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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 12 m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (KEITH R. McCALL)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. GORDON DENLINGER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Would you join me in prayer:

God of all creation, we praise You for this beautiful day, gift from Your sovereign hands. We thank You for a day in which to learn more about You as we see the unfolding of Your almighty plan for each House member, each staff member, and for the citizens of our beloved Commonwealth. Father, truly Your gifts are beyond our comprehension. Where mankind builds with wood and brick and steel, Father, You reveal Your essential nature to us in the created order, and we marvel as we see You revealed in a perfect rose, in a glorious sunset, in the soaring flight of an eagle, and in the smile of a small child.

Father, today we meet here to fulfill our official duties and to do the work of the people. We thank You for our collective calling to these labors. Help us to face our duties with a sober mind and with consideration, not just for this month or this year, but for the next 100 years. Truly, Father, today's needs are pressing, but the foundations of society are the legacy we leave. Help us to rely on Your wisdom as we build.

And as we pray, we do think of those among us and on staff who suffer from physical hardships and illness. We raise these, our friends, up to You and pray that You would bring healing and relief to those who struggle and are in need of comfort.

In this hour, Father, we bring our thanks and lay our concerns before You, trusting in Your grace and relying always on Your mercy and Your love. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Monday, October 5, 2009, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip, the gentleman from Greene County, Representative DeWeese, who requests the following leave of absence for the gentleman, Representative SAMUELSON, from Northampton County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests a leave of absence for Representative REICHLEY from Lehigh 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. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT-199

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

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| Daley | Houghton | Parker | Vitali |
| Dally | Hutchinson | Pashinski | Vulakovich |
| Day | Johnson | Payne | Wagner |
| Deasy | Josephs | Payton | Walko |
| Delozier | Kauffman | Peifer | Wansacz |
| DeLuca | Keller, M.K. | Perzel | Waters |
| Denlinger | Keller, W. | Petrarca | Watson |
| DePasquale | Kessler | Petri | Wheatley |
| Dermody | Killion | Phillips | White |
| DeWeese | Kirkland | Pickett | Williams |
| DiGirolamo | Knowles | Preston | Youngblood |
| Donatucci | Kortz | Pyle | Yudichak |
| Drucker | Kotik | Quigley | |
| Eachus | Krieger | Quinn | McCall, |
| Ellis | Kula | Rapp | Speaker |
| Evans, D. | | | |

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

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| Miccarelli | Perry | Reichley | Samuelson |
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LEAVES CANCELED—2

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

COMMUNICATION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of the following communication, which the clerk will read.

The following communication was read:

A communication dated October 6, 2009, from the Public Employee Retirement Commission regarding amendment No. 04053 to SB 369, PN 1450, stating that the amendment will have no actuarial cost impact beyond that described in the previously issued actuarial note for the bill and that an actuarial note for the amendment is not required.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 1607, PN 2747**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

SENATE MESSAGE

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

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives by amending said amendments to **HB 1531, PN 2748**.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM
CONFEREES ON HB 1416

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of correspondence signed by the gentleman, Representative Dwight Evans, and the majority leader, Representative Eachus:

Dear Speaker McCall:

We, the majority members of the House Conference Committee on House Bill 1416, report that the Conference Committee has been unable to reach any conclusion and House Bill 1416 is hereby returned to the House for further action, as determined by the members of the House.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DISCHARGED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is discharging the conference committee of its duties.

DECISION OF CHAIR RESCINDED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Speaker rescinds his decision that the motion by Mr. Evans that the House insist on its nonconcurrence to Senate amendments to HB 1416 was agreed to.

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

MOTION WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Mr. Evans, who withdraws his motion that the House insist on its nonconcurrence to Senate amendments to HB 1416, and the clerk will inform the Senate accordingly.

HB 1416 RECONSIDERED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Eachus, and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Evans, who move to reconsider the vote by which the House nonconcurred in Senate amendments on HB 1416.

