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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer will be offered by Rev. Greg Terry, who is the guest of Representative Brooks.

REV. GREG TERRY, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us pray:

Sovereign Lord, creator of heaven and of earth, we thank You, because You are good. We thank You that Your mercies according to Holy Scripture are made new every morning and that Your grace is ever enduring. We thank You also that Your love is unfailing.

We thank You for the wonderful people of the State of Pennsylvania. We thank You for the elected Representatives who are about Your business. We ask You, Lord, to bless this State from the north to the south, to the east and the west, from the rural communities, Father, to the bustling metro centers. We thank You, and we dedicate this time to You.

I ask You to give the Speaker and all of the Representatives Your wisdom, Your knowledge, Your grace, and Your understanding as we seek and strive to do our best for You.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Members will please report to the floor.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Monday, March 22, 2010, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 701 By Representatives CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, STABACK, KORTZ, McGEEHAN, W. KELLER, BUXTON, DONATUCCI, CALTAGIRONE, BOYLE, GEORGE, JOSEPHS, PASHINSKI, SIPTROTH, PAYTON, PHILLIPS, CLYMER, M. O'BRIEN, VULAKOVICH, HESS and D. COSTA

A Resolution urging the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to issue a United States postal stamp honoring the heroism of the "Borinqueneers" of the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, the only all-Hispanic unit in the history of the United States Army.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 23, 2010.

No. 702 By Representatives WATERS, BROWN, JOHNSON, PARKER, PRESTON, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, FABRIZIO, GERBER, HARKINS, MELIO, SABATINA, SIPTROTH, J. TAYLOR, VITALI, WHEATLEY and YOUNGBLOOD

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish a bipartisan legislative task force and an advisory committee to conduct a study of capital punishment in Pennsylvania and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 23, 2010.

No. 703 By Representatives WATERS, BROWN, JOHNSON, PARKER, PRESTON, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, GERGELY, FABRIZIO, GERBER, HARKINS, MELIO, SABATINA, PAYTON, J. TAYLOR, SANTONI, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD and SIPTROTH

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend laws relating to the United States decennial census to change the manner in which incarcerated persons are counted.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 23, 2010.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 2365 By Representatives DRUCKER, BRIGGS, BURNS, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DEASY, DePASQUALE, EACHUS, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MIRABITO, MURPHY, SANTARSIERO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, R. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, JOSEPHS, MOUL, BRADFORD, MANDERINO and BISHOP

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definition of "public body."

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

No. 2366 By Representatives JOSEPHS, COHEN, M. O'BRIEN, BELFANTI, DONATUCCI, SIPTROTH, GIBBONS, J. TAYLOR, WHITE, FRANKEL, THOMAS, MELIO, MANDERINO, MYERS, WHEATLEY, R. TAYLOR, HARKINS and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, providing for credit report requirement.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

No. 2367 By Representatives SWANGER, BROOKS, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, KAUFFMAN, MURT, ROCK, TALLMAN, J. TAYLOR and VULAKOVICH

An Act establishing a time frame for public review on proposed budgets.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

SB 1019, PN 1289

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

SB 1020, PN 1290

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

SB 1021, PN 1291

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

SB 1022, PN 1292

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2010.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. We have a number of guest pages today serving in the House.

Cadet Ben Lyon, Northern Lebanon High School, and Cadet Amber Frantz, Cedar Crest High School. They are the guests of Representative RoseMarie Swanger, and they are guest pages. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also in the well of the House, the Chair welcomes Katherine Schlusser and Paul Insley, who attend Trinity High School. They are also serving as guest pages. Welcome to the hall of the House. They are the guests of Representative Sheryl Delozier.

Also in the well of the House, Lydia Smith, serving as a guest page. She is the guest of Representative Sue Helm. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Again in the well of the House, the Chair welcomes Anna Rittenhouse, serving as a guest page. She is the guest of Representative John Yudichak. Welcome to the hall of the House.

To the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes Olivia McCormack. Olivia is a fifth grader at Sporting Hill Elementary School. She is visiting the Capitol today as part of the Pennsylvania Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Day on the Hill. Today is also Olivia's 11th birthday. Happy birthday, Olivia. She is the guest of Representative Mike Sturla. Welcome to the hall of the House.

To the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes Josh Andrasko, a senior at Moon Area High School, who is shadowing Representative Mustio as a senior project. As well, Sean Morgan is also interning in Representative Mustio's office. He is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh with a dual major in business and political science. Welcome to the hall of the House, gentlemen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Dermody, the majority whip, who requests leave of absence for: Representative DALEY from Washington County for the day; Representative OLIVER from Philadelphia County for the day; Representative SAMUELSON from Northampton County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests a leave of absence for Representative Dennis O'BRIEN from Philadelphia 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—195

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

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Daley	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	Samuelson
Godshall			

LEAVES ADDED—1

True

LEAVES CANCELED—2

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. I understand we have a very special guest today. I was hoping your wife would walk back into the chamber – the wife of Representative Rick Mirabito, Sara, and their newborn son, Rocco, who is 3 months old. Welcome to the hall of the House.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 2233, PN 3161

By Rep. STABACK

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, further providing for deputy waterways conservation officers; in fishing licenses, further providing for possession and display of licenses, for institutional licenses and for exemptions from license requirements; in special licenses and permits, further providing for boat and net licenses for boundary lakes; in regulated fishing lakes, further providing for fees; in preliminary provisions relating to boats and boating, further providing for boating education and for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance; and, in registration and titling of boats, further providing for period of registration.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 2267, PN 3236

By Rep. STABACK

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection of property and persons, further providing for target shooting debris.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 2316, PN 3341

By Rep. STABACK

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of aggravated assault; and, in enforcement, further providing for interference with officers of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

GAME AND FISHERIES.

HB 2347, PN 3401

By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, repealing provisions relating to removal of township officer for failure to perform duties.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2348, PN 3402

By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, repealing provisions relating to right of council to declare seat of member vacant for failure to attend meetings.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2349, PN 3403

By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, repealing provisions relating to failure of township officer to perform duties.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

HB 2351, PN 3404

By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.249, No.35), entitled "An act providing that the town councils of incorporated towns shall have the right to declare vacant the seats of councilmen or presidents of town councils for failure to qualify and for failure to attend meetings or vote upon questions before the council," repealing provisions relating to incorporated town councils declaring certain offices vacant.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SB 569, PN 1794 (Amended)

By Rep. FREEMAN

An Act providing for the extension of certain permits and approvals affecting the physical development of real property located in municipalities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

URC-PA STUDENTS AND FACULTY INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Today in our chamber we have 48 very special guests, some of the brightest and most talented college and university undergraduates from 25 higher education institutions across the State.

Today marks the sixth semiannual Undergraduate Research at the Capitol event in Pennsylvania. This conference, also held in 19 other States throughout the nation, offers our students the opportunity to demonstrate their intellectual ability to the members and staff of the General Assembly.

The goals of the event are to demonstrate that participating in research as an undergraduate is important to the educational development of college students and to show that the undergraduate students can produce important knowledge, cultural heritage, and economic well-being of our communities, our State, and our nation.

Each of these students has put in tremendous hours of work to create and refine the knowledge they share with us today. I hope that the members will take time to explore the projects of our exceptional students as well as recognize them for their hard work and dedication.

The students' posters are located in the East Wing rotunda and atrium, and the students will be available throughout the day to explain their research and answer any questions regarding their projects. I encourage you to pay homage to these students who represent the future leaders of our State and our country.

Visiting us along with the students are the faculty advisers and administrators who not only mentor the students but help make this research possible. It is these individuals who help mold and create the students who will lead our country in research and innovation.

Please join me in thanking and extending a warm House welcome to the students and faculty who are here today. Will the guests please rise, in the back of the hall of the House. Welcome to the House, and congratulations on a job well done.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. JOHNSON called up **HR 687, PN 3378**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Blanche Burton-Lyles, the founder of the Marian Anderson Historical Society, for her dedication to assisting and mentoring classical vocal artists in their professional careers.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two extraordinary women who grew up and reside within the 186th Legislative District of South Philadelphia during Women's History Month, one who is here with us today and one who is not.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

Mr. JOHNSON. Yet, both women are forever connected by a passion for music, a dedication to mentoring young musicians to perfect their crafts, and a determination to shatter walls built by racial discrimination.

Today we honor Blanche Burton-Lyles, an accomplished and talented pianist and the first African-American female to play at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, who has enjoyed worldwide success and fame for more than 40 years.

Ms. Lyles was also the first African-American female pianist to earn a bachelor of music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music, where she was referred by her mentor, Marian Anderson.

Marian Anderson overcame racial, economic, and societal boundaries to become an accomplished and world-renowned contralto. When Ms. Anderson died in 1993, Ms. Lyles decided to honor her legacy and dedication to assisting and mentoring classical vocal artists in their professional careers by founding the Marian Anderson Historical Society. The society operates the Marian Anderson Residence Museum, which is in my district, where various programs showcase Ms. Anderson's contributions to the world of music to multicultural audiences of all ages.

Ms. Lyles also established the Marian Anderson Historical Society Scholars Program, providing a variety of services to classical music scholars and students, including financial resources for auditions, performances, wardrobes, and competitions to up-and-coming classical vocal artists.

Ms. Lyles has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors over the course of her career, including the Philadelphia 76ers Community Service Award and the Shirley Chisholm Award.

