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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (JOANNA E. McCLINTON)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. MICHAEL H. SCHLOSSBERG and HON. TARIK KHAN, members of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Prayer in Hebrew.)

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. It is said in the book of Deuteronomy: "For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt."

(Prayer in Arabic.)

Mr. KHAN. "O humanity, we created you from a single pair, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another. Verily, the most honored of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you."

(Prayer in Arabic.)

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. "You shall not be partial in judgment. Hear out low and high alike. Decide justly between the Israelite and the stranger alike. Take no bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the discerning and upset the plea of the just. Justice, justice, justice shall you pursue."

(Prayer in Arabic.)

Mr. KHAN. "Stand out firmly for justice and bearers of witness for truth for the sake of God, even if it be against yourself or parents and relatives. Do not, then, follow your own desires, lest you keep away from justice."

(Prayer in Arabic.)

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

(Prayer in Arabic.)

Mr. KHAN. "Let us help one another in acts of goodness and righteousness, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression."

(Prayer in Arabic.)

The SPEAKER. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, March 25, 2024, will be postponed until printed.

Colleagues, we have some very special guests, so colleagues coming in, if you could take your seats. The members in the aisles can please take your seats so we can acknowledge our guests that are here today. We have some very special guests.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. First, our colleague from Beaver and Washington Counties has brought the entire constituency of his household. We are so very excited that Representative Joshua Kail is here with his beautiful wife, Abby, and their children, who are visiting the Capitol today to celebrate Representative Kail's birthday, which is coming on this Friday. Would all the Kails from Beaver County stand on up and wave to the people back home. Welcome.

Also seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum, our colleague from Chester County, Representative Shusterman, has brought Colin Costin, who lives in the 157th District, and he is a student at the University of Delaware. He is majoring in international relations and minoring in journalism and legal studies. Colin, please stand. Welcome to the floor of the House.

Representative Shusterman has also brought a guest page to the floor of the House today. We have Milan Agarwala. Milan is a junior at Conestoga High School. He is interested in pursuing public health policy. He is here with his mother, Ms. Shilpa

Agarwala, who is seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum. If Milan can stand. Thank you for being here today. We are so glad to have you.

Our colleague, Representative Regina Young, who serves both Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, has brought today two guest pages. Her daughter, Sydney Young, is here, along with Michaila Matthews, her cousin. Sydney is, of course, in the 11th grade now at the Philadelphia High School for Girls, and Michaila is in the 10th grade at Germantown Academy. Also seated to the left of the Speaker's rostrum is Representative Young's better half, my friend, Steve Young, who is here and a member of the Local 14 Union. Would the guest pages and Steve Young please stand. We are so glad to have you here today.

Representative Gina Curry has brought, all the way from Delaware County, her youngest Curry family member, her youngest child. Rowan Curry is here as a guest page. Rowan is in the eighth grade at Beverly Hills Middle School in Upper Darby. Rowan, please stand. We are so glad to have you.

In the back of the House, Representative Smith-Wade-El has a group of students here. We are so excited that he has brought Brother Frank Albrecht, along with his wife, Elizabeth Soto, and their family to the floor of the House. Brother Albrecht is a teacher with the School District of Lancaster and has been doing such since 1981 and is retiring this year. He has founded the REACH Club, which is a student-led after-school program that helps students connect with each other. And in the gallery, there are students from the REACH Club here from McCaskey High School, and they are celebrating Brother Albrecht's retirement. Would the REACH students in the gallery please stand, and Brother Albrecht, who has taught for 43 years, please stand. Thank you so very much for your service.

Also seated in the rear of the House, our colleagues, Representative Elizabeth Fiedler and Representative Danilo Burgos, both from Philadelphia County, have brought Fernando Trevino and his family to the hall of the House today. Fernando lives in Representative Fiedler's district, and he works very closely with our chair of the Latino Legislative Caucus, Representative Burgos. He works for the Commonwealth in the Department of Environmental Protection. He and his family are here today. Fernando, it is so great to have you. Please stand with your family. Thank you for your service.

In the gallery, Representative Perry Warren, from Bucks County, has students from his district. We are coming back to those students.

Representative Brian Munroe, from Bucks County, has brought students from the Central Bucks High School South, who coauthored HB 2017 with Representative Munroe. They are C-SPAN winners for their video on social media impact on mental health in our young people. Those students are Max Jin, Dylan Schwartz, Luka Jonjic. Students from Central Bucks, please stand. Thank you for your research and writing some legislation.

Also in the gallery, our colleagues, Representative Gregory from Blair County and Representative Brown from Lawrence County, have the Future Farmers of America students here today. They are from Center Cove and Williamsburg in Blair County and the Wilmington area of Lawrence County. Future Farmers, please stand. Thank you for being here.

Representative Hill-Evans from York has constituents from Red Land Senior Center. They are visiting the Capitol today and taking a tour. Would the guests of Representative Hill-Evans from Red Land Senior Center please stand, in the gallery. Thank you for being here.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, who indicates there are none.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, who indicates there are none.

MASTER ROLL CALL

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

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sappey
Borowicz	Giral	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Cabell	Heffley	Metzgar	Staats
Causer	Hogan	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	James	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufner	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinhead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

The SPEAKER. Two hundred and one members having voted on the master roll call, a quorum is present.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED

HB 491, PN 2790 (Amended) By Rep. MATZIE

An Act providing for energy efficiency and conservation plans with inclusion of mechanical insulation.

CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES.

HB 1598, PN 2791 (Amended) By Rep. MATZIE

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts or practices and exclusions.

CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES.

BILL REPORTED AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

HB 919, PN 907 By Rep. VITALI

An Act amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further providing for definitions.

Reported from Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY with request that it be rereferred to Committee on COMMERCE.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the bill will be so rereferred.

VOTE CORRECTIONS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Wayne County rise, Representative Fritz?

Mr. FRITZ. Good morning, and thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to correct the record, please.

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

Mr. FRITZ. I was recorded as a "no" vote on SB 55 yesterday, and I desire to change that to a "yes" vote on SB 55. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman's remarks will be spread across the record.

For what purpose does the gentlelady rise, Representative Keefer?

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

Mr. RYNCAVAGE. Wrong button, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

I rise to correct the record. I was recorded as a "no" vote on SB 55 and I wish to be recorded as a "yes."

The SPEAKER. The gentleman's remarks will be spread across the record.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

VOTE CORRECTION

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

Madam Speaker,

On SB 55 I was recorded in the negative. I would like to be recorded in the affirmative.

Aaron Kaufner
Luzerne County

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County for a committee announcement, Representative Neilson.

Mr. NEILSON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the House Transportation Committee in room B-31, Main Capitol, to consider SB 37, HB 105, HB 1907, and any other business that may come before the committee.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Transportation Committee in room B-31, Main Capitol.

The Chair is seeking other committee announcements at this time.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Harris, for a committee announcement.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, the House Appropriations Committee will meet immediately at the break in the majority caucus room. House Appropriations Committee will meet immediately at the break in the majority caucus room.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Appropriations Committee will meet immediately at the break in the majority caucus room.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority caucus chair, Representative Schlossberg, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. SCHLOSSBERG. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

House Democrats will caucus at 1 o'clock. We will be prepared to return to the floor at 2.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority caucus chair, Representative Dunbar, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Republicans will also caucus at 1 o'clock. Republicans will caucus at 1 o'clock.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until 2 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. We have a few more guests who have joined us this afternoon for session that we would like to acknowledge.

There is a guest page in the front of the House. Our colleague from Allegheny County, Representative Arvind Venkat, has brought Kathy Briden. Ms. Briden's son, Matthew, passed away from a food allergy, and she is here today to serve as a guest page on the day that HB 1869, food allergy awareness legislation, is being voted on. Her family is also here, and they are seated to the left of the Speaker. Kathy, please stand. Thank you for being here today.

The House will temporarily be at ease.

The House will come to order.

In the gallery, our colleague, Representative Warren from Bucks County, has brought students from his district who formed the Hershey Kiss Committee 3 years ago when they were students at Newtown Middle School. They are now students at Council Rock High School North. They formed the committee to lobby to make the Hershey's Kiss the official State candy. Council Rock students, please stand. Welcome to the floor of the House.

Also in the gallery, our colleagues, Representatives Kutz, Gleim, and Delozier, have brought Future Farmers of America students that are visiting the Capitol today for their annual State Legislative Leadership Conference. Future Farmers of America, please stand. Thank you for being here today.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 352 By Representatives KHAN, FRANKEL, WAXMAN, KAZEEM, FREEMAN, GREEN, SHUSTERMAN, SIEGEL, SOLOMON, SCHLOSSBERG, SALISBURY, GERGELY, SANCHEZ, VENKAT, RABB, KINSEY, HADDOCK, McNEILL, PIELLI, MALAGARI, HOHENSTEIN, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOYD, CIRESI, MERSKI, D. WILLIAMS, DELLOSO, KRAJEWSKI, KENYATTA, BOROWSKI, PROBST, O'MARA, GUENST, PARKER, HILL-EVANS and FLEMING

A Resolution designating the month of July 2024 as "Muslim Heritage and Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 26, 2024.

No. 353 By Representatives GILLEN, BOROWSKI, CAUSER, DALEY, GUENST, HAMM, JAMES, JOZWIAK, KHAN, KRUPA, O'MARA, SCHEUREN, SCIALABBA, SOLOMON, STEHR, STENDER, VENKAT, WATRO and GREEN

A Resolution designating May 22, 2024, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on CHILDREN AND YOUTH, March 26, 2024.