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the minority leader, Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, having just been made aware of the actions, would you clarify again what— I understood that you dissolved the conference committee. Would you clarify where we are? So we have now before us— Parliamentary inquiry, I guess, is what I am going to do.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. S. SMITH. So you have disbanded the conference committee, that brings HB 1416 back before this House with the same language that this House nonconcurred on 2 months ago or whatever?

The SPEAKER. The House has always been in possession of the bill. We disbanded the conference committee. The bill is still in our possession. We recognized the gentleman from Philadelphia who rescinds his motion that the House insist on nonconcurrence to the Senate amendments to HB 1416, which was agreed to before. So he is reconsidering that insistence. We are now in the process of reconsidering the vote by which the House nonconcurred in Senate amendments to HB 1416.

Mr. S. SMITH. And this would be which— Which printer's number is that? To put it in language I think we will all understand, is this HB 1416 in the condition as it was amended by the Senate so it kind of contains the Senate 850 sort of budget language?

The SPEAKER. It was the printer's number that was in conference committee.

Mr. S. SMITH. And that would have been the Senate amendment is really what is embodied in HB 1416?

The SPEAKER. Correct. We voted unanimously to nonconcur in that bill.

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

As I said, I think, as we just became aware of this, I just want to try to help bring a little clarity as to what is actually being asked of us at this moment.

Further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state it.

Mr. S. SMITH. By reconsidering this motion, what is the effect of that, of reconsidering? What does that do to the bill? Where does it go?

The SPEAKER. We are eliminating from the record the vote on nonconcurrence.

Mr. S. SMITH. So then the bill is before the House on concurrence as it would have been when it came out of Rules a month and a half or whatever ago?

The SPEAKER. That is correct.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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| Adolph | Evans, J. | Levdansky | Reese |
| Baker | Everett | Longietti | Reichley |
| Barbin | Fabrizio | Mahoney | Rock |
| Barrar | Fairchild | Major | Roebuck |
| 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 | Galloway | McGeehan | Santoni |
| Boyle | Geist | McI. Smith | Saylor |
| Bradford | George | Melio | Scavello |
| Brennan | Gerber | Mensch | Schroder |
| Briggs | Gergely | Metzgar | Seip |
| Brooks | Gibbons | Micozzie | Shapiro |
| Brown | Gillespie | Millard | Siproth |
| Burns | Gingrich | Miller | Smith, K. |
| Buxton | Godshall | Milne | Smith, M. |
| Caltagirone | Goodman | Mirabito | Smith, S. |
| Carroll | Grell | Moul | Solobay |
| Casorio | Grove | Mundy | Sonney |
| Causer | Grucela | Murphy | Staback |
| Christiana | Haluska | Murt | Stern |
| Civera | Hanna | Mustio | Stevenson |
| Clymer | Harhai | Myers | Sturla |
| Cohen | Harhart | O'Brien, D. | Swanger |
| Conklin | Harkins | O'Brien, M. | Tallman |
| Costa, D. | Harper | O'Neill | Taylor, J. |
| Costa, P. | Harris | Oberlander | Taylor, R. |
| Cox | Helm | Oliver | Thomas |
| Cruz | Hennessey | Pallone | True |
| Curry | Hess | Parker | Turzai |
| Cutler | Hickernell | Pashinski | Vereb |
| Daley | Hornaman | Payne | Vitali |
| Dally | Houghton | 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. | Lentz | | |

NAYS—5

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| Creighton | Maher | Metcalfe | Roae |
| Hutchinson | | | |

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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| Miccarelli | Perry |
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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 concur in Senate amendments?

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Eachus, who moves that HB 1416 be recommitted to the Committee on Rules.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—179

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

NAYS—22

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| Boback | Farry | Kauffman | Rapp |
| Brooks | Gabig | Metcalfe | Reichley |
| Clymer | Gabler | Metzgar | Roae |
| Creighton | Gillespie | Oberlander | Stevenson |
| Cutler | Grove | Pyle | Tallman |
| Dally | Harhart | | |

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

Miccarelli Perry

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

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

HB 1877, PN 2750 (Amended) By Rep. JOSEPHS

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions and for registration requirement; and providing for unwanted automatic political calls.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