It is my great privilege today to recognize Ms. Blanche Burton-Lyles for her commitment to education and her enthusiasm in assisting and mentoring classical vocal artists in their respective careers. And I personally thank Ms. Blanche Burton-Lyles for being a strong advocate for music in the schools and being an advocate for providing a positive outlet for young people who choose to pursue a career in the classical arts.

BLANCHE BURTON-LYLES INTRODUCED

Mr. JOHNSON. And at this particular time I would like for the House, if you could join me on both sides of the aisle in acknowledging Ms. Blanche Burton-Lyles for her dedication – a very, very hard worker.

And I ask for an affirmative vote on this resolution. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

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

Drucker	Kotik	Quigley	Yudichak
Eachus	Krieger	Quinn	
Ellis	Kula	Rapp	McCall,
Evans, D.	Lentz	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, J.			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Daley	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	Samuelson
Godshall			

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

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you.

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Mr. JOHNSON called up **HR 694, PN 3417**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the work and dedication of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc., and recognizing and celebrating women's historic achievements.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will yield.

The House will come to order.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again I rise in recognition of an extraordinary organization dedicated to the education, political, economic, and cultural development of African-American women and their families and society as a whole.

The National Congress of Black Women is a beacon of light and a nonpartisan voice on issues pertaining to the appointment of African-American women at all levels of government. The group provides opportunities for women who seek leadership and decisionmaking positions in government, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector.

Mr. Speaker, it is very fitting that we recognize the National Congress of Black Women for their historic achievements during National Women's History Month, a time when we recognize the contributions of women who have blazed trails for women's empowerment and equality. However, despite these many contributions, the role of American women in history has often been overlooked.

Countless women have steered the course of our history. From reaching for the ballot box to breaking barriers on athletic and playing fields, American women have stood resolute in the face of adversity and overcome obstacles to realize their full measure of success, and foremost among these strong and amazing women has been the National Congress of Black Women.

And I would like to personally say that most of these women who are being honored today have played some type of role in encouraging me and mentoring me to become the young man I am today – a young man who was once headed down the wrong path, who decided to change his life to go on to be something positive in his community.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

Mr. JOHNSON. And so at this particular time I would like for the members of the National Congress of Black Women to please stand and ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to acknowledge these fine women on Women's History Month.

And I humbly ask for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Everett	Levdansky	Reed
Baker	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Barbin	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
Barrar	Farry	Mahoney	Roae
Bear	Fleck	Major	Rock
Belfanti	Frankel	Manderino	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Freeman	Mann	Rohrer
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Brooks	Gillespie	Metzgar	Seip
Brown	Gingrich	Miccarelli	Shapiro
Burns	Goodman	Micozzie	Siptroth
Buxton	Grell	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Grove	Miller	Smith, M.
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Casorio	Haluska	Mirabito	Solobay
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Clymer	Harkins	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harper	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harris	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Hennessey	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Hess	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hickernell	Pallone	Thomas
Cruz	Hornaman	Parker	True
Curry	Houghton	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Hutchinson	Payne	Vereb
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Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Vulakovich
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DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Perzel	Wansacz
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petrarca	Waters
DePasquale	Kessler	Petri	Watson
Dermody	Killion	Phillips	Wheatley
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Donatucci	Kortz	Pyle	Youngblood

Drucker	Kotik	Quigley	Yudichak
Eachus	Krieger	Quinn	
Ellis	Kula	Rapp	McCall,
Evans, D.	Lentz	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, J.			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Daley	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	Samuelson
Godshall			

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

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the balcony, the Chair welcomes Lisa Tarulli. She is an intern in Representative Reichley's district office. She attends Lehigh University, majoring in political science. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

To the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes students from the University of Pittsburgh Legislator for a Day program: Andrew Wright, Mason Herron, Megan Thomas, Michelle Hanrahan, Autumn Pividori, T.J. Lonergen, and Kyle Stewart. They are the guests of Representatives Frankel, Preston, Pyle, Matt Smith, Vulakovich, Wagner, and Wheatley. Welcome to the hall of the House.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Eachus.

Mr. EACHUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the information of the members, we will have an immediate Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room, a Democratic caucus in the majority caucus room at noon, and we will be returning to the floor at 1 p.m.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Appropriations will meet immediately in the majority caucus room.

Any further announcements?

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until 1 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

The SPEAKER. Members will please report to the floor of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

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

Members will please report to the floor.

SENATE MESSAGE**RECESS RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
March 22, 2010

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 12, 2010, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of April 12th, it reconvene on Monday, April 19, 2010, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 19, 2010, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 2292, PN 3268**

By Rep. D. EVANS

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2293, PN 3269

By Rep. D. EVANS

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2294, PN 3270

By Rep. D. EVANS

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), known as the Temple University—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2295, PN 3271

By Rep. D. EVANS

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), known as the Lincoln University—Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 2296, PN 3272

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED****HB 1587, PN 3437 (Amended)**

By Rep. THOMAS

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, adding a prohibition relating to adding rent rebates.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

HB 2302, PN 3438 (Amended)

By Rep. THOMAS

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, further providing for nonapplicability.

URBAN AFFAIRS.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2279, PN 3277**, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, the Aviation Restricted Revenue Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010; to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009; and making interfund transfers for the fiscal year July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

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?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Adolph.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let me start out by saying that I am very pleased that this chamber is considering a spending bill this early in the process. I think that is one thing that we all learned last year by our mistakes, that we have to start the process earlier. However, or unfortunately, while we may be moving the process forward as far as the calendar, I do not believe that this spending plan is moving us in the right fiscal direction.

This budget plan, HB 2279, Mr. Speaker, is a mirror image of the spending plan that the Governor unveiled last month. This plan that we will be voting on today calls for more than \$29 billion in spending and one that increases the State budget by more than \$1.2 billion at a time when this State and this nation are facing turbulent fiscal times.

As of the end of February, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is facing a \$525 million revenue shortfall. It is a spending plan that is balanced on \$850 million of Federal

stimulus funds that do not exist, funds that may never reach congressional approval. Mr. Speaker, it is a budget that ignores the looming pension spike and does not prepare for the loss of billions of Federal stimulus money that will occur next year.

In fact, this spending plan really only compounds our budget problems and adds future liabilities rather than taking the necessary steps to mitigate them immediately. In today's economy, as revenues continue to decline and unemployment increases, we need to be crafting a budget that reflects today's economic times, and, Mr. Speaker, this spending plan certainly does not do that.

The realization needs to start now. State government cannot continue to spend as it has in the past. This State is truly at the crossroads, and the decisions we make with the 2010-2011 budget will impact the people of Pennsylvania for years to come. That said, we cannot continue to merely budget for today; we need to think about tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to face a multimillion-dollar funding hole. Our stimulus funds will be exhausted, and there is no way the State's economy is going to turn around overnight to provide us the revenue needed to fill this hole. Add to that the looming pension spike we face and we are looking at a clear recipe for financial disaster.

If you look to the north, the State of New York, that State government cannot even send back on time the taxpayers' State refunds. They realize what is going on, and they have cut their expenses and their budget. Only the State of Pennsylvania across the nation continues to spend more than they have. Increasing spending by \$1.2 billion in today's economy is not responsible government. In fact, it only contributes to its problem.

Governor Paterson made those tough cuts throughout his budget. In Maryland, Governor O'Malley reduced the spending plan, marking the fourth straight year that our neighbors to the south have reduced General Fund expenditures. And then just last week New Jersey's Governor Chris Christie proposed to cut the State budget by nearly \$3 billion.

This is not Republicans and Democrats. It is not about political parties. This is about doing the right thing. And let us be honest, party affiliation is not going to matter 16 months from now when we stare down a multimillion-dollar budget. Taxpayers are not going to care which party was in control but rather what steps we took to address the problems.

I know my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are going to sell this vote today as moving the process. And let me make this perfectly clear to everyone: I am in support of moving the process. But it does not make sense for us to move forward with an unrealistic budget. We are going to end up with the same fiscal problems that we had this year. Add to this the inconsistencies that are spread throughout the budget. The Governor talked about the plan addressing our priorities, yet so many of our priorities are overlooked and ignored as a means to increase spending. We all recognize we need to control spending and cuts, but we need to do it fairly. We cannot continue to rob Peter to pay Paul. That only hurts the most needy.

When we think that the budget increased by \$1.2 billion, you think everybody in Pennsylvania would be happy. Hour after hour I hear from special groups, special-needs groups, and I am just going to reference just a few. Today I had the privilege of meeting with the Epilepsy Foundation; they are being cut by

40 percent. Science in Motion. Classrooms for the Future was cut last year – completely eliminated. Public library funding, Community Education Councils, job training programs, biotech research – all these are being eliminated in this budget. Why? Because of someone's priority; large increases in one or two line items in this budget.

We need a responsible budget, one that is fair, and with cuts and eliminations to programs that I just made taking place in the budget that increases spending by \$1.2 billion, I do not know how anyone can call it responsible. How do we just simply pass a budget like this, one that is riddled with pitfalls, inconsistencies, and uncertainties? The answer is simple: It does not.

Mr. Speaker, let us move the process forward, but let us do it right. If you are voting to support this budget today because you truly believe it is a responsible and reliable plan that offers the answers to economic and financial concerns, go ahead, vote "yes." But if you do not, if you think it is just a procedural vote to move the process, vote "no."