No. 354 By Representatives BENNINGHOFF, BANTA, CAUSER, CIRESI, CONKLIN, COOK, CUTLER, ECKER, GREINER, HAMM, HANBIDGE, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, KEPHART, KINSEY, KULIK, LEADBETER, M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE, MALAGARI, MARCELL, McNEILL, MERSKI, MOUL, NEILSON, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, SCHMITT, STAATS, STENDER, VITALI, GILLEN, BERNSTINE, D. WILLIAMS and SMITH

A Resolution designating April 12, 2024, as "Volunteer Firefighter Day" in Pennsylvania to honor the brave men and women who make sacrifices to protect their community as volunteer firefighters.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 26, 2024.

No. 358 By Representative MADSEN

A Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to collaborate with the National Football League and national broadcast partners to develop a system where fan input is considered when assigning secondary market broadcasts.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, March 26, 2024.

No. 359 By Representatives BARTON, VENKAT, JOZWIAK, FLICK, WATRO, TWARDZIK, OBERLANDER, MERCURI and MIHALEK

A Resolution designating the month of October 2024 as "Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Bird Migration Month" in Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 26, 2024.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 2159 By Representatives GALLAGHER, KHAN, WARREN, DONAHUE, HARKINS, GIRAL, HOHENSTEIN, HOGAN, WAXMAN, PROBST, POWELL, MALAGARI, T. DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, PIELLI, CERRATO, BOROWSKI, JOZWIAK, CURRY, PARKER, NEILSON, HILL-EVANS, BRENNAN, MAYES, FRIEL, SANCHEZ, SHUSTERMAN, DALEY, CIRESI, RABB, WEBSTER, KENYATTA, PASHINSKI and BOYD

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, further providing for coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, March 26, 2024.

No. 2160 By Representatives SAPPEY, FREEMAN, SMITH-WADE-EL, JAMES and MOUL

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in election of officers and vacancies in office, further providing for vacancies in general.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 26, 2024.

No. 2161 By Representatives McANDREW, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, GIRAL, POWELL, KINKEAD, SALISBURY, MULLINS, BELLMON, VENKAT, ABNEY, WAXMAN, O'MARA and MAYES

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in scenic highways, providing for designation of Allegheny River Boulevard as scenic byway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 26, 2024.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of the following reports of the Committee on Committees and the leadership appointments, which the clerk will now read.

The following report was read:

Committee On Committees Report

March 26, 2024

Maureen Madden resigns from the Education Committee
Regina Young is elected to the Education Committee

Maureen Madden resigns from Gaming Oversight Committee
Paul Friel is elected to Gaming Oversight Committee

Maureen Madden resigns from the Human Services Committee
Jim Prokopiak is elected to the Human Services Committee

Maureen Madden resigns from the State Government Committee
Heather Boyd is elected to the State Government Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Carol Hill-Evans, Chairwoman
Committee on Committees

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

March 26, 2024

Speaker McClinton appoints Rep. Paul Friel as Secretary of the Education Committee.

Speaker McClinton appoints Rep. Christina Sappey as Secretary of the Local Government Committee.

Speaker McClinton appoints Rep. Nancy Guentz as Secretary of the State Government Committee.

Speaker McClinton appoints Rep. Mark Rozzi as Vice-Chair of the Gaming Oversight Committee.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1030, PN 1265

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act designating Hershey's Kisses as the official State candy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1371, PN 2788

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act providing for duties of certifying officials and certifying agencies regarding the processing of certification form petitions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1549, PN 2724

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in tenement buildings and multiple dwelling premises, further providing for landlord's duties; and providing for tenant relocation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1842, PN 2789

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act providing for community solar facilities; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, electric distribution companies and subscriber organizations; and providing for prevailing wage and labor requirements.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1869, PN 2727

By Rep. HARRIS

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, further providing for definitions, providing for food allergy awareness and further providing for powers of department.

APPROPRIATIONS.

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

HB 105, PN 2806 (Amended) By Rep. NEILSON

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

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 416, PN 2807 (Amended) By Rep. BRIGGS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of stalking.

JUDICIARY.

HB 461, PN 429 By Rep. BRIGGS

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in penalties, providing for civil action, damages and attorney fees.

JUDICIARY.

HB 973, PN 2808 (Amended) By Rep. BULLOCK

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for refusal to issue license, revocation and notice; and imposing penalties.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

HB 1766, PN 2153 By Rep. BULLOCK

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for regulations and for violation and penalty.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

HB 1767, PN 2809 (Amended) By Rep. BULLOCK

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in State institutions in the Department of Public Welfare, providing for reporting allegations of abuse; in departmental powers and duties as to supervision, further providing for definitions; and, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for definitions, for fees and for right to enter and inspect and providing for inspection of out-of-home placements for youth adjudicated delinquent.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

HB 1907, PN 2407 By Rep. NEILSON

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1931 (P.L.594, No.203), referred to as the Township State Highway Law, adding a route in York County.

TRANSPORTATION.

HB 2070, PN 2643

By Rep. BRIGGS

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ownership of property and legal title and equitable estate, further providing for right to dispose of a decedent's remains.

JUDICIARY.

SB 37, PN 1458 (Amended)

By Rep. NEILSON

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for learners' permits and for examination of applicant for driver's license; in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive mobile device; in miscellaneous provisions relating to serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle; in enforcement, providing for data collection and reporting relating to traffic stops; and imposing penalties.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 1111, PN 1429

By Rep. BRIGGS

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for definitions and for sexual offenses and tier system.

JUDICIARY.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 332, PN 2660

By Rep. BRIGGS

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 21 through 27, 2024, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize the rights of crime victims and survivors, along with those professionals who provide important services to victims of crime.

JUDICIARY.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. MALAGARI called up **HR 280, PN 2409**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 26, 2024, as "Bangladesh Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, and reminds the members to use the button on your console for recognition.

Representative Malagari, from Montgomery County.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise for HR 280. On March 26 is the celebration of Bangladesh Independence Day. In my district, in the 53d in Montgomery County, and also in and around southeast Pennsylvania, is the largest concentration of Bangladeshi

Americans that live in Pennsylvania. Not only is this date prominent for them and important, but it also celebrates their independence from Pakistan. And during that war, a lot of lives were lost, and today they celebrate that independence and that freedom and that democracy, just as we do and just as yesterday the Greek community did as well.

So I ask for an affirmative vote in celebrating democracy and also celebrating for Bangladesh Independence Day.

Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—199

Abney	Flood	Kuzma	Rapp
Armanini	Frankel	Labs	Rigby
Banta	Freeman	Lawrence	Roae
Barton	Friel	Leadbeter	Rossi
Bellmon	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Benham	Gallagher	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Madden	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Gergely	Madsen	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Gillen	Major	Samuelson
Bonner	Giral	Mako	Sanchez
Borowicz	Gleim	Malagari	Sappey
Borowski	Green	Maloney	Schemel
Boyd	Gregory	Marcell	Scheuren
Boyle	Greiner	Markosek	Schlegel
Bradford	Grove	Marshall	Schlossberg
Brennan	Guenst	Matzie	Schmitt
Briggs	Guzman	Mayes	Schweyer
Brown, A.	Haddock	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Hamm	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Heffley	Merski	Solomon
Cabell	Hogan	Metzgar	Staats
Causer	Hohenstein	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cephas	Howard	Miller, B.	Steele
Cerrato	Irvin	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Isaacson	Moul	Stender
Conklin	James	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	Jones, M.	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, T.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jozwiak	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Kail	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kaufner	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kauffman	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kazeem	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Keefer	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kephart	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Khan	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Kim	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kinhead	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinsey	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Klunk	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Krajewski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krueger	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krupa	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb	McClinton,
Fleming	Kutz	Rader	Speaker
Flick			

NAYS—2

Fink	Scialabba
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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Mrs. EVANS called up **HR 303, PN 2548**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2024 as "Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Abney	Flood	Labs	Rigby
Armanini	Frankel	Lawrence	Roae
Banta	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rossi
Barton	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bellmon	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Rozzi
Benham	Gallagher	Madden	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Madsen	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gergely	Major	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gillen	Mako	Sanchez
Bonner	Giral	Malagari	Sappey
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Schemel
Borowski	Green	Marcell	Scheuren
Boyd	Gregory	Markosek	Schlegel
Boyle	Greiner	Marshall	Schlossberg
Bradford	Grove	Matzie	Schmitt
Brennan	Guenst	Mayes	Schweyer
Briggs	Guzman	McAndrew	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Haddock	McNeill	Scott
Brown, M.	Hamm	Mehaffie	Shusterman
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Siegel
Burgos	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith
Burns	Harris	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Heffley	Metzgar	Solomon
Cabell	Hogan	Mihalek	Staats
Causer	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Stambaugh
Cephas	Howard	Miller, D.	Steele
Cerrato	Irvin	Moul	Stehr
Ciresi	Isaacson	Mullins	Stender
Conklin	James	Munroe	Struzzi
Cook	Jones, M.	Mustello	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, T.	Neilson	Takac
Curry	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Cutler	Kail	Nelson, N.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kaufner	O'Mara	Twardzik
Daley	Kauffman	O'Neal	Venkat
Davanzo	Kazeem	Oberlander	Vitali
Davis	Keefer	Ortitay	Warner
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Otten	Warren
Deasy	Kephart	Owlett	Watro
Delloso	Khan	Parker	Waxman
Delozier	Kim	Pashinski	Webster
Diamond	Kinhead	Pickett	Wentling
Donahue	Kinsey	Pielli	White
Dunbar	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Ecker	Kosierowski	Powell	Williams, D.
Emrick	Krajewski	Probst	Young
Evans	Krueger	Prokopiak	Zimmerman

