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SESSION OF 2024

208TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 1

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (PATTY KIM) PRESIDING

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This being the day and the hour appointed by Article II, section 4, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania for the meeting of the General Assembly, the House of Representatives will come to order.

#### PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DISPENSED WITH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the prayer and Pledge will be dispensed with for today.

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, December 13, 2023, will be postponed until printed.

#### RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Representative John Galloway, which the clerk will read.

The following letter was read:

House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg

December 14, 2023

Dear Speaker McClinton,

I, John Galloway, hereby resign my position as a Member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 2023-2024 legislative session effective today, Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Sincerely,  
John Galloway

### WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair submits for the record a copy of the writ for special election to be held for the 140th Legislative District on the day established in the writ issued on December 14, 2023, by Speaker Joanna McClinton, which the clerk will read.

The following writ of special election was read:

TO AL SCHMIDT, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH;  
AND TO JORDAN B. YEAGER, CHARISSA J. LILLER, AND  
STEPHEN A. CORR CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS OF BUCKS COUNTY.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN T. GALLOWAY, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOANNA E. MCCLINTON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND BY THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT SAID LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING ON THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ELECTION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

(SEAL) JOANNA E. MCCLINTON  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ATTEST:  
BROOKE WHEELER  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**REPORT OF  
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of the following Committee on Committees report and committee appointments, which the clerk will read.

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees Report

January 2, 2024

Scott Conklin resigns from State Government Committee  
Scott Conklin elected to Commerce Committee and appointed Chair  
Carol Hill-Evans elected to State Government Committee and appointed Chair

Carol Hill-Evans resigns from Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Amen Brown elected to Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Matt Gergely resigns from Health Committee  
Joe McAndrew resigns from State Government Committee  
Matt Gergely elected to State Government Committee  
Joe McAndrew elected to Health Committee

Signed  
Rep. Carol Hill-Evans  
Speaker Joanna McClinton

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?  
Resolution was adopted.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The following report was read:

Republican Committee Leadership Appointments  
Supplemental Report  
January 2, 2024

Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections  
Stephanie Scialabba appointed member, temporarily replacing Joseph Kerwin

Transportation Committee  
Donna Scheuren appointed Secretary, replacing Abby Major

Transportation Committee, Subcommittee on Railroads  
Perry Stambaugh appointed member, replacing Abby Major

Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Subcommittee on Military and Veteran Facilities  
Zach Mako appointed member, temporarily replacing Joseph Kerwin

Signed  
Leader Bryan Cutler

**REPORT OF  
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

The following report was read:

Committee on Committees  
Supplemental Report  
January 2, 2024

Joseph Kerwin temporarily resigns from Game and Fisheries Committee  
Joseph Kerwin temporarily resigns from Judiciary Committee  
Joseph Kerwin temporarily resigns from Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Michael Cabell is temporarily elected to the Game and Fisheries Committee  
Stephanie Scialabba is temporarily elected to the Judiciary Committee  
Joanne Stehr is temporarily elected to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Michael Cabell resigns from Housing and Community Development Committee  
Andrew Kuzma is elected to Housing and Community Development Committee

Signed  
Rep. Tina Pickett

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?  
Resolution was adopted.

**COMMUNICATION FROM MR. KERWIN**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Representative Joseph Kerwin submits the following letter, which the clerk will read.

The following letter was read:

House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg

December 27, 2023

The Honorable Joanna McClinton  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
139 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Speaker McClinton,

As you know, I have been ordered into active duty in service of our country with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard beginning on December 31, 2023. In order to avoid conflict with any interpretation of the current or future rules regarding attendance, I am hereby requesting a leave of absence during the length of my deployment and until my return.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Kerwin  
State Representative  
125th Legislative District

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The minority whip moves that Representative KERWIN be granted a leave of absence during the length of his active-duty deployment with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and until his return. Without objection, leave will be granted. Godspeed, Representative Kerwin.

## HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 285** By Representatives R. MACKENZIE, BURGOS, M. MACKENZIE and ROWE

A Resolution recognizing the week of January 29 through February 2, 2024, as "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, December 28, 2023.

**No. 286** By Representatives KRUEGER, HOWARD, SANCHEZ, KAZEEM, KINSEY, HADDOCK, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, HANBIDGE, DELLOSO, MENTZER, CERRATO, STEELE, JOZWIAK, McNEILL, O'MARA, D. WILLIAMS, GREEN and KHAN

A Resolution designating March 13, 2024, as "K9 Veterans Awareness and Services Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, December 28, 2023.

## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1920** By Representatives MALAGARI, DIAMOND, FLICK, HOWARD, KHAN, HADDOCK, KRAJEWSKI, GREEN and CERRATO

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for use of tobacco products in schools prohibited.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1921** By Representatives MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, BOYD, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, CURRY, CERRATO, KHAN, ZIMMERMAN, GREEN and OTTEN

An Act amending the act of December 9, 2002 (P.L.1701, No.214), known as the Religious Freedom Protection Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for land use regulation limited.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, December 27, 2023.