We have a chance to make a bold statement today as a legislative chamber and show the people of Pennsylvania we are prepared to look out for their tax dollars and future well-being. Let us not pass up that opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to respectfully ask the members of this House to vote "no" on this budget bill so we can begin working together, both Republicans and Democrats, on a spending plan that really works for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your consideration and allowing me to go over that time. I really appreciate that. And once again I want to thank Representative and Chairman Evans for starting this process. I am looking forward to working with him and looking for the opportunity to share our thoughts during this budget process. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

For the information of the members, under rule 19(b), the debate is limited to 5 minutes on the general appropriations bill. Historically, the Speaker has always granted the floor leader and the Appropriations chair of both sides of the aisle discretion on the 5-minute rule, but it is only the floor leader and the Appropriations chair that get that discretion. The rest of the members, it would be 5 minutes, two times debating the subject.

On the question— I am sorry; one time debating the subject.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Evans.

Mr. D. EVANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, one, I want to say thank you for the Republican leader of the Appropriations Committee's aspect of working together. We had what I consider very good hearings and discussions, and I thank him and his staff for their cooperation.

When I started out and he was elected as chairman, I congratulated him and offered him, like I offer him today, the same olive branch of working together. I indicated that this is not just a Democratic problem or a Republican problem; this is Pennsylvania's challenge and problem we have. And let me just go through a few things that I think are important to understand.

Last year, in last year's budget, we made over \$2 billion in reductions last year. We also had to raise some revenue. We raised some revenue so that we would not have to raise revenue this year. And in this particular budget, HB 2279 – and I want to

emphasize this and I hope you understand – there is no need for additional taxes. Let me repeat that: There is no need for additional taxes to pass this particular budget. Though the gentleman talks about some issues in the future, the reality of it is, we are talking about HB 2279, and there is no need for additional taxes.

Number two, the gentleman talks about the Federal issue, and there is information I know we have sent out that indicates that the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentages) money in terms of the Federal government has been passed in bills in the House and in the United States Senate and that not just Pennsylvania but all States will benefit from the FMAP money. So that \$850 million that the gentleman is referring to has passed in the House of Representatives and has passed in the United States Senate, and we believe – 99 percent sure – that that will become a reality. So in the Federal money, we believe that is a difference of opinion.

The other aspect, when you really look at this budget, look at where the particular increases are. The increases are, first and foremost, in something that is extremely important in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that is education. When there is an increase in education, there is less pressure on the property tax owner. When there is an increase at the State level, there is less pressure on your local property tax owner.

And what have we done? In this particular budget, we have invested – invested, I said – 350 million additional dollars. What does that do? That helps make Pennsylvania be able to compete for a program at the national level called Race to the Top, that Pennsylvania is one of those States, and we should all be proud of that, Democrat and Republican alike. We all have worked together to make an investment to make sure that the State is providing its fair share. That is happening because of both of us.

The next element is prisons. If we look at it, we have had to invest \$137 million in the area of prisons. Why? Because we are, like, 117 percent over capacity on the issue of prisons. So I do not think the gentleman is saying let people out of prison. The reality is, we have to pay for the prisons.

The other aspect that we had to increase is debt service. That is just like our mortgage. We have to pay our debt service. That is in the ballpark of about \$94 million. So there is education, there is corrections, and there is debt service.

The last issue that was increased is the area of health and welfare. When we talk about disabled children, when we talk about individuals in terms of seniors, our child care, all of those areas, that again is an area that we had to take advantage of so that we did not lose the Federal money. Those are the only areas where there are increases. The rest of the budget is held constant or is reduced.

It is important, in my view, to recognize that we had to make some of the hard choices. When the gentleman talks about in terms of the spin number, it is not a billion dollars. We have sent information out; it is about \$500 million, we have said, in a very tight, difficult time. The revenue number that the Governor is forecasting is in the ballpark of about \$500 million.

What just took place in Washington, DC, where we talk about health care for everyone, health care for everyone, we should all recognize the importance of what happened through that health-care initiative. From that health-care initiative, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will benefit in the ballpark of

almost \$1 billion. We will benefit from that Federal initiative. We, like the rest of the States, will benefit. But more than just benefit from it financially, our constituents will benefit. Our constituents will benefit from better coverage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So let us be clear again: education, health and welfare, corrections, and debt service. And then there is the Federal money that is coming to the Commonwealth. It is that kind of combination which I believe is putting us in a better position in order to take advantage of the future.

It is also important to understand, in this budget, HB 2279, there is no need for taxes. Let me repeat that: In this budget, HB 2279, there is no need for additional taxes.

Let us talk about us trying to get this budget done now. If we are successful – and I hope we will be – in passing this budget, we will be passing this budget 100 days early. Now, in my view, we all can take credit for that. I recognize that the mission is not accomplished. The reality of it is, it also has to go through the Senate. The House has to work with the Senate and the Governor in order to get a final budget. But just think about it, we are doing our part.

The Governor announced his proposed budget on February 9. That is when the Governor announced his budget. We did hearings from January 24 until February 24. We are passing the budget on March 23. So all of us can take credit for that, because it is a cooperative effort. As the gentleman just said on that side, we had hearings. They were thorough. Everybody was involved in that process. They got a chance to ask the questions. I do not believe that this has to be Democrat or Republican; it has to be Pennsylvanians.

So we are at a crucial point today. We for once as an institution can send a message to the public, send a message to the public that we have heard their message and they want us to get it right.

I want to thank the gentleman, I really do. I want to thank Chairman Adolph and all the members on that side of the aisle for working with the members on this side and having a very cooperative process. It was a lot of hard, tough questions that people asked. It was a lot of aggressiveness. But at the end of the day, it is important that we get these things done.

So what we are saying, what we are saying today, here we have a chance to make this bipartisan. In this day and age, people want us to work together. Yes, there are some differences of opinion in how we see the world. But at the end of the day, these tax dollars, which we are no more than temporary stewards, we want to reinvest them into Pennsylvanians – all 67 counties, all 500 school districts. We recognize that this is a tough time. We recognize that we cannot spend money we do not have. We must spend within the dollars that are available to us.

Now, we must do this together. We have done education together, which is to position Pennsylvania to take advantage of the Race to the Top. I am saying to you today, we have a chance to move ahead. I would hope on both sides of the aisle that we can get a "yes" vote on HB 2279.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman from Washington County, Representative Daley, on the House floor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. And turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests a leave for the gentlelady from Lancaster County, Representative TRUE, for the remainder of the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2279 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria County, Representative Barbin, on the question of final passage.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to support HB 2279 with reservations shared by many members on both sides of the aisle. This budget bill has been expedited by both parties by offering no amendments in an attempt to avoid last year's budget breakdown. The budget has been prepared based upon assumptions that no tax increases will be required to fund increased spending levels.

The 2010-2011 spending levels are supported primarily by increased Medicaid reimbursements of \$950 million and decreased expenditures of \$280 million under Medicare Part D. The spending levels are also contingent on an unknown shortfall of 2009 and 2010 State tax collections, which will not become clear until late April.

With these reservations and mindful that our Constitution does not presently mandate an automatic mechanism to ensure continuation of government in the event of partisan gridlock, I will support 2279 as our part in providing the citizens of this great Commonwealth with their most essential need – a timely budget.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. BARBIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remainder of my remarks be provided for the record.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Please submit your remarks.

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

In the event any of these assumptions changes substantially, significant reductions will have to be made. Like many members, I do not believe that limiting veterans' benefits while increasing corrections expenditures is an appropriate policy decision while our soldiers daily continue to risk all in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lastly, by law an appropriations bill cannot provide changes of substantive law. As such, it cannot provide any relief to the pension crisis which, if left unaddressed, will lead to the largest property tax increase known in the history of Pennsylvania. While I support HB 2279 with reservations as noted, I will continue to do everything in my power to move HB 2307 as an appropriate legislative response to this critical pension issue.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Denlinger.

Mr. DENLINGER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to join the chorus of those who have expressed appreciation for the movement of this process. I think it speaks well, both sides of the aisle, that we are on this issue in a timely fashion.

And I want to express direct appreciation to the majority chairman of the Appropriations Committee for stepping up the hearings process. I believe this year perhaps was the earliest that we began that process in anyone's memory, and I think that was a wise decision and much appreciated. And the hearings were handled in a very professional fashion. We heard many voices in the course of that time.

I do want to, however, make a point of differences that we see in executive leadership, and I want to just share a brief quote, if I may, with the members of this chamber from one of our neighboring States and a chief executive who takes a very different tone with regard to the financial challenges that his State faces, and here is the quote:

Some are saying, by their choice of policies, that we should descend further into debt and deficit, and risk driving more people out of the state with "temporary" tax increases that always turn out to be permanent.

I say we must face up to our responsibility:

- Cut government spending and end public union excesses that we can no longer afford;
- Reform government to cost less and operate better;
- And restore some sense of balance to the obligations we take on – so that in the future they are both sensible and sustainable.

In short, we can forge a new course. One that brings spending in line with revenues. One that attacks our problems directly so they are shrinking, not growing. And most importantly, one that lays the groundwork for a better tomorrow.

Those are the words of Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey, our neighbor to the east, and he lays it out in pretty stark fashion. New Jersey faces more significant challenges than we do today, but, my friends, we are on the road. We are on the road, and if we do not get our hands around this thing, we will face the challenges in the not too distant future.

Let me give you some numbers, if I may. There is a huge gap between the revenues that this State is taking in and the amount that we are putting out in terms of spending. In the '08-'09 year, revenues to the State, \$25.5 billion. In year '09-'10, the year we are in currently, revenues to the State, \$25 billion, a decrease of half a billion. And projected for year 2010-2011, the budget that we are talking about, projected revenues to the State as estimated by the Governor will grow 3.2 percent to \$25.8 – \$25.8 billion is what the Governor is estimating we will take in as he proposes spending \$29 billion. The differential there, \$3.2 billion, plugged in with accounting changes, Federal stimulus dollars, things that are not sustainable. And the word "sustainable," I think, needs to be at the core of our discussion.