Fee	Krupa	Rabb	
Fiedler	Kulik	Rader	McClinton,
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	Speaker
Flick	Kuzma		

NAYS-1

Fink

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-1

Kerwin

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

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Mrs. EVANS called up **HR 344, PN 2707**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2024 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. **ROAE** offered the following amendment No. **A03657**:

Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 3 through 17; page 2, lines 1 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 14; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

WHEREAS, The primary mission of social workers is to help individuals who need assistance with social problems and life complications; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 720,000 professional social workers in the United States, but that number is expected to be more than 800,000 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and communities to available resources; and

WHEREAS, Over the past six decades, the National Association of Social Workers and the social work profession have created positive changes in society and for individuals; and

WHEREAS, Social workers also make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans by helping to build, support and empower positive family and community relationships; and

WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to make sure that everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 40 schools of social work in this Commonwealth, making Pennsylvania the second largest educator of social workers nationwide; and

WHEREAS, More than 11,000 licensed social workers practice throughout this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, All individuals, no matter their circumstances, may at some point in their lives need the expertise of a skilled social worker; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are trained to work in a holistic way to bring about positive changes on an individual, familial, communal and societal level; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of March 2024 as "National Social Work Month" in this Commonwealth and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to join with the National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support social workers and the social work profession.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, the gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roae.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This resolution recognizes the month as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania. That is a very well-intended thing. Madam Speaker, this session the State Government Committee has spent approximately half of our time doing things that name different months, name different weeks, name different days, you know, naming things—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is out of order and will suspend. This is a moment for the gentleman to enlighten the chamber on the amendment and the contents of the amendment the gentleman offers.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

So what my amendment does is it unpoliticizes the resolution. The resolution has politically charged language in it. In past sessions, we have passed a similar resolution – that is the language of my amendment – that basically is thanking social workers. We appreciate what they do. They do important things. And the language was not politicized.

I urge all the members to vote for my amendment that unpoliticizes the resolution. There are people of all different political spectrums who work within social work, and we should not be using a resolution to make political statements. So my amendment would make the resolution worded very similar to how it was when it received a unanimous vote in this chamber in, I think it was in 2021, and under the current language of the resolution, there are probably going to be "no" votes. I think it would be nice if all of us could be unified supporting social workers in a nonpolitical way.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the amendment, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, the gentlelady from York, Representative Hill-Evans.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This is not an agreed-to amendment and I would ask all of the members to please vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-99

Armanini	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causer	Irvin	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	James	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stender

Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufer	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby	

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Krajewski	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Malagari	Sappery
Boyle	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Brennan	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Briggs	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Bullock	Guzman	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burns	Hanbidge	Mullins	Steele
C Freytiz	Harkins	Munroe	Sturla
Cephas	Harris	Neilson	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Ciresi	Howard	O'Mara	Vitali
Conklin	Isaacson	Otten	Warren
Curry	Kazeem	Parker	Waxman
Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinlead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the resolution, the gentlelady from York, Representative Hill-Evans.

Mrs. EVANS. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

For decades the social work profession has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all individuals. People become social workers because they have a strong desire to help others and make our society a better place for all to live. Social workers have always been present in times of crisis, helping individuals overcome issues such as death and grief and individuals and communities recover from natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes, and earthquakes. There are more than 720,000 professional social workers in our nation, and that number is expected to even rise by 2030.

There is nothing political about the language in this resolution; we are simply honoring those who help us in times of crisis. I would ask all of my colleagues to please consider voting "yes" on HR 344, noting March as "Social Worker Month" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Clinton, Representative Borowicz.

Mrs. BOROWICZ. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HR 344. This House resolution refers to systemic racism, the lie that our nation's founding documents were based on that, the complete lie that comes from the lie of the 1619 Project. Our nation was first, our nation was first to ban the slave trade in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson, and we were fourth worldwide to abolish slavery worldwide.

I ask my colleagues to vote against HR 344. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Representative Malagari.

Mr. MALAGARI. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of HR 344. I thank the good chairwoman from York. I also am the proud husband of a social worker. My wife has worked tirelessly on behalf of the patients that she works for, for the community members of which they live, and for helping people connect with services that they absolutely desperately need in very difficult circumstances throughout their life – not only in hospitals, but also in community social work as well.

Social workers are a positive influence on our community, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Please support this resolution.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—103

Abney	Fiedler	Krueger	Rabb
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Rozzi
Benham	Frankel	Madden	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Freeman	Madsen	Samuelson
Borowski	Friel	Malagari	Sanchez
Boyd	Gallagher	Markosek	Sappery
Boyle	Gergely	Matzie	Schlossberg
Bradford	Giral	Mayes	Schweyer
Brennan	Green	McAndrew	Scott
Briggs	Guenst	McNeill	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Guzman	Mehaffie	Siegel
Bullock	Haddock	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Hanbidge	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burns	Harkins	Mullins	Steele
C Freytiz	Harris	Munroe	Sturla
Cephas	Hohenstein	Neilson	Takac
Cerrato	Howard	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Ciresi	Isaacson	O'Mara	Vitali
Conklin	Kazeem	Otten	Warren
Curry	Kenyatta	Parker	Waxman
Daley	Khan	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Kim	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kinlead	Pisciottano	Young

Deasy	Kinsey	Powell	
Delloso	Kosierowski	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Krajewski	Prokopiak	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—98

Armanini	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mentzer	Scialabba
Causser	Irvin	Mercuri	Smith
Cook	James	Metzgar	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Miller, B.	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Moul	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Mustello	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufer	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	O'Neal	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	Oberlander	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Ortitay	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Owlett	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Pickett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Rader	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rapp	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lawrence		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1819, PN 2731**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898, No.522), known as the Funeral Director Law, further providing for duties of board.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 777, PN 2578**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions and providing for the offense of sale of firearm or firearm parts without serial numbers and for privately made firearms.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20: A03767, A03768, A03777.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1443, PN 2744**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety; and providing for duties of the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20: A03759, A03761, A03788.

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

Mrs. **KRUPA** offered the following amendment No. **A03684**:

- Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 1 and 2
(13) A member appointed by each of the following:
(i) The Majority Leader of the Senate.
(ii) The Minority Leader of the Senate.
(iii) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.
(iv) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, the gentledady from Fayette, Representative Krupa.

Mrs. KRUPA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.
My amendment would allow the majority and minority leaders of both chambers to appoint a member to the council, rather than just relying on the Governor to appoint every single council member. There are representatives from various Commonwealth agencies and entities on the council and I believe this legislature should have the opportunity to add representatives as well. I ask my colleagues for a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.
The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the maker of the amendment.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bullock, the gentledady from Philadelphia, the majority chair of Children and Youth.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.
This amendment is agreed to. I encourage a "yes" vote.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Abney	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Armanini	Flood	Labs	Roae
Banta	Frankel	Lawrence	Rossi
Barton	Freeman	Leadbeter	Rowe
Bellmon	Friel	Mackenzie, M.	Rozzi
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Benninghoff	Gallagher	Madden	Salisbury
Bernstine	Gaydos	Madsen	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Gergely	Major	Sanchez
Bonner	Gillen	Mako	Sappey
Borowicz	Giral	Malagari	Schemel
Borowski	Gleim	Maloney	Scheuren
Boyd	Green	Marcell	Schlegel
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Schmitt
Brennan	Grove	Matzie	Schweyer
Briggs	Guenst	Mayes	Scialabba
Brown, A.	Guzman	McAndrew	Scott
Brown, M.	Haddock	McNeill	Shusterman
Bullock	Hamm	Mehaffie	Siegel
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Smith
Burns	Harkins	Mercuri	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Harris	Merski	Solomon
Cabell	Heffley	Metzgar	Staats
Causar	Hogan	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cephas	Hohenstein	Miller, B.	Steele
Cerrato	Howard	Miller, D.	Stehr
Ciresi	Irvin	Moul	Stender
Conklin	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Cook	James	Munroe	Sturla
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mustello	Takac
Curry	Jones, T.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Cutler	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Topper
D'Orsie	Kail	Nelson, N.	Twardzik
Daley	Kaufer	O'Mara	Venkat
Davanzo	Kauffman	O'Neal	Vitali
Davis	Kazeem	Oberlander	Warner
Dawkins	Keefer	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	Watro
Delloso	Kephart	Owlett	Waxman
Delozier	Khan	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kim	Pashinski	Wentling
Donahue	Kinthead	Pickett	White
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pielli	Williams, C.
Ecker	Klunk	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krajewski	Probst	Zimmerman
Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak	
Fiedler	Krupa	Rabb	McClinton,
Fink	Kulik	Rader	Speaker
Fleming	Kutz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

Mrs. KRUPA offered the following amendment No. A03758:

Amend Bill, page 7, line 26, by inserting after "safety."
Regulations and standards reviewed and commented upon by the council shall include measures to prevent:
(i) illicit drug use on playgrounds;
(ii) vagrancy on playgrounds; and
(iii) child abduction, child luring and endangering the welfare of a child on playgrounds.

Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 6 and 7
(i.1) Recommendations for measures to prevent:
(A) illicit drug use on playgrounds;
(B) vagrancy on playgrounds; and
(C) child abduction, child luring and endangering the welfare of a child on a playground.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Krupa.

Mrs. KRUPA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment would require the recommendations made by the council to include measures to prevent illicit drug use, vagrancy, child luring, child abduction, and endangering the welfare of a child on playgrounds. Playgrounds are areas for children to have fun, socialize with other children similar in age, and stay active. Most importantly, these areas should be safe. Parents and guardians should not have to worry about whether or not their child will be abducted at their local playground or if their child will stumble across used syringes and illicit substances.

As elected officials, it is our duty to care for and protect the children in this Commonwealth. We must require the council to create these recommendations to keep our children safe from those who seek to prey on our children. Our children are not to be treated like prey in an area that is supposed to be a source of enjoyment.

This is a good amendment, and I urge my colleagues for a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is not agreed to and I ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—100

Armanini	Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby
Banta	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Barton	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage

Bonner	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Borowicz	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Burns	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causer	Irvin	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	James	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufner	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman

NAYS—101

Abney	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Benham	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Borowski	Friel	Malagari	Sappey
Boyd	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Boyle	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Bradford	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Brennan	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Briggs	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Brown, A.	Guzman	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Bullock	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burgos	Hanbidge	Mullins	Steele
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Cephas	Harris	Neilson	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Ciresi	Howard	O'Mara	Vitali
Conklin	Isaacson	Otten	Warren
Curry	Kazeem	Parker	Waxman
Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinthead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker
Evans	Krajewski	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. FINK offered the following amendment No. A03760:

Amend Bill, page 7, line 19, by inserting before "The"

(a) General rule.

Amend Bill, page 7, line 26, by inserting after "safety."

A playground which is closed or has equipment removed due to a violation of regulations and standards recommended by the council shall be subject to the requirements of subsection (b).

Amend Bill, page 7, line 30, by inserting after "STANDARDS."

A playground which is closed or has equipment removed due to a violation of playground safety regulations and standards recommended by the council shall be subject to the requirements of subsection (b).

Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

(b) Required signage.—The owner or operator of a playground which is closed or has equipment removed due to a violation of regulations and standards recommended by the council under subsection (a)(1) or playground safety regulations and standards recommended by the council under subsection (a)(2) shall post a sign that states in clear and large font:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has closed this playground for (insert specific detailed reason the playground is closed). For questions or concerns on this matter, please contact the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety at the Department of Community and Economic Development at (phone number). (Name of Governor). Governor of Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, the gentlelady from York, Representative Fink.

Mrs. FINK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today for my amendment, A03760. My amendment requires that any playground shut down because of the council's recommendation has to display a sign that says why the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has decided to shut down the playground. The sign also would state that any questions or concerns regarding the closure would be directed to the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety.

Playgrounds are beneficial for children and create a hub of activity within the community. Children, their parents or guardians, and the surrounding community should have a right to know if the government entity recommended the closure of the playground, which would result in those benefits and community engagement being taken away.

I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" for my amendment.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is not agreed to. I ask for a "no" vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—100

Armanini	Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby
Banta	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Barton	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bonner	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Borowicz	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Burns	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causer	Irvin	Mentzer	Smith

Cook	James	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufert	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Oritay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman

NAYS—101

Abney	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Benham	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
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Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinthead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker
Evans	Krajewski	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. ZIMMERMAN offered the following amendment No. A03764:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out "COUNCIL" and inserting
Committee

Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by striking out "COUNCIL" and inserting
Committee

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

COMMITTEE

Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out "COUNCIL" and

inserting
Advisory Committee
Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "'Council.'" and inserting
"Advisory committee."
Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "Council for" and inserting
Committee
Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 5, line 24, by striking out "Council" and inserting
Advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 5, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "Council on Playground Safety is established. The council" and inserting
Committee on Playground Safety is established as an advisory committee in the department. The advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 6, line 1, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 6, line 14, by striking out "COUNCIL" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 6, line 15, by striking out "COUNCIL" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 7, line 5, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 7, line 8, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 7, line 9, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 7, line 10, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 7, line 15, by inserting after "Board."
Amounts paid for reimbursements under this subsection shall be made from appropriations to the department for general government operations.
Amend Bill, page 7, line 16, by striking out "council" and inserting
advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 7, line 19, by striking out "The council" and inserting
(a) General rule.—The advisory committee
Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 24 and 25
(b) Limitation.—The advisory committee shall have no authority to require or enforce closure of any playground. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any department, board or commission of the Commonwealth or an authority to permit the advisory committee to review or make determinations on applications from schools, nonprofits or other entities that have applied for grants or loans to purchase playground equipment.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, the gentleman from Lancaster, Representative Zimmerman.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment changes the name from "advisory council" to "advisory committee." Also, the advisory committee will have no

authority to review or make determinations on grant or loan applications for schools, nonprofits, and other entities for the purchase of playground equipment.

I ask for a "yes" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is not agreed to. I encourage a "no" vote.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—99

Armanini	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causar	Irvin	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	James	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufer	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby	

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Krajewski	Rabb
Bellmon	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Benham	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Boyd	Friel	Malagari	Sappey
Boyle	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Gergely	Matzie	Schweyer
Brennan	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Briggs	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
Bullock	Guzman	Merski	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
Burns	Hanbidge	Mullins	Steele
C Freytiz	Harkins	Munroe	Sturla
Cephas	Harris	Neilson	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Ciresi	Howard	O'Mara	Vitali
Conklin	Isaacson	Otten	Warren
Curry	Kazeem	Parker	Waxman
Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinkead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mr. SCHLEGEL offered the following amendment No. A03772:

Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

(h) Conflict of interest.—

(1) No member of the council may be employed by or be an owner of a business that produces, manufactures or sells, at wholesale or retail, playground equipment.

(2) No member of the council may use the authority of the membership on the council or any confidential information received through membership on the council for the private pecuniary benefit of the member, a member of the council member's immediate family or a business with which the member or an immediate family member of the council member is associated.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Representative Schlegel.

Mr. SCHLEGEL. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

My amendment seeks to eliminate any conflicts of interest for council members. This amendment would prohibit council members from being an employee or owner of a business that installs, manufactures, or sells playground equipment. It also prohibits council members from using the authority of membership or any confidential information for financial benefit. The members of the council should serve for the best interest of the children, not for themselves.

I ask my colleagues for a "yes" vote on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is not agreed to and I ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—100

Armanini	Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby
Banta	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Barton	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bonner	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Borowicz	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Hamm	Marcell	Schlegel
Burns	Heffley	Marshall	Schmitt
Cabell	Hogan	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Causar	Irvin	Mentzer	Smith
Cook	James	Mercuri	Staats
Cooper	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufner	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
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NAYS—101

Abney	Fiedler	Krueger	Rozzi
Bellmon	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Benham	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
Bizzarro	Freeman	Madsen	Sanchez
Borowski	Friel	Malagari	Sappey
Boyd	Gallagher	Markosek	Schlossberg
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Bradford	Giral	Mayes	Scott
Brennan	Green	McAndrew	Shusterman
Briggs	Guenst	McNeill	Siegel
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Bullock	Haddock	Miller, D.	Solomon
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Cephas	Harris	Neilson	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Ciresi	Howard	O'Mara	Vitali
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Daley	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Davis	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Deasy	Kinthead	Powell	
Delloso	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker
Evans	Krajewski	Rabb	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question recurring,

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

Mrs. KRUPA offered the following amendment No. A03784:

Amend Bill, page 8, line 24, by striking out the period after "year" and inserting

to which the following shall apply:

(i) Each meeting of the council shall be held in person at a playground.

(ii) At least one meeting per year shall be held at a playground in each of the following locations:

(A) A city of the first class.

(B) A playground in a borough.

(C) A playground in a rural community.

(D) A playground in a suburban community.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment, Representative Krupa.

Mrs. KRUPA. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today to ask your support of amendment A03784 to HB 1443. This amendment requires that the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety meet in person at playgrounds in a variety of different communities.

If the purpose of the bill is to establish a statewide council on playground safety, then I cannot think of a better way for the council to demonstrate its commitment to playgrounds than for the meetings to be held at playgrounds. This will ensure that they do not lose sight of their underlying mission.

I ask your support and a vote in the affirmative on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the maker of the amendment.

On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Bullock.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment is not agreed to, and I ask for a "no."

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—99

Armanini	Gaydos	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gillen	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gregory	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Grove	Maloney	Scheuren
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Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
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Fritz	Lawrence	Rigby	

NAYS—102

Abney	Evans	Krajewski	Rabb
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Benham	Fleming	Kulik	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Frankel	Madden	Samuelson
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Dawkins	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
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Donahue	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1601, PN 1882**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Identification Upon Reentry Program.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair rules the following amendments out of order for violating House rule 20: A03486, A03602.

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

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that Representative Heffley withdraws A03605. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

It is the Chair's understanding that Representative Kinkead withdraws A03725. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

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

Ms. **KINKEAD** offered the following amendment
No. **A03771**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Identification Upon Reentry Program.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 18; pages 2 through 6, lines 1 through 30; page 7, lines 1 through 9; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 49A

IDENTIFICATION UPON REENTRY

Sec.

49A01. Scope of chapter.

49A02. Definitions.

49A03. Establishment.