SB 904, PN 1177 By Rep. JOSEPHS

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Public Welfare and the Governor, to grant and convey to West Bradford Township, certain lands situate in West Bradford Township, Chester County.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 711, PN 1464, [corrective reprint, PN 1468]** entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board established, for applicability of other statutes, for powers of the board and for code of conduct; providing for expenses of regulatory agencies; further providing for licensed gaming entity application appeals from board, for license or permit application hearing process and public hearings, for board minutes and records, for regulatory authority of board, for collection of fees and fines, for slot machine license fee, for number of slot machines and for reports of board; providing for report by slot machine licensee; further providing for diversity goals of board and for license or permit prohibition; providing for specific authority to suspend slot machine license and for Auditor General's reports; further providing for Category 3 slot machine license, for applications for license or permit, for slot machine license application character requirements, for slot machine license application financial fitness requirements, for supplier licenses and for manufacturer licenses; providing for gaming service provider and for alternative supplier licensing standards; further providing for occupation permit application, for additional licenses and permits and approval of agreements, for license renewals, for change in ownership or control of slot machine licensee and for nonportability of slot machine license; providing for appointment of trustee and for additional table game assessment; authorizing table games; further providing for slot machine license deposits; providing for limitation on recovery of costs; further providing for gross terminal revenue deductions, for itemized budget reporting, for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution, for distributions from Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, for Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund, for transfers from State Gaming Fund, for responsibility and authority of Department of Revenue, for wagering on credit and for no eminent domain authority; providing for

deteriorated designations; further providing for compulsive and problem gambling program, for labor hiring preferences, for declaration of exemption from Federal laws prohibiting slot machines and for financial and employment interests; providing for additional restrictions; further providing for political influence, for regulation requiring exclusion of certain persons; providing for prosecutorial and adjudicative functions; further providing for investigations and enforcement, for conduct of public officials and employees and for prohibited acts and penalties; providing for additional authority and for report of suspicious transactions; further providing for interception of oral communications; providing for electronic funds transfer terminals; regulating junkets; and providing for gaming schools.

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that SB 711 be removed from the active calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 490 By Representatives WATERS, SEIP, COHEN, MURPHY, GRUCELA, QUINN, DePASQUALE, YOUNGBLOOD, KIRKLAND, SHAPIRO, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, HOUGHTON, JOSEPHS, BRENNAN, PARKER, DALEY, BRIGGS, MYERS, BEYER, M. O'BRIEN, STABACK, BISHOP, DeWEESE, STEVENSON, FREEMAN, D. COSTA, BUXTON, WATSON, MARKOSEK, MANDERINO, SIPTROTH, BROWN, SAYLOR, GOODMAN, SWANGER, GEORGE, KORTZ, MAHONEY and BOYD

A Resolution condemning racial intolerance and discrimination.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT,
October 6, 2009.

No. 491 By Representatives CONKLIN and HARKINS

A Resolution designating October 24, 2009, as "United Nations Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT,
October 6, 2009.

No. 494 By Representatives HORNAMAN, HOUGHTON, KORTZ, LONGIETTI and SIPTROTH

A Resolution urging the Governor and the State Treasurer of the Commonwealth to establish mandatory overtime for State treasury employees to expedite State payments once the 2009-2010 General Fund budget is enacted.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT,
October 6, 2009.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2019 By Representatives CARROLL, YUDICHAK, MUNDY, BOBACK, BELFANTI, BRADFORD, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HESS, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MICOZZIE, MURT, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH and WALKO

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in homestead property exclusion, further providing for administration and procedure.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
October 6, 2009.