Mr. Speaker, my concern, my deep concern, is that we have made promises to the citizens of this Commonwealth that we cannot keep. We cannot sustain them over the long term, and

we need to bring our spending in line with our revenue or this State is headed for a train wreck in the fiscal sense.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I call for a "no" vote on this budget. I applaud its movement. I am glad we are here talking about it today. That is very important. But I am afraid that this budget represents the wrong answer. It is not the way we need to move forward. We need to get ourselves back into balance as families do, as business owners do. You just cannot keep spending more than you take in.

So, my friends, I hope you will vote "no." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. To the left of the Speaker, the Chair welcomes a Bristol Township councilwoman, Tina Davis. She is the guest of Representative Tony Melio. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2279 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority whip, Representative Turzai.

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

I know it is not often that I have an opportunity to publicly thank the majority Appropriations chairman for moving the process along, but let me add my kudos that we are addressing this in March.

I would like to ask him, since I know he has significant influence with this administration, if he could take back another request from many of us here, I think, in the House, certainly on our side of the aisle. Please, please ask him, the Governor, to not hold anyone hostage this year and let us just have an honest debate and recognize that the people of Pennsylvania, the people of Pennsylvania and the legislators here as a whole did not want to increase taxes last session, wanted to have a prioritized, responsible budget, and wanted to do it on time. And the fact that he would take a gimmick budget and then veto it, 70 percent line item, to hold in the first instance State employees and in the second instance providers hostage, I think was wrong. We have to change the way we do business in Harrisburg. I am hoping that for the first budget in 8 years' time we will be able to meet the constitutional deadline under this administration, that we can go back to the times of the previous administration where eight out of eight were done on time.

In addition, we must be cognizant of the fact that when we look at this particular budget, we have to take a historical look backward and a proactive look forward. I want to talk a little bit about the historical look.

Over the past 7 years we have increased spending in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by 40 percent, or \$8 billion. The rate of inflation during that same period of time was less than 20 percent.

In addition, we have borrowed significant dollars, and that general obligation debt service for the first time in Pennsylvania's history under this proposal will be over \$1 billion annually. Out of a \$29 billion budget, \$1 billion of that is going for debt service. That is the first time ever. We cannot sustain that level of spending, we cannot afford another

tax increase, and we cannot continue to pay off debt service with all the borrowing that we have been doing.

Governor Rendell's 2010-11 budget proposal, which essentially this spending bill encapsulates, does increase spending by more than \$1 billion, and to pay for it, essentially – and I know the Governor uses a bit of a shell game – but essentially, he wants to tax a variety of new items like water and sewage, basic cable, landline telephones, residential electric, and others. He also wants to expand the sales tax to services rendered, such as computers or accounting and legal services. These small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. It does not make sense to expand the sales tax, particularly when it is being used to increase taxes overall and to pay for this General Fund spending.

The fact of the matter is, we all know that we cannot sustain this spending level of \$29 billion, and I think we need to look at bold initiatives in addition to reducing our expenditures since they have grown over 40 percent in 7 years' time. But I think we also need to look at places, instead of such increased spending, by looking for new revenues in new areas. We have a \$500 million shortfall in this year's revenues. We are hoping for an additional 850 million Federal stimulus dollars in addition to the almost \$2 billion we already have. Your kids and my kids, your grandkids and my grandkids, are going to have to foot this bill. We cannot continue down this path.

I would urge everybody to please vote "no." I appreciate that we are moving the process along, but I do think we need to vote "no" and have a serious discussion about how we face the crisis in front of us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Petri.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief and direct.

I think the key issue today and this year is, are we listening? I respectfully suggest to you that if you pass \$1 billion of additional spending, your constituents will believe that we are not listening and we do not understand their plight. In this economic time, we cannot do so.

Now, some of you may be saying, okay, where are we going to make the cuts? Last year there was a budget that showed you just how to do that, and we did not take advantage of an important opportunity. Yes, we like to increase spending for education. Yes, education is an important aspect. But every time we put money – like we are proposing this year, \$350 million – into basic education, full well knowing that the Federal stimulus money will disappear, you are setting your school districts up for a cut of over \$650 million next year. Tell me what you are going to do then. What are you going to say to your schools about why they lost \$650 million in education?

Let us do the smart thing this time. Let us take the money that we would put into education and put it in a restricted account for the schools to use for their pension contributions. Why not fix a problem that we know is coming at us like a freight train? Why do we continue to ignore the whistle? Do you not have your ear to the ground of the railroad tracks? No, we are not listening with this budget. This budget should have a separate line item for pension contributions so our school districts can make those contributions next year.

I would go one step further and say we should have a lift on the cap. There is a cap, as we all know, on how much school districts can have in reserve. Let us give them a separate account that they can have that they can put away money for

future pension contributions. My schools in Bucks County are coming to me saying, we want to do the responsible thing; we want to plan for the future, but we cannot put away that money because you have artificially placed limits on us. And obviously, we did so because we were concerned that they would spend the money in ways that maybe the voters did not want. So why not solve their problem: Put the money into a restricted pension account for contributions.

And while we are talking about pension contributions, Mr. Speaker, this budget does not fulfill our obligation. We are not making contributions at the required 8 percent identified by the actuaries. We will miss another year and another opportunity to do what we have to do, and we will pass the buck and have to deal with it next year.

Everyone in this chamber knows what is coming. We are bright; we have looked at it. Now it is time to deal with the issues that we know are there in a responsible manner, and I would suggest to you that spending an additional \$1.2 million without addressing pension issues that face both the State and the teachers' retirement system and dealing with some of the educational issues we have to deal with is not the way to go.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the members to start listening. The train is a-comin'. Woo-woo.

The SPEAKER. Just for the information of the members, so if I gavel anybody down, we are going to set the parameters of the debate.

The general appropriations bill, according to our Constitution, embraces five subjects: the legislative branch, the judicial branch, the executive branch, public debt, and education. The bill before us is on spending. You will have ample time to talk about what pays for this bill when that bill comes before the House in the Fiscal Code. But the debate today will only be allowed on matters of spending.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer County, Representative Stevenson.

Mr. STEVENSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think no one in this House or none of our constituents across this State need to be told the state of the economy that we are facing, not only in Pennsylvania but all across this nation. I would like to add my voice to those who have already spoken who have commended our majority Appropriations chairman for his efforts in moving this budget process forward and for the hearings we held just a few weeks ago. I think the hearings were helpful and very fair, but I think we cannot afford or sustain the increased spending included in HB 2279.

And these remarks are directed more at the Governor about his budget, which is what we are taking up today. Since taking office in 2003, as has been mentioned, Governor Rendell has increased spending by more than \$8.6 billion, and that is more than double the rate of inflation during that period. This, of course, assumes that this budget that we are debating today or this spending bill is what finally passes.

States cannot continue to grow at this amount. And we heard the minority Appropriations chair from Delaware speak a few moments ago, and he outlined the various States which surround us – New Jersey, Maryland, New York, and others – who have all decided not to increase their budget but rather to make drastic cuts at this time of economic uncertainty. I think it is something we should consider as a legislature here in Pennsylvania and encourage Governor Rendell to make the similar cuts in our spending plan as we move forward, for Governor Rendell has made no secret of the fact that he

compares Pennsylvania to many other States for many other reasons. Why does he not compare us to those States at this time, those States which are cutting their budgets?

This spending plan, as has been said already, only contributes to the State's future financial liabilities by increasing spending well beyond what the State can afford or sustain. We need to take steps today and in the months ahead to mitigate that spending so that we will not compound the unaffordable spending and borrowing that we have seen in the years previously, for the more the State increases spending now and relies on stimulus funds to do so, the greater the funding hole which we will face in the years ahead.

Again, I am pleased the budget process has moved forward as expeditiously as it has, but we are still a long way from final passage of a final budget bill. We have time to cut that spending and rein in the Governor's agenda. My colleagues and I, along with thousands of our constituents, favor a more reasoned approach of reducing spending and living within our means. This budget proposal does not reflect the priority and the desires of the people of my district or, I believe, the people of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland County, Representative Grell.

Mr. GRELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I also want to add my thanks and congratulations to Appropriations Chair Evans for bringing a budget bill to the House floor today. As a vocal critic of last year's refusal by the majority to move a budget bill, today's effort should be commended, and I am happy to commend it.

Having said that, however, we should also recognize that this budget today is not going to be the final budget, nor should it be. There are many reasons to oppose this spending plan. Others have touched on some of those objections and some of the more obvious flaws; I will not repeat them. But we are certainly relying on speculative Federal money. There are instances where I believe we have misplaced priorities, particularly in the area of mental health/mental retardation funding.

But I want to focus my comments briefly on what I believe is the most egregious of the flaws in the budget that is before us today: the failure of this budget to provide for funding of our pension obligations. For the past year I have been a member of the PSERS (Public School Employees' Retirement System) Board, so I am painfully aware of the funding problems facing the system. A few weeks ago the PSERS Board voted, I believe unanimously, to set the proper employer contribution rate at 8.22 percent for next year, yet the budget that we are voting on today only funds our teachers' pensions, the public school employees' pensions, at about 5 1/2 percent.

The Governor is certainly aware of the problem, and he made it clear in his budget address that he has a plan to address that problem. Conveniently, his plan begins next year. His plan provides only for a 1-percent increase in the employer contribution rate this year. So the budget that we are looking at today provides \$399 million for public school employer contributions, while the amount that is necessary to keep the fund from losing further ground is \$534 million. In essence, the budget that we are voting on today shortfunds our teachers' pension fund by \$135 million.