49A04. Administration.

49A05. Guidelines.

49A06. Responsibilities of paying costs.

49A07. Rules and regulations.

§ 49A01. Scope of chapter.

This chapter relates to the Identification Upon Reentry Program.

§ 49A02. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Assist." Printing necessary forms, ensuring that an eligible offender has filled forms out correctly with sufficient information, facilitating communication between an eligible offender and State agencies and keeping an eligible offender updated on the developments of their case.

"Costs." Application fees and translation services and other goods or services that require a payment from an eligible offender.

"Eligible offender." An incarcerated individual who is to be released from a State correctional institution and has decided to participate in the program.

"Program." The Identification Upon Reentry Program established under section 49A03 (relating to establishment).

§ 49A03. Establishment.

The department, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation, shall establish the Identification Upon Reentry Program to provide eligible offenders with birth certificates, Social Security cards, photo identification cards and driver's licenses upon release from a State correctional institution.

§ 49A04. Administration.

The program shall be administered as follows:

(1) The department, the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation shall establish policies necessary to carry out the program, including program requirements and implementation.

(2) The department, the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation may seek Federal or State funding to support the program.

(3) The department, the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation shall develop monitoring and

accountability systems to confirm that the program is being efficiently carried out. The monitoring and accountability systems shall include the submission of an annual report to the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate and the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. The annual report shall include the number and percentage of offenders released with birth certificates, photo identification cards and driver's licenses and the number and percentage of offenders released without such documents and the reasons why.

§ 49A05. Guidelines.

The following guidelines shall apply:

(1) Prior to the release of an eligible offender, the department, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall assist an eligible offender in obtaining the following:

- (i) a photo identification card; or
(ii) a driver's license.

(2) Once an eligible offender is made aware of the eligible offender's ability to participate and available options under the program, the eligible offender may opt out of participation in the program.

(3) The department, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Social Security Administration, shall assist an eligible offender in obtaining the necessary documents, including a Social Security card and birth certificate, needed to apply for a driver's license or photo identification card.

(4) If an eligible offender was born in another state or became a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen, the department shall assist the eligible offender in obtaining the necessary documents from the appropriate agencies to apply for a photo identification card or driver's license.

(5) Upon application, the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the department, shall issue a renewed or replacement driver's license to an eligible offender deemed eligible to drive. If an eligible offender's driver's license is expired or the eligible offender is in need of a replacement driver's license, the department, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, shall assist the eligible offender with renewing the eligible offender's driver's license or requesting a replacement.

(6) Upon application, the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the department shall issue a new, renewed or replacement photo identification card to an eligible offender.

(7) If an eligible offender's driving privilege is under a term or indefinite suspension by the Department of Transportation, the department, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, shall provide the offender with a restoration requirements letter and the department shall assist the eligible offender in applying for a photo identification card.

(8) If an eligible offender's driver's license is expired or the eligible offender is in need of a replacement driver's license, the department, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, shall assist the eligible offender with renewing the eligible offender's driver's license or requesting a replacement.

(9) If an eligible offender's driving privilege cannot be reinstated prior to release, the department, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, shall inform the eligible offender of the option to apply for an occupational limited license or a probationary license and provide information relating to occupational limited licenses and probationary licenses.

§ 49A06. Responsibilities of paying costs.

An eligible offender shall not be responsible for any costs associated with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 49A07. Rules and regulations.

The department, the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this chapter.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment and the bill, the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Kinkead.

Ms. KINKEAD. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This amendment comes from conversations with the DOC (Department of Corrections) that though took 3 months to get the actual feedback from them, while I do not appreciate the timing, I do appreciate the feedback, and would ask for a "yes" vote on this amendment. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—101

Table listing names of members who voted 'YEAS' (101 total). Includes names like Abney, Bellmon, Benham, Bizzarro, Borowski, Boyd, Boyle, Bradford, Brennan, Briggs, Brown, A., Bullock, Burgos, C Freytiz, Cephas, Cerrato, Ciresi, Conklin, Curry, Daley, Davis, Dawkins, Deasy, Dellosa, Donahue, Evans, Fiedler, Fleming, Frankel, Freeman, Friel, Gallagher, Gergely, Giral, Green, Guenst, Guzman, Haddock, Hanbidge, Harkins, Harris, Hohenstein, Howard, Isaacson, Kazeem, Kenyatta, Khan, Kim, Kinkead, Kinsey, Kosierowski, Krajewski, Krueger, Kulik, Madden, Madsen, Malagari, Markosek, Matzie, Mayes, McAndrew, McNeill, Merski, Miller, D., Mullins, Munroe, Neilson, Nelson, N., O'Mara, Otten, Parker, Pashinski, Pielli, Pisciotano, Powell, Probst, Prokopiak, Rabb, Rozzi, Salisbury, Samuelson, Sanchez, Sappay, Schlossberg, Schweyer, Scott, Shusterman, Siegel, Smith-Wade-El, Solomon, Steele, Sturla, Takac, Venkat, Vitali, Warren, Waxman, Webster, Williams, D., Young, McClinton, Speaker.

NAYS—100

Table listing names of members who voted 'NAYS' (100 total). Includes names like Armanini, Banta, Barton, Benninghoff, Bernstine, Bonner, Borowicz, Brown, M., Burns, Cabell, Causar, Cook, Cooper, Cutler, Fritz, Gaydos, Gillen, Gleim, Gregory, Greiner, Grove, Hamm, Heffley, Hogan, Irvin, James, Jones, M., Jones, T., Lawrence, Leadbeter, Mackenzie, M., Mackenzie, R., Major, Mako, Maloney, Marcell, Marshall, Mehaffie, Mentzer, Mercuri, Metzgar, Mihalek, Rigby, Roae, Rossi, Rowe, Ryncavage, Schemel, Scheuren, Schlegel, Schmitt, Scialabba, Smith, Staats, Stambaugh, Stehr.

D'Orsie	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Stender
Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Struzzi
Delozier	Kaufer	Mustello	Tomlinson
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Topper
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Twardzik
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Warner
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Watro
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	Wentling
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	White
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1678, PN 1986**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 61 (Prisons and Parole) and 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration, providing for earned vocational training and education credit; in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole power and for short sentence parole; and, in powers and duties, further providing for consideration of criminal convictions.

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

Mr. N. NELSON offered the following amendment No. **A03785**:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 4 through 6, by striking out "in" in line 4, all of line 5 and "recidivism risk reduction incentive minimum;" in line 6

Amend Bill, page 2, line 25, by inserting after "sentence" and shall only receive such credit on completion of programming required by the department

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 23 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by striking out "3" and inserting

2

Amend Bill, page 7, line 14, by striking out "4" and inserting

3

Amend Bill, page 8, line 16, by striking out "5" and inserting

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the maker of the amendment and the bill, the gentleman from Montgomery County, Representative Napoleon Nelson.

Mr. N. NELSON. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am sure many were impressed I used the speak button right the first time.

This is a technical amendment – actually, it is not a technical amendment. This is an amendment that really helps to address just a few of the considerations and concerns that we received from the Department of Corrections and the Parole Board. We are really looking forward to the support, not only for this bill, but for those who are currently incarcerated who are working on improving their lives, getting back into their communities.

So I appreciate your support on this amendment, and hopefully, on the bill as amended. Thank you so much. I request a "yes" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—124

Abney	Friel	Madsen	Rabb
Bellmon	Gallagher	Major	Rader
Benham	Gaydos	Malagari	Roae
Bizzarro	Gergely	Marcell	Rozzi
Bonner	Gillen	Markosek	Salisbury
Borowski	Giral	Matzie	Samuelson
Boyd	Green	Mayes	Sanchez
Boyle	Grove	McAndrew	Sappery
Bradford	Guenst	McNeill	Schlossberg
Brennan	Guzman	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Briggs	Haddock	Mercuri	Scott
Brown, A.	Hanbidge	Merski	Shusterman
Bullock	Harkins	Mihalek	Siegel
Burgos	Harris	Miller, D.	Smith-Wade-El
Burns	Hogan	Moul	Solomon
C Freytiz	Hohenstein	Mullins	Steele
Cephas	Howard	Munroe	Sturla
Cerrato	Isaacson	Mustello	Takac
Ciresi	Jones, M.	Neilson	Tomlinson
Conklin	Kaufer	Nelson, E.	Venkat
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Daley	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Warren
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Deasy	Kinhead	Parker	White
Delloso	Kinsey	Pashinski	Williams, C.
Donahue	Kosierowski	Pielli	Williams, D.
Evans	Krajewski	Pisciottano	Young
Fiedler	Krueger	Powell	
Fleming	Kulik	Probst	McClinton,
Frankel	Labs	Prokopiak	Speaker
Freeman	Madden		

NAYS—77

Armanini	Fink	Kutz	Rowe
Banta	Flick	Kuzma	Ryncavage
Barton	Flood	Lawrence	Schemel
Benninghoff	Fritz	Leadbeter	Scheuren
Bernstine	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Schlegel
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NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

On the question,

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

Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

**THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(MICHAEL H. SCHLOSSBERG) PRESIDING**

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1030, PN 1265**, entitled:

An Act designating Hershey's Kisses as the official State candy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Mehaffie.

Mr. MEHAFFIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HB 1030 did not start in the 106th District. A group of young ladies from the Bucks County area had a civics class and project as far as doing a bill, and they chose to do the Hershey's Kiss as the State candy.