**No. 1922** By Representatives FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, GIRAL, KINSEY, McNEILL, HANBIDGE, KHAN, MERSKI, A. BROWN, DONAHUE, DELLOSO, NEILSON, POWELL, SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, BOYD, DALEY, ZIMMERMAN and CERRATO

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, establishing the Pennsylvania Lease Guaranteed Purchase Option Home Ownership Program and the Pennsylvania Lease Guaranteed Purchase Option Home Ownership Program Fund.

Referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1923** By Representatives M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE, KAUFFMAN and NEILSON

An Act selecting, designating and adopting the Pennsylvania March as the official march of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1924** By Representatives RYNCAVAGE, KAUFER, PROBST, KENYATTA, CIRESI, KRAJEWSKI, GILLEN, PICKETT, WATRO, BOROWSKI, MULLINS, MAJOR, FLICK and MERCURI

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for automated red light enforcement systems in first class cities and for automated red light enforcement systems in certain municipalities; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights, for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and for pilot program for automated speed enforcement system on designated highway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1925** By Representatives M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE, GILLEN, M. JONES, KAUFFMAN, ROWE and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions and for existing regulations.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1926** By Representatives HILL-EVANS, FINK, KINSEY, BRENNAN, JOZWIAK, DALEY, GREEN and CEPEDA-FREYITZ

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in coroner, further providing for records.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1927** By Representatives COOK, GUENST, CAUSER, JAMES, ROWE, VITALI, KAIL, KAUFFMAN, JOZWIAK, STAATS, GILLEN and DALEY

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 18248, carrying State Route 2003 over Dunkard Creek in Mt. Morris, Perry Township, Greene County, as the H. Ronald Hoskinson Memorial Bridge.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1928** By Representatives WARREN, T. DAVIS, GUENST, MADDEN, JAMES, SANCHEZ, CERRATO, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, VITALI, HOWARD, GALLOWAY, NEILSON, STURLA, FREEMAN, BRENNAN, CURRY, MAJOR and MARCELL

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for definitions, for award of custody, for factors to consider when awarding custody, for consideration of criminal conviction, for guardian ad litem for child, for counsel for child and for award of counsel fees, costs and expenses; and, in Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, providing for child abuse and domestic abuse education and training program for judges and court personnel.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1929** By Representatives OWLETT, PICKETT, M. JONES, KINSEY, M. MACKENZIE, ROWE, BANTA, GILLEN, OBERLANDER and KHAN

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for learner's permit pilot program for schools.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1930** By Representatives SOLOMON, MAKO, M. MACKENZIE, HILL-EVANS, STURLA, MENTZER, SANCHEZ, CERRATO, JAMES, TWARDZIK, ECKER and DALEY

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1931** By Representatives MARCELL, LABS and MENTZER

An Act providing for a long-term care medical director registry; and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1932** By Representatives GAYDOS, FLICK, PICKETT, BENNINGHOFF, STEHR, CIRESI, MOUL, SCIALABBA, ROWE, OTTEN and KRUPA

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for statement of financial interests required to be filed.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1933** By Representatives GAYDOS, FLICK, STAATS, M. JONES, ZIMMERMAN, STAMBAUGH, M. MACKENZIE, ORTITAY, SMITH, BANTA and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for grading, classification and promotion of pupils.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1934** By Representatives ADAMS, BANTA, JAMES, M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE, PROBST, RADER, RIGBY, ROWE, SALISBURY, SCHEUREN, STAATS, STEHR, STENDER, TOPPER, WATRO, HAMM, O'NEAL, FRITZ, PICKETT, CABELL, RYNCAVAGE, SCIALABBA, DALEY, KAUFER, BONNER and FREEMAN

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for subjects of instruction and flag code.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1935** By Representatives COOPER, HADDOCK, GILLEN and FLICK

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for general appropriation bill compensation suspension.

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1936** By Representatives O'MARA, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, ROZZI, McNEILL, DELLOSO, HANBIDGE, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, GUENST, SCOTT, STEELE, KHAN, MALAGARI and GREEN

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for tax credit for spouses of first responders killed in line of duty.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, December 28, 2023.

**No. 1938** By Representatives HOHENSTEIN, KHAN, KAZEEM, McANDREW, PROBST, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, GUENST, HILL-EVANS, HADDOCK, SCHLOSSBERG, DALEY, GREEN, O'MARA and KRAJEWSKI

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, providing for recreational services for individuals with disabilities.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, January 2, 2024.

**SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

**SB 55, PN 1169**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 28, 2023.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in receipt of a motion by the lady, Representative Kathy Rapp, that the House now adjourn until Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 12 m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 12:12 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.