Many of us are aware through information we have received from our constituents that our public school employees are calling upon us to keep the promise, keep the promises that we

have made to our employees. In fact, they even have buttons that say "Keep the Promise." I think we can all agree that we should be keeping promises. If we are being urged to keep the promise, why should those promises be kept starting next year? I think we should keep them starting this year. I do not think the Governor should be given a pass from keeping the promises this year. I do not think the budget that is before us today should be given a pass from keeping the promise to our school employees.

I believe we should make sure, before one additional dollar is spent, particularly in the area of education funding, that we meet our pension obligations in full and not continue to dig the hole even deeper. We need to prevent PSERS from being shortfunded this year and making that problem even harder to address next year, in 2012, and beyond that.

I know that the majority chairman of Appropriations is aware of the issue and is interested in working on this, and I look forward to the opportunity in the coming weeks and months to being part of that discussion, part of that work effort so that we can keep the promises that we have made. Today I will be voting "no" on the bill and encourage my colleagues to do so, but I hope we can work on this problem with extra effort and keep the promises that are made.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Clymer.

Mr. CLYMER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also rise to extend my congratulations to the majority chairman of Appropriations and to our own minority chairman in moving the process forward. This is certainly encouraging for all of us.

My concern is as I heard the majority chair of Appropriations talk about the \$350 million for basic subsidies, saying that in itself will help to keep taxes down at the local level. In reality, in my three school districts, it will not. We are only getting, under the basic subsidy proposal, from 2 percent to 2.3 percent – certainly not enough to hold the tax line.

Now, if we were getting the kind of proportional increases that, say, the city of Philadelphia school district is getting – \$90 million, an 8.8-percent increase – perhaps that would help in holding the local taxes down, but not under the program, not under the situation that has been designed in the General Assembly bill of 2010-2011.

Mr. Speaker, there is an issue that I would like to also address, and that is on agriculture, our number one industry. As I am looking at the proposal, in 2008-2009 agriculture received \$76 million for its wide variation of services. This year, the year we are now in, they received \$67 million, and now there is a proposed cut for 2010-2011 of \$5.4 million – \$5.4 million – another cut that they really cannot substantiate, that I think we have a hard time substantiating and which they cannot sustain.

Mr. Speaker, \$5 million, do you mean to say that we cannot put that money back into agriculture? It is our number one industry. This is an industry that produces a product that is vital to our health for our schoolchildren, for adults. We need agriculture in Pennsylvania. They create good jobs. People who are employed in agriculture are more secure than in some of the more viable seasonal jobs that occur.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not know of global competition competing with our agricultural industry as some of our other industries. So, Mr. Speaker, this just seems like a win-win process if we can level fund agriculture – \$5.4 million, and we are going to put \$350 million in basic education? I do not quite

understand why we are not helping our thousands and thousands of family dairy farms and the other many farmers who are out there producing products so critical for the needs of not only Pennsylvania, but we export our products as well.

And, Mr. Speaker, something I find also interesting is that the majority chair said that Governor Rendell's administration has projected a \$550 million loss at the end of this fiscal year. Well, the report I am looking at here says that right now, at the end of February, we are down \$467 million. Now, how in the world does anyone know for sure that if these next 2 or 3 months do not bring in sizable revenues above the projected level that the \$550 million at the end of this fiscal year will not be \$700 million or \$800 million?

And then what happens to the lockbox? All that money that was going to go into the lockbox to be saved for the next budget, what is going to happen? Are we going to see that money expended in order to balance the budget?

Those are just a few of my thoughts. I have other things that I would like to share, such as we need to continue to increase the emphasis on small businesses, the true economic engine that turns into more jobs and more profits and more taxes for the Commonwealth. I think there has been a lack of emphasis there.

But in any event, while this is a good start, I, too, am not going to be supporting HB 2279. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks County, Representative Rohrer.

Mr. ROHRER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as we stand here today moving this budget forward, I look back in my 18 years and say this is the 18th budget that is now before us. They all look alike in some respects, and in some respects they all look a lot different. But, Mr. Speaker, the one thing that is significantly different about this budget this year is that it does not, I think under any pretense, balance the spending with the realistic revenue. And I know this is the spending side of the equation, but the spending has got to be hooked to something.

And we have heard a lot of comment from other members earlier relative to some of the revenue estimates that are factored into this budget, numbers that are not yet real, not yet known, and yet it is a part of the figuring. But, Mr. Speaker, as we look across this country, States from east to west are facing the same kind of dilemma that we are, and that is that the revenues are down, and therefore, the challenge of balancing the budget is greater, yet in this budget, this Governor has not chosen to recognize the level of revenues that we are receiving in this Commonwealth.

The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, we need to be dealing in reality if we are going to put together something that is going to meet the constitutional muster of being balanced, and what I mean by that is this: This budget should be based on actual revenues. When I think of revenues of that type, I think of revenues that are coming into the General Fund, those predictable ongoing revenues, not one-time expenditures like we did last year where you balance the budget on the back of eliminating the Rainy Day Fund and borrowing from other funds. That is not real budgeting. Real budgeting matches against real revenues as coming into the General Fund, which is a reflection of economic activity at this point in time.

The fact of the matter is, the revenues that are coming into this Commonwealth now are at the rate of about \$24 billion, maybe \$24.25 billion. That is what we brought in in the year of

2004, Mr. Speaker – 2004. The fact of the matter is, the revenues coming into this Commonwealth today remain 5 percent below what the revenues were last year, and last year's budget numbers came in or revenue numbers came in between 8 and 9 percent below. That, Mr. Speaker, establishes the spending level, or should establish the spending level.

Rather than talking about spending \$29 billion, an additional \$1 billion more, we ought to be saying, what is our revenue? The revenue is closer to \$24 billion, Mr. Speaker. If we want to talk about bringing this State into balance and this budget into balance, we ought to be talking about achieving spending reductions that approximate what we are bringing in, which is closer to \$24 billion. Now, that is a challenge. But, Mr. Speaker, I submit that if we do not deal with the revenue as we are bringing it in, we will not be able to deal with the pension problems as they are coming up with a fixed date 2 years down the road.

To spend anything more than we are bringing in, Mr. Speaker, is not responsible, it is not balanced, and it certainly flies in the face of what all of our neighbors around us are doing in their budgets. We are either going to balance it now by reducing our spending to match our revenue, or we are going to be sitting here next year and the year after in an absolutely unbelievable and untenable position.

Mr. Speaker, this budget, while moving the process forward, does not get us going on a level that even approximates what our revenue is, and I think it ought to be sent back, rejected, and let us get this thing right out of the House to reflect something closer to reality.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Maher.

Mr. MAHER. One of the more difficult adjustments for me coming from the private sector to service in this legislature was the difference between the way the real world looks at money and the way that my Democratic colleagues tend to look at money. In the real world, money, dollars, are not a question of opinion; they exist or they do not. Here we often hear these speeches about it is increasing spending or it is decreasing spending and so on and so forth, as if it is a question of opinion, but it is not. It is objectively determinable.

And to add a little anchor in fact to today's conversation about the spending proposed for the year ahead, I thought it might be helpful to look at the audited financial statements for Pennsylvania. At the beginning of this administration, Pennsylvania's audited financial statements showed a cumulative fund balance of \$5.6 billion. In sad contrast, the audited financial statements for the end of the last fiscal year show a deficit that has been accumulated now of \$4.4 billion. That is a swing of \$10 billion.

The fact is, our State is already under water. That is a fact. That is audited financial statements. Ten billion dollars – that is a 1 followed by 10 zeros. According to our Secretary of Revenue last year, about 2 1/2 million households in Pennsylvania pay income taxes. Get out your calculators and see what \$10 billion is divided by the 2 1/2 million households that are actually paying income taxes, and then you go home and tell your constituents congratulations; you have just added to their mortgage, the mortgage on their future, because this spending plan spends \$1.2 million more than last year, excuse me, than the year we are in right now.

And we know that in the year that we are in right now, the budget is not really balanced. We are anticipating a \$1/2 billion deficit, and we know that there are about a billion and a half magic tricks in this year's budget that cannot be repeated. So all said and done, this spending plan you have before you today is just about \$3 billion under water.

Now, the Speaker said we cannot talk about where that money is going to come from, so I will not, but understand you are presented a spending plan that spends \$3 billion more than we have expectations of receiving this year. I am a bit new to agriculture, but I have learned you cannot harvest what you do not grow. Of course, maybe the plan is to have some magic beans like Jack got, because when you talk about this deficit that has accumulated – the \$10 billion detriment to our State under this administration; a \$3 billion more detriment on your desk in front of you today – that if we do not start coming to terms with who is going to pay this bill, then I guess you are counting on those magic beans.

And this spending plan is a fairy tale, but the result is going to be a long nightmare for Pennsylvania, and that nightmare begins right away for many Pennsylvanians, the Pennsylvanians that you are actually taking hostage in this plan. As was the case last year, our Democratic colleagues are prepared to put the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians in a terrible position, where those with mental health problems, those with mental retardation, and others of the most vulnerable will now have an opportunity again to worry because you are casting them aside.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman sum up.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Do the right thing. Stop the fairy tale. Vote "no."

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland County, Representative Perry.