Now, this was in middle school. This was not something that happened just recently. They are now 11th graders and they call themselves the Kiss Committee, and they never thought that the Hershey's Kiss being the State candy would be so confrontational. Now as young ladies, they understand that bills

do not pass easy and this is not an easy place to get things done, but they stuck with it. They did their due diligence. They contacted their State Reps and Senators, and they did a really good job of bringing it forth to us today.

Milton and Catherine Hershey never could have imagined that their legacy would have been so beneficial to those disadvantaged children that now have a way to success. The Hershey's Kiss is the hallmark of both the Hershey Company and Pennsylvania. This iconic candy has street lights wrapped and unwrapped, and we have the Kissing Tower that allows us to view all of Milton and Catherine Hershey's dreams.

But this candy just does not start here in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This candy starts when the beans come into the shores, where the longshoremen unload the cocoa beans, where our local dairies bring milk to make this delicious candy. The local West Plant located right in the district that I represent in Hershey, Pennsylvania, makes up to 70 million Kisses a day. These Kisses are made by the hardworking men and women of the Chocolate Workers Union Local 464.

We are blessed to have so many great candymakers throughout Pennsylvania and this Commonwealth, and they do such a great job and bring such an economic impact. But we have something special here with the Hershey's Kiss. I am sure everybody will agree that everybody loves a Kiss. Let us all come together and recognize the importance of the Kiss and celebrate its role by adding it to our list of State symbols.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question recurs, will the members agree to the bill?

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Montgomery County, Representative Daley.

Ms. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So as chair of the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee, we intentionally expanded the scope of the committee this session to include economic development because that is really what tourism is all about. So the goals of the committee are to show the important role that tourism plays in all of our districts, and how tourism stimulates our local, regional, and statewide economies. Because of this intentional expanded scope, I was really delighted that HB 1030 was unanimously voted out of the Tourism Committee last month.

If we pass HB 1030, Pennsylvania will be the first State to establish a State candy. So when I first heard about this bill, I was especially excited to learn that the idea came from a group of middle school students from Bucks County who researched Pennsylvania's confection industry and its history, and they decided to draft the bill before us today to make Hershey's Kisses the State candy.

The students are now in high school, and they are here with us today still advocating for this legislation. HB 1030 is a way to connect with and celebrate these young Pennsylvanians who are proud of their State and want to recognize Hershey's Kisses, an iconic candy known and recognized around the world, as a Pennsylvania product.

In addition to manufacturing and economic development, the Hershey Company owns and operates Hershey's Chocolate World, which is the world's most visited factory experience and a destination that generates over \$200 million in annual tourism and economic development activity in Dauphin County, and it attracts more than 3.2 million visitors from around the world

every year. How many of us have gone on field trips to Hershey's Chocolate World or taken our kids and grandkids for a fun afternoon learning about how Hershey's Kisses are made?

For all of these reasons I am proud to support HB 1030, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin County, Representative Schemel.

Mr. SCHEMEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the prime sponsor of this bill reminds us that everyone loves a kiss, but, Mr. Speaker, people do not love a kiss when it is not consensual.

Now, we are told that this is an exercise in democracy for middle school students, and I welcome the middle school students here today to see democracy in action in their State Capitol. And perhaps in this process, they will learn that democracy is about give and take. It is about convincing people of things, and it means that sometimes you do not go home with what you expect.

Now, in the case of a State candy, Pennsylvania is very blessed, Mr. Speaker. In addition to Hershey's products – and I love Hershey's products as much as the next person, maybe even too much – but Pennsylvania has a long and storied tradition in candies. We have Goldenberg's Peanut Chews, loved by people in Philadelphia; we have Hot Tamales; Peeps – this is the time of year for Peeps to really show through; Mike and Ike; Clark Bars; Mallo Cups from Altoona; and of course, the 5th Avenue Bar, famous from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – all of them storied and old, traditional candies of Pennsylvania.

But today we are being asked to put our thumb on the scale as a State government and select just one, one company to get the honor of being the State candy, one candy of being State candy in Pennsylvania, and I would propose to you, Mr. Speaker, that that is not fair or appropriate, that one private enterprise be honored in this way when all of the others be disrespected.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you give this opportunity for middle school students to see that we do not want to leave a bitter taste in the mouths of Pennsylvanians by choosing one over the other, and we will not be naming one candy as the State candy. Glory to all candies in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon County, Representative Diamond.

Mr. DIAMOND. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I, too, would like to welcome the members of the Kiss Committee to witness how the legislative process works today, and how difficult it is and why sometimes it takes so long for anything to happen in this building.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe it will be any surprise to anyone in this room that I myself was born in the sweetest place on earth, Hershey, Pennsylvania. I love Hershey's Kisses. I really do. And Hershey's chocolate has been a part of my life since the day I was born – literally. I remember going to my grandmother's house, where I live now, which is just 6 miles downwind of the old Hershey plant. And on the right day, when the wind blew the right direction, we would sit on the front porch because you could smell the chocolate. It was so awesome. And upon those visits to my grandmother's house, my grandmother would always chide my father – who was sort of a vocational cowboy – "You really ought to go work for Mr. Hershey, because that is a good, steady job." And it is important, it is important that she always said

Mr. Hershey. She never called him Milton Hershey. It was always Mr. Hershey. There was a certain reverence for Mr. Hershey; also by my great aunt, who took great pride in the fact that she attended the Hershey Junior College and graduated and went on to work as a secretary for Mr. Hershey – not Milton Hershey, Mr. Hershey. Being in the neighboring district, I have great respect for the amount of commerce that the Hershey Company has brought. And again, it is my lifeblood. I was born there.

HB 1030 illuminates for us many of the great things that we can attribute to the Hershey's Kiss. But there are other sides to that story as well, Mr. Speaker, including in 1937, when the workers at the Hershey Company tried to unionize. They had a sit-down strike, and on April 7, a gang of nearly 3,000 thugs armed with – let me find it – "...fists, shoes, clubs, improvised weapons, and even ice picks" stormed the factory and attacked the workers who were in the sit-down strike, 25 of whom had to be hospitalized. Governor George Earle called the incident "a disgrace."

Fast-forward to 2007, when this company announced that it would shutter some of its operations in the United States and send those jobs to Mexico. Six hundred bakery workers unionized at Hershey's East Plant – put out of jobs; 2009, 260 jobs in Reading, Pennsylvania, moved to Monterrey, Mexico; 2011, foreign student workers here on J-1 visas, they protested Hershey's sweatshop conditions. There was a settlement in that case that paid over 1,000 of those students over \$213,000 in back wages. Not on the Hershey dime, of course; this was the three temp agencies. But ultimately, that work benefited this company we are talking about today.

And even as late as August 2023, an article appeared that says, "Your favorite chocolate is probably produced by West African child labor..." That is an argument made by the International Rights Advocates in a lawsuit. Part of that article says the following: "The major chocolate companies pledged to end their reliance on child labor to harvest their cocoa by 2005... Now they say they will eliminate the worst forms of child labor in their supply chains by 2025." They still have not done it.

Mr. Speaker, I bring these points up not to denigrate any company that is being talked about on the floor here, not to denigrate anyone who is sponsoring a bill, but to remind you that we are talking today about assigning the good name of this Commonwealth to a corporate entity – a corporate entity which, by the way, can be taken over by someone else tomorrow, and our good name of the Commonwealth will then be associated with it if this bill becomes law. I do not think that is a good practice.

Mr. Speaker, I believe our role as government is only to create a level playing field where every competitor in the candy business can have an even shot at competing. We should not be giving a leg up to any corporate entity or their intellectual property through a trademark. This is not, Mr. Speaker, the ruffed grouse, a bird which is native to Pennsylvania. This is not, Mr. Speaker, the mountain laurel, a plant which is native to Pennsylvania. And this is not, Mr. Speaker, the eastern hellbender, a salamander which was recently repopulated in Pennsylvania and is native here. No one can own those things.

Mr. Speaker, I have the greatest respect for all the people at the Hershey corporation, Hershey Company; the prime sponsor of this bill; and all the workers at Hershey who work hard every single day, both past and present. I remember my grandmother telling me that story of when she was 19 years old and about that strike that happened in 1937. I remember her telling me that as a child.

It is for all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, that although I love Hershey's Kisses, and probably way too much other Hershey's candy, and while I love the idea of getting young people involved in our legislative process, I think they ought to go home here learning that assigning the good name of this Commonwealth, essentially on a permanent basis – could have been fixed yesterday with my late-filed amendment, sunset this after 5 years, but nope, nobody went for it, and that is okay, I get it; that is the way it works. On a permanent basis, we are going to assign the good name of this Commonwealth to go with the ebb and flow of a corporate interest, and we have seen what can happen with that recently with the Anheuser-Busch company with Bud Light, and even more recently, with the Tyson company.

Mr. Speaker, we ought not, we ought not enter into a naming rights agreement with a corporation when the Commonwealth will get nothing extra in return. If this is a naming rights agreement, and that is essentially what this is. We should get something in return. We should get some extra compensation, but this bill does not do that.

For all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, despite my native-born Hershey blood and my love for the Hershey's Kiss, we absolutely, positively should reject this bill. I will be voting "no."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Crawford County, Representative Roae.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there are hundreds of chocolate companies that make different kinds of candies in Pennsylvania. A simple search, you will see, right here in the Harrisburg area, there are several companies that also make chocolate, that also make candy.

