the hauler, the source of the waste, the kind of waste received and the weight or volume of the waste. Such records shall be maintained in Pennsylvania by the operator for no less than five years and shall be made available to the host municipality and adjacent municipalities for inspection upon request.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out "3" and inserting 7

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-108

Barbin	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Samuelson
Belfanti	Fabrizio	Longietti	Santarsiero
Bishop	Fairchild	Mahoney	Santoni
Boyle	Frankel	Major	Shapiro
Bradford	Freeman	Manderino	Siptroth
Brennan	Gabler	Mann	Smith, K.
Briggs	Galloway	Markosek	Smith, M.
Brown	George	Matzie	Smith, S.
Burns	Gerber	McGeehan	Solobay
Buxton	Gergely	McI. Smith	Staback
Caltagirone	Gibbons	Melio	Stevenson
Carroll	Goodman	Mirabito	Sturla
Casorio	Grucela	Mundy	Taylor, R.
Cohen	Haluska	Murphy	Thomas
Conklin	Hanna	Myers	Vitali
Costa, D.	Harhai	O'Brien, M.	Wagner
Costa, P.	Harhart	Oliver	Walko
Cruz	Harkins	Pallone	Wansacz
Curry	Hornaman	Parker	Waters
Dally	Houghton	Pashinski	Wheatley
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	White
DeLuca	Josephs	Petrarca	Williams
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Phillips	Youngblood
Dermody	Kessler	Preston	Yudichak
DeWeese	Kirkland	Readshaw	
Donatucci	Kortz	Sabatina	McCall,
Drucker	Kotik	Sainato	Speaker
Eachus	Kula		

#### NAYS-89

Adolph	Farry	Marshall	Rapp
Baker	Fleck	Marsico	Reed
Barrar	Gabig	Mensch	Reese
Bear	Geist	Metcalfe	Reichley
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Metzgar	Roae
Beyer	Gingrich	Micozzie	Rock
Boback	Godshall	Millard	Rohrer
Boyd	Grell	Miller	Ross
Brooks	Grove	Milne	Saylor
Causer	Harper	Moul	Scavello
Christiana	Harris	Murt	Schroder
Civera	Helm	O'Brien, D.	Seip
Clymer	Hennessey	O'Neill	Sonney
Cox	Hess	Oberlander	Stern
Creighton	Hickernell	Payne	Swanger
Cutler	Hutchinson	Peifer	Tallman
Day	Kauffman	Perzel	Taylor, J.
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Petri	True
Denlinger	Killion	Pickett	Turzai
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Vereb

Ellis	Krieger	Quigley	Vulakovich
Evans, J.	Maher	Quinn	Watson
Everett			

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-6

Daley Miccarelli Perry Roebuck Lentz Mustio

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

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.)

#### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

# BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 348**, **PN 2571**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Waymart Area Historical Society, or its assigns, certain land, buildings and improvements situate in the Township of Canaan, Wayne County; and authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Altoona Regional Health System certain lands situate in the City of Altoona, Blair County.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

#### YEAS-197

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reese
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Briggs	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brooks	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Brown	Gillespie	Metzgar	Siptroth
Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Buxton	Godshall	Millard	Smith, M.

Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Solobay
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Sonney
Causer	Grucela	Moul	Staback
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Stern
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Sturla
Cohen	Harhart	Myers	Swanger
Conklin	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Cox	Helm	Oberlander	Thomas
Creighton	Hennessey	Oliver	True
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	Turzai
Curry	Hickernell	Parker	Vereb
Cutler	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Houghton	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Hutchinson	Payton	Wagner
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Walko
Delozier	Josephs	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petrarca	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Phillips	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Pickett	White
DeWeese	Killion	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quinn	
Eachus	Kotik	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Kula	Reed	

#### NAYS-0

#### NOT VOTING-0

#### EXCUSED-6

Daley Miccarelli Perry Roebuck Lentz Mustio

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

## **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:

# HB 348, PN 2571

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Waymart Area Historical Society, or its assigns, certain land, buildings and improvements situate in the Township of Canaan, Wayne County; and authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Altoona Regional Health System certain lands situate in the City of Altoona, Blair County.

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

# BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1508, PN 2668 (Amended) By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2007 (P.L.464, No.71) entitled "An act designating a portion of State Route 145 in Northampton County as the Battle of the Bulge Veterans Memorial Highway," further providing for the Battle of the Bulge Veterans Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 1524, PN 2669** (Amended) By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 4022 in Walnutport Borough, Northampton County, and State Route 4016 in Slatington Borough, Lehigh County, over the Lehigh River as the Ted S. Miller Memorial Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

**HB 1787, PN 2670** (Amended) By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages and for permit for movement of bulk refined oil; and providing for permit for movement of nonhazardous liquid glue.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 1800, PN 2336

By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 1897, PN 2528

By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act designating the bridge that carries State Route 1008, known as Henry Road, over Bushkill Creek in Bushkill Township, Northampton County, as the William Henry Atherton Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. WHEATLEY

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Wheatley, for the purpose of issuing a report to the House.