Mr. PERRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to begin by thanking the honorable gentleman from Philadelphia and all my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for moving this discussion forward at an appropriate time in the process where we can be done on time for all the citizens of Pennsylvania. And I would also like to acknowledge the Speaker's request that we talk only about the spending as that is what this bill is about. So I also want to talk about the \$2.76 billion in ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) spending that we are taking from the Federal government to help ends meet here and the \$850 million in stimulus funds that have not yet been approved by Congress that are going to be required to make the ends on this meet. To me, this budget is really about, quite honestly, not really having a plan. There is no plan in this budget to make up the pension shortfall. There is no plan in this budget to make up for unemployment compensation. We have just borrowed \$2 billion from the Federal government; it is probably going to be \$5 or \$6 billion before we are all done. And certainly, on behalf of my constituents, there is no plan whatsoever to deal with property taxes in this budget.

Mr. Speaker, there is no plan for responsible cuts in this budget. There is no more Rainy Day Fund. That was all – we spent that already, since we can only talk about spending. And by the way, I do not understand how we can talk about spending when we do not talk about the revenue as well. What household figures out how much they are going to spend without any clue of how much they are going to bring in? But I guess those are our rules.

Mr. Speaker, the point is that there is no plan here. The only plan is to take more money from businesses and residents. I urge an emphatic "no" on this budget vote, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome Ethan Bodell. He is a Pitt student and intern in the district office of Representative Marshall. He is sitting to the left of the Speaker. Will the guest please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

Also, Tim Seip has two guests seated in the gallery. Mary Anna Burns from Hamburg Area School District. She is a school board member and constituent of Tim's. And Megan Magloon, a social work student interning with Representative Seip. Will the guests please rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2279 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this budget proposes to spend \$29 billion, about \$1.2 billion more than last year's budget, when current year's revenue is at about \$25 billion and expected to dip down to \$24 1/2 to the \$25 billion range. To spend \$4 billion more next year than we currently have coming in this year, Mr. Speaker, that is what the outrage of Tea Party activists is all about, this type of irresponsible spending, irresponsible spending, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, taxpayers are fed up with the bailouts. They are fed up with spending plans that spend far above and beyond what the people's means can provide for, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during our lunch break I was talking to a former constituent of mine that lives here in the Harrisburg area now, and he was sharing with me his outlook for the economy in the future as an investor and as somebody who reads a lot that investors are putting out there on the expected collapse of the dollar because of the insane spending plans of this Congress and many in government from Congress on down to the States to some of the local governments, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this spending plan proposes to spend \$29 billion when current year revenue is at about \$25 billion, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it does not take anybody beyond elementary math students to understand that \$25 billion cannot be collected in taxes to pay for a \$29 billion budget. Well, of course, Mr. Speaker, the smoke-and-mirrors games are in play once again as this current administration, with their accomplices here in the legislature, is proposing to use the Federal money that is yet to come to pay for this budget.

Mr. Speaker, people are at the end of their rope in many situations. As all of us have been involved with many various activities out earlier this year, many of us knocking on quite a few doors, talking with individuals that I spoke to, individuals that had just signed up for unemployment or had just lost their jobs, Mr. Speaker, tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians have lost their jobs. As they have lost their jobs, they lose the ability

to spend within their own local economy. Losing that ability, we lose revenue. Losing their jobs, they also are not able to pay the personal income tax any longer, Mr. Speaker, so we lose revenue there.

Mr. Speaker, we are in a downward spiral economically, and many people believe that it is beyond irresponsible, but that it is incompetent for somebody to propose to spend \$29 billion when you only have \$25 billion coming in. Mr. Speaker, this is an irresponsible plan whether you say it is a vote to move the process forward, so when your party did not let the budget run until July of last year for the first time, you can claim this year when we have a late budget that you already ran it in March. Just to move the process forward, Mr. Speaker, does not make this any less irresponsible.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote because this is an irresponsible spending plan. And most certainly, this will increase the burden on Pennsylvania taxpayers. And I hope that everybody will join me here at the Capitol for the Pennsylvania State Capitol taxpayers' protest on June 8, Mr. Speaker, to protest this type of irresponsible spending plan. Mr. Speaker, it is time to put Pennsylvania taxpayers first and not the special interests that continue to feed out of the public trough here at the Capitol, Mr. Speaker. It is time to rein in the excesses. Mr. Speaker, if you and the Governor and his accomplices here do not do it, ultimately the laws that work in the marketplace will bring it down on the heads of our government, because irresponsible spending like this will not be sustained.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Representative Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak, of course, on HB 2179 and I, too, want to compliment the Representative from Philadelphia, the chairman of the majority Appropriations Committee, for bringing this bill forward and getting the discussions and talking about this bill early on. I am sorry; 2279, Mr. Speaker, I am speaking on.

But I wanted to talk a little bit about the implications of this new budget bill, as it talks about increasing spending in Pennsylvania by \$1.2 billion. And I know, when we vote this bill today, the PR machine on the other side of the aisle is going to go out and talk about Republicans voting "no." And the truth of it is, we are voting "no" not on, as some people have classified this, as a no-tax-increase budget, but truthfully, it does require taxes, because, currently, Mr. Speaker, this budget is about mirrors. We are counting on money from the Federal government that currently is not even moving in Washington. We are asking the people of Pennsylvania, we are asking the members of the General Assembly to be fooled again by allowing us to pass a budget that will simply put us into a deficit deeper, require property taxes and taxes in Pennsylvania to be implemented higher than they already are. We cannot afford those continued ideas in this chamber or in this Capitol. We as legislative leaders across this State for each of our communities need to come here and be more innovative. We need to use the technique that other States are using to balance their budgets without using smoke and mirrors to try and fool the taxpayers of Pennsylvania again.

We have to change the way things are done here in Harrisburg, Mr. Speaker. We need to once again examine how we put budgets together and what our priorities of this Commonwealth are to be. And, Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about just one particular area today that I think all of us in this House care about and that is the education part of this budget.

Mr. Speaker, we know and we have all looked at the costing-out study that was conducted several years ago. And we have had debates about the merits of that costing-out study in this chamber and in the other chamber and even public discussions about it, but I wanted to point out a few facts that I am not sure any of us in this chamber realize. And I think this is important for all of us who care about education to note. There are 40 – let me explain this – 40 school districts in this State that have already been adequately funded according to the costing-out study, Mr. Speaker, yet we continue to increase funding for those school districts who, quote, unquote, are "adequately funded" by our costing-out study, yet we continue to increase funding to those.

Meanwhile, in school districts like my own in Red Lion, in my district, it has a \$10 million funding gap – \$10 million. And when I looked at the 40 school districts that according to the costing-out study are adequately funded, their numbers in this State are amazing. I was shocked at some of the numbers. One of the schools is one of the worst performing schools in the State, 25 percent of the adequately funded school districts have less than 60 percent of their 11th grade students proficient in math, and 30 percent of the adequately funded school districts have more than 25 percent of their 11th grade students lacking in proficiency in reading.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is that it continues to be proven that throwing more money at education does not automatically improve student performances. We need to closely examine our best practices for this State as we fund education, and we need to incentivize best practices in our school districts. This budget does not do that; it continues to haphazardly increase education funding with absolutely no regard to our schools and adequately funding and making sure they are meeting the needs of our children in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I am voting "no" to this budget simply because it will require a tax increase in the end, and most importantly, it does not direct education funding appropriately. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome the former member from Philadelphia County, Representative George Kenney, former Representative George Kenney. Welcome to the hall of the House, George.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 2279 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Kotik.

Mr. KOTIK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I really love these conversations we have on this floor about debt and about spending and about who is responsible. You pretty well know that I am not an apologist for the Governor; the Governor and I have had our differences over the years. But there are a lot of coconspirators in this spending binge that has supposedly occurred since the Governor has been here. If I recall correctly, in 2003 the GOP controlled this chamber. In 2004 the GOP controlled this chamber. In 2005 the GOP controlled this chamber. In 2006 the GOP controlled this. So with this big spending binge that went on and all this debt binge that went on that everybody is so happy to enunciate and

blame entirely on the Governor, there were a lot of coconspirators and a lot of votes to raise these limits and to promote all this spending.

So in the sense of historical accuracy, let us put all the facts out on the table so we know where all these votes were made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the Republican leader, the gentleman from Jefferson County, Representative Smith.

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

Mr. Speaker, I will not be real long here. I think a lot of the members have articulated some of the concerns and some of the reasons why, perhaps, we should be supporting this legislation today as the budget moves forward.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear, just to reiterate a couple things. A budget bill is something that we can support, but this bill does not address some of the things we think are important. We could support this budget, Mr. Speaker, if it were actually going to weed out some of the waste in welfare, but this budget does not do anything to trim those costs. As a matter of fact, it is probably the single fastest growing area of this budget over the last several years, and we really believe that some of the waste and fraud and abuse that has been identified in the welfare system needs to be corrected.

Mr. Speaker, we could support this budget if it were being realistic about dealing with the future pension problem. It was mentioned previously by a member but I want to emphasize that to stick our head in the sand regarding that problem is just going to make the mountain we are going to have to climb in a year or two all that much worse. We are fully aware of the magnitude as it faces both the Commonwealth, school districts; both of us are in this together. And it is an issue that we can and should be trying to address in the context of this budget proposal, and we should be doing it now.

Mr. Speaker, we could also support this budget if it were based on realistic revenue projections. This budget is predicated on a promise of \$850 million from the Federal government that has not been enacted in law. That is a false promise, Mr. Speaker, and arguably, this budget is not in balance by the minimum of \$850 million, let alone the concerns we have with our existing tax revenues that are coming in. Are they going to meet the projections? We all know they are not, and this spending plan exceeds our real revenues and we think that that is a problem.