No. 2020 By Representatives SEIP, GERGELY, DENLINGER, D. EVANS, BELFANTI, McCALL, BEYER, BURNS, BUXTON, D. COSTA, DERMODY, GALLOWAY, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, GRELL, HALUSKA, HORNAMAN, KESSLER, KORTZ, LENTZ, FRANKEL, YOUNGBLOOD, CLYMER, MILLER, BEAR, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, CONKLIN, DeWEESE, EVERETT, FLECK, GERBER, HANNA, HARPER, WHEATLEY, EACHUS, MAHONEY, MATZIE, METCALFE, MIRABITO, MURPHY, MOUL, PHILLIPS, R. TAYLOR, M. O'BRIEN, REICHLEY, ROAE, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, WALKO, YUDICHAK, HELM, HICKERNELL, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MUSTIO, PAYTON, PICKETT, PRESTON, READSHAW, STABACK, BOYLE, BROOKS, CAUSER, P. COSTA, COX, CUTLER, DALEY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, ELLIS, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FARRY, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KOTIK, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MELIO, MENSCH, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, OLIVER, PYLE, REED, REESE, ROCK, ROHRER, SABATINA, SANTONI, K. SMITH, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, WANSACZ, WATERS, JOHNSON, STEVENSON, BROWN, JOSEPHS, KULA, WHITE and SANTARSIERO

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

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
October 6, 2009.

No. 2021 By Representatives SEIP, GERGELY, DENLINGER, D. EVANS, BELFANTI, McCALL, BEYER, BURNS, BUXTON, D. COSTA, DERMODY, GALLOWAY, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, GRELL, HALUSKA, HORNAMAN, KESSLER, KORTZ, LENTZ, FRANKEL, CLYMER, YOUNGBLOOD, EACHUS, MAHONEY, MATZIE, METCALFE, MIRABITO, MURPHY, MOUL, BEAR, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, CONKLIN,

DeWEESE, EVERETT, FLECK, HANNA, HARPER, WHEATLEY, PHILLIPS, R. TAYLOR, M. O'BRIEN, REICHLEY, ROAE, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, WALKO, YUDICHAK, HELM, HICKERNELL, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MUSTIO, PAYTON, PICKETT, PRESTON, READSHAW, STABACK, BOYLE, BROOKS, CAUSER, P. COSTA, COX, CUTLER, DALEY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, ELLIS, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FARRY, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KOTIK, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MELIO, MENSCH, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, OLIVER, PYLE, REED, REESE, ROCK, ROHRER, SABATINA, SANTONI, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, WANSACZ, WATERS, JOHNSON, BROWN, JOSEPHS, KULA, WHITE and SANTARSIERO

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for majority vote required and recording.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 6, 2009.

No. 2022 By Representatives DENLINGER, SEIP, GERGELY, D. EVANS, BELFANTI, McCALL, BEYER, BURNS, BUXTON, D. COSTA, DERMODY, GALLOWAY, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, GRELL, HALUSKA, HORNAMAN, KESSLER, KORTZ, LENTZ, FRANKEL, YOUNGBLOOD, MILLER, CLYMER, GERBER, BEAR, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, CONKLIN, DeWEESE, EVERETT, FLECK, HANNA, HARPER, WHEATLEY, MAHONEY, MATZIE, METCALFE, MIRABITO, MURPHY, MOUL, EACHUS, STABACK, PHILLIPS, R. TAYLOR, M. O'BRIEN, REICHLEY, ROAE, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, WALKO, YUDICHAK, HELM, HICKERNELL, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MUSTIO, PAYTON, PICKETT, PRESTON, READSHAW, BOYLE, BROOKS, CAUSER, P. COSTA, COX, CUTLER, DALEY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, ELLIS, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FARRY, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KOTIK, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MELIO, MENSCH, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, OLIVER, PYLE, REED, REESE, ROCK, ROHRER, SABATINA, SANTONI, K. SMITH, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, WANSACZ, WATERS, JOHNSON, STEVENSON, BROWN, JOSEPHS, KULA, WHITE and SANTARSIERO

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

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 6, 2009.