I feel bad, Mr. Speaker, that the State government is favoring candy from one company over all the other companies. I have chocolate companies in my local area back home; all of us do. But most of us – in my district, all of the employees of the chocolate companies work in Pennsylvania, not in Mexico. The chocolate companies in my district, they do not pay the CEO (chief executive officer) \$13.5 million a year, which is very excessive. They do not pay senior management position employees, several of them, \$4 million a year. A lot of us, Mr. Speaker – there are these little companies that are family-owned, struggling to get by, trying to compete in this world, and then we have the State government telling the residents to basically buy candy from one company and not from the other companies.

Mr. Speaker, why do we not do an official beer? We have Straub, we have Yuengling. We could have the State government back one of those companies and try to bankrupt the other one. Why do we not have an official State convenience store? We have Sheetz, we have Rutters, we have Country Fair. We could pick one convenience store that the State government is telling people they should shop at and not shop at all the other ones.

Mr. Speaker, it is ridiculous that we are favoring a fricking piece of candy. When all of us campaigned, people talk— No. I have the floor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlemen will suspend. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. ROAE. As all of us—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The gentleman is reminded to please use language that is appropriate for the decorum of the House.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not think I used any of the words you cannot say on the radio. I used a slang version of one of those words, but thank you, Mr. Speaker.

But anyway, I do not think when any of us were out there campaigning for office, or since any of us were elected, nobody has said, Brad, you gotta help us get an official State candy. We do not care about taxes. We do not care about gun laws. We do not care about regulations. We do not care about the conditions of our roads. We do not care how late the State budget is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will suspend.

The topic of this debate is the State candy, and the gentleman will keep his remarks confined to the State candy.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. ROAE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Nobody has asked me, nobody has said to me, Brad, make, you know, such-and-such the State candy or make some other kind of candy the State candy. You know, we are sitting here, we are ready to do a State budget that spends \$3 1/2 billion more than we are going to take in, and we are talking about the State candy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The gentleman has, for the third time, violated rules of order by breaking away from the topic of conversation, which it does not pertain to the budget but does pertain to the State candy.

The gentleman has forfeited his right to continue and may sit down.

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Monroe County, Representative Madden.

Ms. MADDEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I understand pride in your hometown and the products that they produce. I grew up in Hackettstown, New Jersey, home of the M&M's, M&M Mars. However, every year we drove to Hershey, Pennsylvania, and we vacationed in Hershey. And with five kids, that was not a cheap vacation, and my dad saved up every year.

So my memories of Hershey are the Hershey's Kisses lights, the Hershey's chocolate bar mailboxes, going to a factory and getting a tour and coming away with several Hershey's chocolate bars. And as an adult and as a legislator, I know that the Milton Hershey School has helped many students in my district find a purpose and get on the right track. And I know Hershey and the money that they derive from the Park invests millions and millions of dollars in our commerce each and every year.

And I want to say thank you to the Kiss Committee for persevering for all these years to get this bill paid – welcome to our lives. And I am in favor of this bill, and I encourage all my colleagues – and by the way, all those other candies made in Pennsylvania, they should have done a better job. I only know Hershey's Kisses, and I am voting "yes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This Chair would like to remind the members that despite the contentiousness of the debate, it would be appreciated if the remarks were kept to the relevant content of the bill.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Bucks County, Representative Marcell.

Mrs. MARCELL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This morning I had the pleasure of meeting with an amazing group of students from Council Rock School District that are sitting up in the gallery right now listening to this debate. Not only did these students go to the same school that I did; they went to the same middle school. So I just wanted to again welcome them to this body.

These teenagers are now in 11th grade. They have been passionately working on this issue since eighth grade, and their teacher from eighth grade is now actually teaching my daughter. And so I really want to just thank them for the work that they put into this. They drafted legislation, they talked to Representatives, they even received media interest – all by 11th grade. They have done an amazing job. Seeing their dedication and spirit up close is truly inspiring. It is a reminder of the incredible things that can happen when young people get involved and fight for what they believe in.

Let us give these students the recognition that they deserve and support their sweet initiative for Pennsylvania with an affirmative vote on making the Hershey's Kiss the official candy of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Westmoreland County, Representative Rossi.

Mrs. ROSSI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In October of 2021, Hershey announced all corporate office employees were mandated to have two doses of COVID-19, and a number of their loyal employees were terminated, or as Hershey called it, "separated from the company." That being said, I do not feel their candy is worthy of being named PA's official State candy. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—130

Abney	Fee	Krajewski	Pisciottano
Bellmon	Fiedler	Krueger	Powell
Benham	Fleming	Kulik	Probst
Benninghoff	Flick	Kutz	Prokopiak
Bizzarro	Frankel	Kuzma	Rader
Bonner	Freeman	Labs	Rozzi
Borowski	Friel	Lawrence	Samuelson
Boyd	Fritz	Madden	Sanchez
Boyle	Gallagher	Madsen	Sappey
Bradford	Gergely	Malagari	Schlossberg
Brennan	Giral	Marcell	Schweyer
Briggs	Green	Markosek	Schwoy
Brown, A.	Greiner	Marshall	Shusterman
Bullock	Guenst	Matzie	Siegel
Burgos	Guzman	Mayes	Smith-Wade-El
Burns	Haddock	McAndrew	Solomon
C Freytz	Hanbidge	McNeill	Steele
Causar	Harkins	Mehaffie	Sturla
Cephas	Harris	Mentzer	Takac
Cerrato	Heffley	Merski	Tomlinson
Ciresi	Hogan	Miller, D.	Topper
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Curry	Howard	Munroe	Vitali
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Davis	Kaufner	O'Mara	Waxman
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Neal	Webster
Deasy	Kenyatta	Oberlander	White
Delloso	Khan	Ortitay	Williams, D.
Delozier	Kim	Otten	Young
Donahue	Kinhead	Parker	
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pashinski	McClinton,
Evans	Kosierowski	Pielli	Speaker

NAYS—71

Armanini	Gleim	Mako	Salisbury
Banta	Gregory	Maloney	Schemel
Barton	Grove	Mercuri	Scheuren
Bernstine	Hamm	Metzgar	Schlegel
Borowicz	Irvin	Mihalek	Schmitt
Brown, M.	James	Miller, B.	Scialabba
Cabell	Jones, M.	Moul	Smith
Cook	Jones, T.	Mustello	Staats
Cooper	Kail	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
D'Orsie	Kauffman	Owlett	Stehr
Davanzo	Keefer	Pickett	Stender
Diamond	Kephart	Rabb	Struzzi
Ecker	Klunk	Rapp	Twardzik
Emrick	Krupa	Rigby	Warner
Fink	Leadbeter	Roae	Wentling
Flood	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi	Williams, C.
Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe	Zimmerman
Gillen	Major	Ryncavage	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1549, PN 2724**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in tenement buildings and multiple dwelling premises, further providing for landlord's duties; and providing for tenant relocation.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin County, Representative Madsen.

Mr. MADSEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I introduced this bill to protect tenants and reiterate that this is landlords' duties to provide habitable housing for tenants.

As a member of the Housing and Community Development Committee, I worked with Chair Sturla, Chair Irvin, the PA Apartment Association, the PA Residential Owners Association, and the PA Realtors Association to improve my bill that ended up passing out of committee unanimously.

I want to stress that my bill is only responding to situations where the rental property is condemned and deemed unfit for human habitation. If this occurs, the landlord has 60 hours within condemnation posting to take one of two options. First, the landlord can make an alternative offer to the displaced tenant, offer a different dwelling unit of comfortable size and rental price. If the tenant accepts this offer, then the landlord has fulfilled their obligation under the act.

Secondly, a landlord may provide direct payment to the tenant for moving expenses of the tenant's belongings with written approval from the tenant. The landlord may also move the tenant's belongings at the landlord's expense. Lease conditions in effect during this displacement period remain the same if the tenant returns to their original rental housing. If this temporary displacement lasts longer than 60 days, then a tenant is considered permanently displaced; within 72 hours of this 60th day, the landlord shall pay the tenant's security deposit, with interest, and prorate of rent for the remainder of the month. This tenant does have the right to occupy rental housing once it becomes habitable.

Lastly, this act would not apply to any of the following: a landlord has less than 50 units in PA; a landlord that employs an on-site property management or maintenance team; if the property is condemned due to an act of God like fire or natural disaster or water damage; or if the property is condemned due to neglect, a maintenance issue, failure to pay utility bill, or other preventable activity that could have been taken by the tenant.

To restate, my bill is supported by the PA Apartment Association, the PA Residential Owners Association, and PA Realtors Association. I urge the members for a vote "yes." Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Representative O'Neal.

Mr. O'NEAL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition of HB 1549. I think the intent of the bill is certainly commendable, and we must ensure that slumlords and unscrupulous landlords cannot take advantage of tenants and that rental properties across Pennsylvania are safe to occupy.

However, I do fear that there could be unintended consequences to HB 1549. In many other States, we have seen heedless public policy lead towards a damaging infringement on property rights. Squatting is when an individual or group of people move into a house, building, or plot of land with the goal of residing there indefinitely without the owner's consent. We have all seen the videos where legal property owners are denied entry into their own property, or even arrested as they attempt to confront a squatter's illegal occupation.

HB 1549 would make a landlord financially responsible for the relocation of a tenant of a property if certain requirements are met. And it is not hard to imagine a world where judicial activists

interpret this legislation to not only grant squatters the illegal occupation of a property, but also make the property owner financially responsible for their relocation.