So, Mr. Speaker, we really do want to support a good budget for Pennsylvania. We want to support a budget that is recognizing, that is reflective of the times we are in. And the times we are in say we just cannot keep spending more money. We need to pull out some efficiencies. Perhaps we should eliminate mandates. Those are some of the ways that we can go about making this budget more consistent with our actual revenue picture. And I think it is something that in turn would do the best job in helping to create jobs and stimulate the economy in Pennsylvania, and at the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, that is probably the most important thing that we could do is craft a budget that lives within our means and that would create an opportunity for the private-sector job creators to rebound out of this horrible economy.

At the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, it is easy to spend money. It is easy to vote to spend money, but the hard part that we face and the tough part about bringing this budget to a conclusion, to bringing it to the Governor's desk, is going to be

reconciling those simple facts that we cannot spend money that we do not have. This budget does spend money that we do not have, and I will have to urge our members to vote against this proposal as it currently exists.

I thank you for your attention.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Eachus.

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

This is a good day. We are moving this process along, as the chairman of the Appropriations Committee said, 100 days early. And just yesterday we had the opportunity to move the bill without amendments. Now, I heard the gentleman from Jefferson, the minority leader, say very clearly that there should have been cuts. Now, to be honest, yesterday would have been the opportunity to show where you might have made those cuts. There were amendments that could have been offered yesterday, and respectfully, I understand they were not. But those cuts could have been made in a process to show exactly where you would have cut this budget.

Let me say, what we move across the boundary to the Senate today is a morally and fiscally responsible budget. It is fiscally responsible because it requires no additional revenue. It is morally responsible because it covers the people who need it the most: the elderly, children, veterans, and the disabled. We guarantee in this budget that those people will not be disenfranchised at the worst economic moment that this Commonwealth and this country have faced in our generation. The reality of our situation is, yes, it is going to take bipartisan cooperation to face the issues of the future. And we all know the pension issue will be something that we have to deal with responsibly and respectfully. But today, today we move the process forward because it is important to show that this body can get things done. The ability to make sure that that progress is made and sustained will take bipartisanship in the future. I look forward to working with Republicans and Democrats on both sides of the aisle to make sure that we maintain the integrity of this Commonwealth. And let us be clear: What we did last year was maintain the fiscal integrity of this Commonwealth.

Yes, I have heard the gentleman, the minority Appropriations chairman, talk about New York. We have seen what is happening in New Jersey and California. We still maintain a AA bond rating on Wall Street because of the responsible budget decisions we made last year – no gimmicks, no tricks, straightforward responsibility. That is what we achieved in last year's budget, and I am hopeful at the conclusion of this year that we do the same thing to protect the people who need it, to invest in public education so that we do not shift the burden to school property taxes and guarantee a fiscal and sound foundation for the Commonwealth that we all know is necessary and all know is required during these fiscally difficult times.

I ask the membership of this body to vote "yes" on HB 2279, and let us move this process forward and continue our conversations in a bipartisan way to conclude this year's budget.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—107

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Boyle	Frankel	Manderino	Santoni
Bradford	Freeman	Mann	Seip
Brennan	Galloway	Markosek	Shapiro
Briggs	George	Marshall	Siptroth
Brown	Gerber	Matzie	Smith, K.
Burns	Gergely	McGeehan	Smith, M.
Buxton	Gibbons	McI. Smith	Solobay
Caltagirone	Goodman	Melio	Staback
Carroll	Grucela	Micozzie	Sturla
Casorio	Haluska	Mirabito	Taylor, J.
Cohen	Hanna	Mundy	Taylor, R.
Conklin	Harhai	Murphy	Thomas
Costa, D.	Harkins	Myers	Vitali
Costa, P.	Hornaman	O'Brien, M.	Wagner
Cruz	Houghton	Pallone	Wansacz
Curry	Johnson	Parker	Waters
Daley	Josephs	Pashinski	Wheatley
Deasy	Keller, W.	Payton	White
DeLuca	Kessler	Perzel	Williams
DePasquale	Kirkland	Petrarca	Youngblood
Dermody	Kortz	Preston	Yudichak
DeWeese	Kotik	Readshaw	
DiGirolamo	Kula	Roebuck	McCall,
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Drucker			

NAYS—89

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Barrar	Gabig	Marsico	Reed
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Beyer	Gillespie	Miccarelli	Roae
Boback	Gingrich	Millard	Rock
Boyd	Grell	Miller	Rohrer
Brooks	Grove	Milne	Ross
Causar	Harhart	Moul	Saylor
Christiana	Harper	Murt	Scavello
Civera	Harris	Mustio	Schroder
Clymer	Helm	O'Neill	Smith, S.
Cox	Hennessey	Oberlander	Sonney
Creighton	Hess	Payne	Stern
Cutler	Hickernell	Peifer	Stevenson
Day	Hutchinson	Perry	Swanger
Delozier	Kauffman	Petri	Tallman
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Turzai
Ellis	Killion	Pickett	Vereb
Evans, J.	Knowles	Pyle	Vulakovich
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Fairchild			

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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.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2292, PN 3268**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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—192

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reese
Baker	Everett	Longiotti	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
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	Gergely	Metzgar	Schroder
Brooks	Gibbons	Miccarelli	Seip
Brown	Gillespie	Micozzie	Shapiro
Burns	Gingrich	Millard	Siptroth
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grucela	Mundy	Solobay
Causar	Haluska	Murphy	Sonney
Christiana	Hanna	Murt	Staback
Civera	Harhai	Mustio	Stern
Clymer	Harhart	Myers	Stevenson
Cohen	Harkins	O'Brien, M.	Sturla
Conklin	Harper	O'Neill	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harris	Oberlander	Tallman
Costa, P.	Helm	Pallone	Taylor, J.
Cox	Hennessey	Parker	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hess	Pashinski	Thomas
Cruz	Hickernell	Payne	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Payton	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Peifer	Vitali

Day	Hutchinson	Perry	Vulakovich
Deasy	Johnson	Perzel	Wagner
DeLozier	Josephs	Petrarca	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Preston	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Rapp	
Eachus	Kotik	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS—4

Cutler	Krieger	Metcalfe	Moul
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The two-thirds majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2293**, **PN 3269**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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—189

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Rock
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
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	Metzgar	Seip
Brooks	Gibbons	Miccarelli	Shapiro
Brown	Gillespie	Micozzie	Sipthroth
Burns	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Mundy	Sonney
Causer	Hanna	Murphy	Staback
Christiana	Harhai	Murt	Stern
Civera	Harhart	Mustio	Stevenson
Clymer	Harkins	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Conklin	Harris	O'Neill	Tallman
Costa, D.	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cox	Hess	Parker	Thomas
Cruz	Hickernell	Pashinski	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Payton	Vitali
Day	Hutchinson	Peifer	Vulakovich
Deasy	Johnson	Perry	Wagner
DeLozier	Josephs	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Petri	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Preston	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pyle	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Quinn	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Rapp	
Eachus	Kotik	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese	

NAYS—7

Creighton	Haluska	Metcalfe	Petrarca
Cutler	Krieger	Moul	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The two-thirds majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2294**, **PN 3270**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), known as the Temple University—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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—186

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

NAYS—10

Creighton	Hutchinson	Metcalf	Moul
Cutler	Krieger	Metzgar	Petrarca
Haluska	Marshall		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The two-thirds majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2295, PN 3271**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), known as the Lincoln University-Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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—189

Adolph	Evans, J.	Longietti	Reichley
Baker	Everett	Maher	Roae
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	Metzgar	Schroder
Briggs	Gergely	Miccarelli	Seip
Brooks	Gibbons	Micozzie	Shapiro
Brown	Gillespie	Millard	Siptroth
Burns	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, K.
Buxton	Goodman	Milne	Smith, M.
Caltagirone	Grell	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Carroll	Grove	Mundy	Solobay
Casorio	Grucela	Murphy	Sonney
Causer	Hanna	Murt	Staback
Christiana	Harhai	Mustio	Stern
Civera	Harhart	Myers	Stevenson
Clymer	Harkins	O'Brien, M.	Sturla
Cohen	Harper	O'Neill	Swanger
Conklin	Harris	Oberlander	Tallman
Costa, D.	Helm	Pallone	Taylor, J.
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Parker	Taylor, R.

Cox	Hess	Pashinski	Thomas
Cruz	Hickernell	Payne	Turzai
Curry	Hornaman	Payton	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Peifer	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Perry	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Wagner
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	Kula	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Lentz	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reese	

NAYS-7

Creighton	Haluska	Krieger	Moul
Cutler	Hutchinson	Metcalfe	

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The two-thirds majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 2296, PN 3272**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

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-187

Adolph	Evans, J.	Lentz	Readshaw
Baker	Everett	Levdansky	Reed
Barbin	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Reese
Barrar	Fairchild	Maher	Reichley
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	Metzgar	Seip
Brown	Gillespie	Miccarelli	Shapiro
Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Sipthoth
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Solobay
Causer	Hanna	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Harhai	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Harhart	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Harkins	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Harper	Myers	Sturla
Conklin	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Cox	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Turzai
Daley	Houghton	Payne	Vereb
Day	Hutchinson	Payton	Vitali
Deasy	Johnson	Peifer	Wagner
Delozier	Josephs	Perry	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Rapp	Speaker
Evans, D.			