No. 2023 By Representatives GERGELY, SEIP, D. EVANS, DENLINGER, McCALL, BELFANTI, BEYER, BURNS, BUXTON, D. COSTA, DERMODY, GALLOWAY, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, GRELL, HALUSKA, HORNAMAN, KESSLER, KORTZ, LENTZ, GERBER, BEAR, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, CONKLIN, DeWEESE, EVERETT, FLECK, HANNA, HARPER, WHEATLEY, MAHONEY, MATZIE, METCALFE, MIRABITO, EACHUS, MURPHY, STABACK, R. TAYLOR,

M. O'BRIEN, REICHLEY, MOUL, PHILLIPS, ROAE, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, WALKO, YUDICHAK, HELM, HICKERNELL, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MUSTIO, PAYTON, PICKETT, PRESTON, READSHAW, MILLER, FRANKEL, YOUNGBLOOD, CLYMER, BOYLE, BROOKS, CAUSER, P. COSTA, COX, CUTLER, DALEY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, ELLIS, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FARRY, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KOTIK, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MELIO, MENSCH, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, OLIVER, PYLE, REED, REESE, ROCK, ROHRER, SABATINA, SANTONI, K. SMITH, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, WANSACZ, WATERS, JOHNSON, STEVENSON, BROWN, JOSEPHS, KULA, WHITE and SANTARSIERO

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1933 (P.L.853, No.155), known as The General County Assessment Law, further providing for appeals by municipalities.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 6, 2009.

No. 2024 By Representatives COHEN, CALTAGIRONE, MANN, STURLA, MUNDY, BISHOP, JOSEPHS, GEORGE, McGEEHAN, WHEATLEY, WATERS, VULAKOVICH, SIPTROTH, READSHAW, PASHINSKI, PALLONE, MIRABITO, MAHONEY, FRANKEL, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, KRIEGER, BRIGGS and D. COSTA

An Act reenacting and amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, further providing for the title and for the short title; providing for legislative findings; further providing for definitions; providing for clinical laboratory permits; further providing for permit applications, for regulations, for hearings and appeals, for exemptions and for unlawful conduct; providing for regulations, for forensic DNA laboratories, for exemptions and for hearings and appeals; and further providing for penalties.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 6, 2009.

No. 2025 By Representatives GROVE, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, EVERETT, KAUFFMAN, METZGAR, MURT, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, ROAE, ROCK, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, YOUNGBLOOD and BEAR

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

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, October 6, 2009.

No. 2026 By Representatives CONKLIN, BROWN, GOODMAN, HARHAI, BRIGGS, HOUGHTON, SIPTROTH, READSHAW, M. O'BRIEN, K. SMITH, MURT, HARKINS, BOYLE, FRANKEL, LENTZ, SOLOBAY, MELIO, BELFANTI, SANTONI, MAHONEY, KORTZ, McGEEHAN, D. COSTA, BRADFORD and WHITE

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for dating violence education.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, October 6, 2009.

No. 2027 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, BEAR, BOYD, COX, CUTLER, DeLUCA, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, GABLER, GRELL, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, KRIEGER, MAJOR, METCALFE, MOUL, READSHAW, REED, REESE, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, VULAKOVICH and MARSICO

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for budget by operation of law.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 6, 2009.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 922, PN 1462

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1036, PN 1451

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1037, PN 1452

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1038, PN 1453

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1039, PN 1454

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1040, PN 1455

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1042, PN 1465

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SB 1085, PN 1463

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. HARHART called up **HR 496, PN 2749**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2009 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—2

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the balcony, the Chair welcomes the fourth grade class of Wallenpaupack South Elementary School. They are the guests of Representative Mike Peifer. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Page 3 of today's House calendar, the Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Eachus, who calls up SB 369—The Chair rescinds that motion. The Republicans have to caucus that bill yet.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1897, PN 2528**, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1593, PN 2545**, entitled:

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

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

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. There is an amendment filed to this bill. It is a substantive amendment that would require rules suspension by the gentleman, Representative Barrar. Is the gentleman withdrawing the amendment? The Chair thanks the gentleman. The gentleman is withdrawing the amendment.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Representative Murt, on final passage.

Mr. MURT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this important piece of legislation, HB 1593. Mr. Speaker, HB 1593 will bring our Commonwealth into compliance with several Federal laws, including the very important Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, which mandates that mental health and substance abuse disorder benefits be no more restrictive than the financial requirements and treatment limitations for other medical and surgical benefits; also, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, which prohibits discrimination in insurance premiums and contribution amounts on the basis of genetic information; and finally, Michelle's Law, which protects dependent children in college who must take a leave of absence from their studies for medical reasons.