Mr. WHEATLEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to, one, thank you and the members of this House for unanimously passing HR 78. In that passage you mandated that our select committee would take a look at diversity and inclusion language and contracting in the Commonwealth as it relates to minority and women and disadvantaged business enterprises, and this report is a culmination of that 6 months' worth of work, where we tried our best — seven members who were appointed: Representative Thomas, Representative Josephs, Representative Mustio,

Representative Sonney, Representative Beyer, Representative Buxton, and myself – we tried to collect information and data as it relates to our contracting practices, but also as it relates to barriers and challenges for us doing more with small businesses in this Commonwealth. We would encourage the members of this House to take a look at that report because it is our intention to take those recommendations that came out of this body of work and try to get them implemented, which will require us coming back, working with many of these members in this chamber and in the Senate, so that we truly can have an open environment where doing business with the Commonwealth is not only equitable, fair, but also sustainable, because doing business with small businesses, which, by the way, the small businesses, 90 percent of our economy is driven and controlled and grown by small businesses and the fastest growing small business owners out there are women and persons of color. So it is just great economic sense for us to make sure that these recommendations and any challenges and barriers to small business owners, who happen to be owners of color or women or disadvantaged in some form or fashion, have a fair, equitable way to participate in the Commonwealth's businesses.

So I would encourage, Mr. Speaker, for members to take a long, detailed look at that report. It is not that long. I also want to recognize that this was not a new idea. This was something that was built and a continuation of work that was done in 1984 by Representative Gordon Linton and the chamber here at that time. So I really am encouraged, and I am encouraging you all to pick up that report. We will make sure you have it electronically, and if you need a hard copy, we will distribute that to your office as well. But take a look at that report and we look forward to working with you as we try to implement those recommendations.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

# STATEMENT BY MRS. BEYER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Lehigh County, Representative Beyer.

Mrs. BEYER. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to say on behalf of the minority members of this select committee that Chairman Wheatley conducted himself in this committee with impeccable leadership, and I am so proud to have served with him on this. We listened to 63 – he deserves it – we listened to 63 testifiers, 5 hearings across the Commonwealth, and really, this report attempts to identify the institutional barriers for women, minority, and disadvantaged businesses in this State and how they conduct business with the Commonwealth.

I think it is a terrific report. It is an important read. It is an easy read, and I encourage all the members to take the time, absorb this document, and now we can do some really great things for small businesses in this Commonwealth through legislation.

So on behalf of the minority members of the committee, I thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

## STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, the majority leader, Representative Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like a moment of personal privilege.

On the same subject, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the chairman of the committee from Allegheny and the gentlelady from Lehigh County for their work on the committee and the members of the task force. The commitment to diversity as it relates to State contracts, both in minority contracts and womenowned business contracts, is an essential component of making sure that we move the Commonwealth forward and are fair as it relates to application of the kinds of contracts this State puts out. I just wanted to say that I watched a number of the hearings. I was unable to attend, but it was extremely substantive. The task force report, our staff on the Democratic side cooperated with the task force. I just wanted to compliment both sides of the aisle for their work on this and the members of the task force. We thank them for their work.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair thanks the members of the select committee for their good work, and the Chair is in receipt of the report, which we will provide to the clerk.

Are there any announcements?

# **VOTE CORRECTION**

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Lehigh, Representative Reichley, rise?

Mr. REICHLEY. Mr. Speaker, correction of the record.

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

Mr. REICHLEY. Mr. Speaker, on HB 1768, amendment A03059, I was incorrectly reported in the negative. I wish to be reported in the affirmative as a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. His remarks will be spread across the record.

Any further announcements?

# STATEMENT BY MAJORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greene County, Representative DeWeese, under unanimous consent.

Mr. DeWEESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just 30 seconds.

We passed a resolution honoring Rich Trumka, a native son of Pennsylvania, a graduate of Penn State, Villanova Law School. He and I went to high school in Carmichaels and Waynesburg, respectively; have known each other for three and a half, four decades. I just wanted the membership to once again be aware, and I wanted to personally congratulate our fellow Pennsylvanian. To have the preeminent labor leader and advocate for collective bargaining from our home State and from my home county is a cardinal moment I think for us in our State, and Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives and moderates, should know that this very keen and steadfast and hardworking son and grandson of coal miners will be a superlative advocate for working families and would always have an open door.

So I think we have 203 invitations, and I am proffering them right now to go and spend time and meet with Rich Trumka over the next year or two or three or four or five, but to have out of 300 million Americans and to have 11 1/2 million of them working under collective-bargaining agreements with the AFL-CIO, to have our native son, a Greene County boy, at the helm is certainly a signal accomplishment, and I wanted to give it one more comment from the microphone.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

#### RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. There will be a Rules Committee meeting tomorrow at 10:45 in the House majority caucus room. Rules Committee meeting tomorrow, September 17, in the House majority caucus room.

Any further announcements?

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

## **RECESS**

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until the call of the Chair.