NAYS-9

Creighton	Krieger	Moul	Samuelson
Cutler	Metcalfe	Roae	Vulakovich
Haluska			

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The two-thirds 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.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 383, PN 1687**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, authorizing the establishment of problem solving courts; and providing for drug courts.

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—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **SB 888, PN 1774**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridges on Route 28 in the Boroughs of Etna and Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel Memorial Bridges; 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?
Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

Creighton	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Hutchinson	Payton	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Perry	Wagner
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
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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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 return the same to the Senate with the information that the House has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1148, PN 2376**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for local wellness policy and for duties of the Department of Education.

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-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reed
Baker	Everett	Longiotti	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Reichley
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roae
Bear	Farry	Major	Rock
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Rohrer

Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Sainato
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Samuelson
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Santoni
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	Gergely	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Gibbons	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown	Gillespie	Miccarelli	Seip
Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Sipiroth
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causar	Haluska	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Sonney
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Staback
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Stern
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stevenson
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Costa, P.	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Cox	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Hutchinson	Payton	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Perry	Wagner
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
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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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.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 526, PN 3169**, entitled:

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

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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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 526, PN 3169

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

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 1736, PN 3440 (Amended) By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1983 (P.L.260, No.72), referred to as the Public Adjuster Licensing Law, further providing for violations; and providing for civil remedy.

INSURANCE.

HB 1750, PN 3441 (Amended) By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for insurance fraud; consolidating Article XI of The Insurance Department Act of 1921, further providing for purpose, for definitions, for Insurance Fraud Prevention Trust Fund, for powers and duties and for duties of insurance licensees and their employees; and making a repeal.

INSURANCE.

HB 2154, PN 3442 (Amended) By Rep. DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for immunity from liability; and making a related repeal.

INSURANCE.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Cambria County, Representative Haluska, rise?

Mr. HALUSKA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To correct a vote.

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

Mr. HALUSKA. On HB 2292, I was recorded in the affirmative. I would like to be recorded in the negative.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair would like to wish the gentleman a happy belated 60th birthday. I know I missed that last week.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Clinton County, Representative Hanna, rise?

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 I would like to submit some remarks for the record.
 The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and will submit the remarks to the clerk.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 I applaud the efforts of my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for bringing this HB 2279 to the floor and giving us the opportunity to vote on it 100 days ahead of the deadline.

Today I will be casting a "yes" vote for the general appropriations bill.

I am pleased that there are no new broad-based taxes for the people of Pennsylvania in this budget proposal and that funding for education will continue to be a top priority.

And although I am casting a "yes" vote, I do have some serious concerns about this budget proposal.

I do support a severance tax on the extraction of natural gas from Pennsylvania's rich resource of Marcellus Shale.

However, I do not support the proposal to lease out additional Pennsylvania State forest land for natural gas drilling.

A move like this could cause serious and irreparable environmental harm.

And as chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and a strong supporter of agriculture, I recognize the important role agriculture plays in our economy and as our number one industry.

I am very disappointed that overall spending on agriculture is down once again in this proposed 2010-11 budget and that some very important programs have been cut.

I believe agricultural research programs and State and county fairs are crucial to our State's ag industry and overall economy, yet both experienced cuts in last year's budget and have been zeroed out for this year.

Rather than cut, I believe we need to increase research to continue to develop new and innovative ways to grow, not cut, our State's number one industry, agriculture.

Today's debate and vote is the first step in an important budget negotiation process.

I will continue to work with the Governor, our House leaders, and the Senate in an effort to improve it to address some of my concerns about drilling in our State forests and funding for agriculture.

Thank you.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. DeLUCA called up **HR 576, PN 3043**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 19, 2010, as "Insurance Fraud Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness and understanding of the financial harms of insurance fraud.

On the question,
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reed
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Reichley
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roae

Bear	Farry	Major	Rock
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Rohrer
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Sainato
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Samuelson
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Santoni
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Saylor
Briggs	Gergely	Metcalfe	Scavello
Brooks	Gibbons	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown	Gillespie	Miccarelli	Seip
Burns	Gingrich	Micozzie	Shapiro
Buxton	Goodman	Millard	Sipthoth
Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causer	Haluska	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Hanna	Mundy	Sonney
Civera	Harhai	Murphy	Staback
Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Stern
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stevenson
Conklin	Harper	Myers	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Costa, P.	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Cox	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Hutchinson	Payton	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Perry	Wagner
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
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 627, PN 3200**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2010 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
 Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. READSHAW called up **HR 636, PN 3228**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 6, 2010, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mrs. SWANGER called up **HR 647, PN 3249**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 3, 2010, as "Spread the Word to End the Word Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. PAYNE called up **HR 663, PN 3290**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Pennsylvania Capitol Police on the occasion of its 115th anniversary on March 26, 2010.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall O'Brien, D. Oliver True

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

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Mr. HALUSKA called up HR 684, PN 3377, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2010 as "Outdoor Heritage Month in the Pennsylvania Alleghenies."

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

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

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall O'Brien, D. Oliver True

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 689, PN 3380, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 25, 2010, as "Helen Phillips CASUAL Day for Colon Cancer Awareness" in northeastern Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna County, Representative Staback.

Will the House come to order. Mr. STABACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to ask for your support for HR 689 designating March 25, 2010, as "Helen Phillips CASUAL Day for Colon Cancer Awareness" in northeastern Pennsylvania. This resolution acknowledges the family members and community leaders who have come together to honor Helen Phillips and promote colorectal cancer awareness through a program known as Colon Cancer Awareness Saves Unlimited Adult Lives, or CASUAL Day.

Mr. Speaker, this is an event held in the memory of the late Helen Phillips, a woman who fought a courageous battle against colon cancer and died in the summer of 2002. Her children, Maura and Michael, have spearheaded CASUAL Day, along with the cooperation and efforts of the Northeast Cancer Institute, to make people more aware of the fact that colon cancer is a type that is easily detectable via a colonoscopy, and when detected early, can be effectively treated.

CASUAL Day takes place each year at the end of March, which is the month that has been set aside and recognized as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. On this day participants wear a specially designed pin that be purchased for \$5 and a custom T-shirt that can be purchased for \$15, with 100 percent of the proceeds supporting cancer awareness programs.

Mr. Speaker, colorectal cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the northeastern Pennsylvania counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Pike, and Wayne, with 700 cases diagnosed annually and over 300 people dying.

Since the inception of the CASUAL Day program, over 565 businesses and institutions and 27,000 individuals have participated in this annual event, resulting in over \$275,000 being generated to support colorectal cancer awareness.

Mr. Speaker, with all that in mind, I ask for an affirmative vote on HR 689, the Helen Phillips CASUAL Day resolution. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. To the left of the Speaker, the Chair would like to welcome Ms. Della Terious, number 19 of the Grave Danger Rollergirls of Seattle, Washington. She is also known – for those of you who follow roller derby – she is also known as Amy Redmond, and she is visiting the Capitol today. I think most of the members know her father, Jim Redmond. She is to the left of the Speaker. Welcome to the hall of the House. She is the guest of Representative Curt Schroder.

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. PASHINSKI called up HR 690, PN 3390, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2010 as "Music in Our Schools Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

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

Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Hutchinson	Payton	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Perry	Wagner
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
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. LONGIETTI called up **HR 692, PN 3392**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 7, 2010, as "National Start! Walking Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

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

Conklin	Harper	Myers	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Swanger
Costa, P.	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Cox	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
Curry	Hornaman	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Houghton	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Hutchinson	Payton	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Perry	Wagner
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
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. ROEBUCK called up **HR 697, PN 3422**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2010 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-196

Adolph	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reed
Baker	Everett	Longietti	Reese
Barbin	Fabrizio	Maher	Reichley
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roae
Bear	Farry	Major	Rock
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Rohrer
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Ross
Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Sabatina
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Sainato
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Samuelson
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Brooks	Gibbons	Metzgar	Schroder
Brown	Gillespie	Miccarelli	Seip
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Caltagirone	Grell	Miller	Smith, K.
Carroll	Grove	Milne	Smith, M.

Casorio	Grucela	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causler	Haluska	Moul	Solobay
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Clymer	Harhart	Murt	Stern
Cohen	Harkins	Mustio	Stevenson
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Costa, P.	Helm	O'Neill	Tallman
Cox	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Hess	Pallone	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hickernell	Parker	Thomas
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Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Rapp	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Readshaw	Speaker
Evans, D.	Lentz		

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-4

Godshall	O'Brien, D.	Oliver	True
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to wish the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Buxton, a happy birthday today.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1737 and HB 2206 be removed from the tabled bill calendar.

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

BILLS RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1737 and HB 2206 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. EACHUS called up **HR 380, PN 2300**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study and to issue a report on the status of and any disparities found in dental care for Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 380 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled bill calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 380 be removed from the tabled bill calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1726, PN 3034**, entitled:

An Act providing for public notice of the use of donated household items proffered at publicly available collection bins.

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

BILL RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1726 be removed from the active calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Affairs.

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

The SPEAKER. Are there any announcements?
There will be no further votes today.

**STATE GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Philadelphia County, Representative Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The State Government Committee will meet at 3:20, 3:25 at G-50 Irvis Office Building. We will be taking up HB 2271, HB 2365, and any other business that comes before the committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

There will be a State Government Committee meeting in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building at 3:20.

Any further announcements?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. MELIO

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Melio.

Mr. MELIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Tomorrow we are going to announce a meeting with the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. I just want to let the members know. I do not have the time and place, but I will announce that tomorrow.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Any other announcements?

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair has in its possession a motion to adjourn filed by the gentlelady from Philadelphia County, Representative Brown, who moves that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 3:11 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.