Mr. Speaker, by bringing Pennsylvania into compliance with these Federal laws, we ensure that the primary regulation of Pennsylvania's insurance industry will remain the responsibility of the State insurance department and not Federal authorities. I strongly support this bill, Mr. Speaker, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman from Beaver County, Representative Matzie.

Mr. MATZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The previous speaker hit the nail on the head, so I will not get into many more of the details, but just a brief overview of this important legislation and how this bill will create the Health Insurance Coverage Parity and Nondiscrimination Act within The Insurance Company Law of 1921. It has the support of the administration, and I know some people may scorn at that based on some of the squabbles that we have had on both sides of the aisle, and major insurers have indicated that they do not oppose it. So please keep that in mind and understand that one of the last remaining States to adopt this language is the Commonwealth, so it is very important that we get this on the books.

I ask for an affirmative vote. 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:

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| Bear | Farry | Major | Roebuck |
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| Benninghoff | Frankel | Mann | Ross |
| Beyer | Freeman | Markosek | Sabatina |
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| Boyd | Galloway | Matzie | Santarsiero |
| Boyle | Geist | McGeehan | Santoni |
| Bradford | George | McI. Smith | Saylor |
| Brennan | Gerber | Melio | Scavello |
| Briggs | Gergely | Mensch | Schroder |
| Brooks | Gibbons | Metcalfe | Seip |
| Brown | Gillespie | Metzgar | Shapiro |
| Burns | Gingrich | Micozzie | Siptroth |
| Buxton | Godshall | Millard | Smith, K. |
| Caltagirone | Goodman | Miller | Smith, M. |
| Carroll | Grell | Milne | Smith, S. |
| Casorio | Grove | Mirabito | Solobay |
| Causer | Grucela | Moul | Sonney |
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| Civera | Hanna | Murphy | Stern |
| Clymer | Harhai | Murt | Stevenson |
| Cohen | Harhart | Mustio | Sturla |
| Conklin | Harkins | Myers | Swanger |
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| Costa, P. | Harris | O'Brien, M. | Taylor, J. |
| Cox | Helm | O'Neill | Taylor, R. |
| Creighton | Hennessey | Oberlander | Thomas |
| Cruz | Hess | Oliver | True |
| Curry | Hickernell | Pallone | Turzai |
| Cutler | Hornaman | Parker | Vereb |
| Daley | 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 |
| DePasquale | Kessler | Phillips | Wheatley |
| Dermody | Killion | Pickett | White |
| DeWeese | Kirkland | Preston | Williams |
| DiGirolamo | Knowles | Pyle | Youngblood |
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 607, PN 657**, entitled:

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.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-201

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| Burns | Gingrich | Micozzie | Siptroth |
| Buxton | Godshall | Millard | Smith, K. |
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| Civera | Hanna | Murphy | Stern |
| Clymer | Harhai | Murt | Stevenson |
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| Deasy | Josephs | Peifer | Walko |
| Delozier | Kauffman | Perzel | Wansacz |
| DeLuca | Keller, M.K. | Petrarca | Waters |
| Denlinger | Keller, W. | Petri | Watson |
| DePasquale | Kessler | Phillips | Wheatley |
| Dermody | Killion | Pickett | White |
| DeWeese | Kirkland | Preston | Williams |
| DiGirolamo | Knowles | Pyle | Youngblood |
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-2

Miccarelli Perry

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

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring James J. McCarron V.

Whereas, James J. McCarron V has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of these young men. He is a member of Troop 240.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of James J. McCarron V.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Eachus, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the information of the members, we are going to have a 2:30 Rules Committee meeting in the majority caucus room and we will be coming back to the floor at the call of the Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Rules Committee will meet at 2:30 in the majority caucus room.

Are there any further announcements?

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Susquehanna County, Representative Major.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus immediately at the call of the recess. I would ask all Republicans to please report to caucus.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader for a further announcement.

Mr. EACHUS. One more additional announcement for the Democratic members. As I said, there will be a 2:30 Rules Committee meeting. We will be caucusing at 3 p.m. in the majority caucus room.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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.