For that reason I urge a "no" vote on HB 1549. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—106

Abney	Fiedler	Krajewski	Rabb
Bellmon	Fleming	Krueger	Rozzi
Benham	Frankel	Kulik	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Freeman	Madden	Samuelson
Borowski	Friel	Madsen	Sanchez
Boyd	Gallagher	Malagari	Sappery
Boyle	Gergely	Markosek	Schlossberg
Bradford	Giral	Matzie	Schweyer
Brennan	Green	Mayes	Scott
Briggs	Guenst	McAndrew	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Guzman	McNeill	Siegel
Bullock	Haddock	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Hanbidge	Merski	Solomon
Burns	Harkins	Miller, D.	Steele
C Freytiz	Harris	Mullins	Sturla
Cephas	Hogan	Munroe	Takac
Cerrato	Hohenstein	Neilson	Tomlinson
Ciresi	Howard	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Conklin	Irvin	O'Mara	Vitali
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Daley	Kazeem	Parker	Waxman
Davis	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Webster
Dawkins	Khan	Pielli	Williams, D.
Deasy	Kim	Pisciottano	Young
Delloso	Kinhead	Powell	
Donahue	Kinsey	Probst	McClinton,
Evans	Kosierowski	Prokopiak	Speaker

NAYS—95

Armanini	Fritz	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gaydos	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gillen	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gleim	Major	Ryncavage
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Flood	Lawrence	Rigby	

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1842, PN 2789**, entitled:

An Act providing for community solar facilities; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, electric distribution companies and subscriber organizations; and providing for prevailing wage and labor requirements.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh County, Representative Schweyer.

Mr. SCHWEYER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of HB 1842 and respectfully ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

You know, for nearly a decade, the majority chairman of the House Consumer Protection, Technology, and Utilities Committee, along with the good gentleman from Luzerne County and others, have been working in earnest to authorize community solar in our Commonwealth, and I want to thank them all for their hard work, as this is very much both a team and a bipartisan effort.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let us talk, if we can, about solar for just a second. If you live in a larger home or a place with some land, you may have a large roof or some extra space to install solar panels, and thus, manufacture your own electricity. And if you are lucky, you may have enough space to generate so much electricity that you can even sell some of it onto the grid. But if you live in a small house, or perhaps, an apartment or even in a community that prohibits solar panels, you simply do not have those options. That is what HB 1842 is meant to address, making it easier for folks – regardless of the neighborhood in which they call home or the size of their domicile – to participate in the development of solar.

For years we have been hung up on how to help the development of community solar, and many, both inside our chamber and outside of our chamber, have rightfully insisted that the costs of these developments should never be pushed onto other ratepayers. Fortunately, Mr. Speaker, the Federal government has recently enacted policies that could very well

deliver support for solar development. Knowing this, this bipartisan team of legislators, who have been so diligently working on this bill, realize that this is our chance to carve out support for community solar development without costing the average ratepayer.

Lastly, the thousands of good-paying and family-sustaining jobs that will be created across our Commonwealth will be hugely helpful to keeping our economy going. Community solar is not a new concept either here in Pennsylvania or across the United States. It is a policy that has encouraged the development of domestically produced and renewable electricity for years. It is a policy that ensures that people who have smaller homes or those who live in apartments can have a stake in solar development. And it is a policy that creates good-paying, family-sustaining jobs.

In our case, HB 1842 has the added benefit of explicitly protecting our ratepayers. For those reasons, sir, and many more, I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman, and on the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne County, Representative Kaufer.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank the gentleman from Lehigh for his work on this bill. This has been many years of time and effort to get to this.

Let me talk about what this means for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are hundreds of millions of dollars out there of Federal funding that this will unlock if we pass this legislation today. There is over \$3 billion already identified; \$3 billion of economic activity that is already ready to go if we pass this legislation today. There is a broad coalition of support behind this from both our trades to the solar industry to people all across Pennsylvania, the Farm Bureau, others who are supporting legislation like this that is going to help all regions of Pennsylvania: rural regions, urban regions, suburban regions. This is a win for Pennsylvania.

I have to give a lot of credit – thank you to the chairmen of the Consumer Protection, Technology, and Utilities Committee, both Republican and Democrat. I appreciate your support. This passed out of our committee unanimously. I would ask for an affirmative vote on this. It is about time we get this piece of legislation done. It has been too long, and the economic opportunities are right in front of us. Let us embrace it. Let us get it done. This is a win for all of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Warren County, Representative Rapp.

Ms. RAPP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, "Those who..." refuse "to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Mr. Speaker, we have learned from the coal mining industry, oil and gas industry, that we need to plan ahead, to make plans to keep our environment safe. And I do appreciate the prime sponsor of the bill, who had a brief conversation with me this morning about this bill, and I appreciate the interaction we had concerning the bill. But, Mr. Speaker, I, again, have grave concerns about the industry – not that our communities want to use solar on their rooftops to try to reduce their electric bills, but, Mr. Speaker, we learned from the coal mining industry, oil, gas, other energy facilities, that we should have had a bonding and

decommissioning requirement on those industries to protect Pennsylvanians' environments.

Our communities need to know and be assured that Pennsylvania has a plan: a plan to decommission, to dispose of, to have reclamation plans, and to have restoration plans before solar panels pile up in our landfills. I believe that when we have legislation for new forms of energy that we also need to protect our environment and ensure our communities that we have a plan in place, not years down the road for the next generation to take care of, but we can plan that today, and I am hopeful that we will see legislation that, in the near future, that addresses decommissioning and the disposal of solar panels and other forms of energy instead of going through what we have gone through with the coal mines and other energy production that we did not plan for, but now the taxpayers are paying for because we did not plan ahead.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Craig Williams.

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some of this is a reeducation from yesterday, and I was not going to say it again until I heard these words: This is a win for every Pennsylvanian. Which it is not. It is not a win for all of us. It is a win, with Federal tax dollars invested in solar development, for those solar development companies.

It is interesting to me that we just had the better part of an hour debate about which chocolate was going to be best in the Commonwealth, with some of the objection being, we should not be picking winners and losers, which is exactly what this bill does. It picks some solar developers to win Federal dollars, and the rest of us split the bill for distribution costs for solar subscribers who are able to avoid their entire utility bill.

You get to go home to your district and tell the people of your district that their energy bill, their utility bill is going to go up because some solar subscribers were able to avoid all of their costs. Your utility gets to recover every single dollar it invests in the infrastructure – every single dollar –and those solar subscribers will now be able to avoid their fair share of distribution costs and visit it back on you and your constituents.

This is not a win for all Pennsylvanians; it is a win for some Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Adams County, Representative Moul.

Mr. MOUL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As the Agriculture chairman, I certainly do not want to do anything that encourages covering our land – especially production farmland – with solar panels. As it is, our food is getting to be quite expensive as it is, and the more production farmland we encourage solar companies to cover on our tax dollars, the higher your food prices are going to go. That is one tax on your people.

The other tax is – and I did not realize this until I reread the cosponsorship memo – it said about lowering the cost of your electric bill. For those of you that were here back in the day – and I have been here quite a while – during the Rendell administration, the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act

was passed, and part of that was a force onto your electric bill to buy alternative energy, which is wind and solar, which is the most expensive electricity you can buy. So as it is right now, your electric bill is higher than it should be because you are forced – you do not have a choice – you are forced to put solar and wind on your electric bill. That, you already have. Now you are talking about doing it again for those that choose not to have it?

I think this is – like the last speaker said – this is a bad bill for some people in Pennsylvania. There will be a couple winners, but for the most part, most people will lose on this. It is another tax.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Eric Nelson.

Mr. E. NELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And a big flashing yellow light to this community solar bill. It is important for all of us to know that if we want an all-of-the-above energy policy, then we have to begin to treat equally each sector of energy, and that includes our baseload power producers. Whether you like the inability to dispose of solar panels or not, whether you like the horrendous mining techniques and the dependence on China to be able to get those metals in here, it is a true reality. But what is even more important is the out-of-balance language that is in this bill that requires our existing energy producers to purchase all unsubscribed energy at rates determined by the PUC (Public Utility Commission).

So what we are doing – and many of us met with farm families today, and if you listen to the actual farm families, they say solar is not going on waste coal piles or on hilltops or rooftops, which would be great. Guaranteed 100-percent sale of overinflated solar energy is causing big solar to buy up prime farmland and take it out of commission – forever. And the reason we say forever is because this chamber voted down an amendment to protect those farm families and say, we have to set aside funds to restore this through agricultural purpose once these solar panels have reached their life. This chamber said, no, no strings attached. Guaranteed 100-percent sale at higher rates means guaranteed 100-percent higher rates for Pennsylvanians.

This bill is not ready for prime time. This bill seeks to enrich big solar with big Federal money and nothing more. We should vote "no," go back to the drawing board, and come up with a balanced plan for Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Gaydos.

Ms. GAYDOS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Look, I support alternative energy, but I cannot support this if there is no plan to decommission and dispose of solar panels. Look, I support alternative energy, but not at the expense of the environment, so I will be a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—111

Abney	Freeman	Lawrence	Rozzi
Bellmon	Friel	Madden	Ryncavage
Benham	Gallagher	Madsen	Salisbury
Bizzarro	Gergely	Malagari	Samuelson
Borowski	Giral	Marcell	Sanchez
Boyd	Green	Markosek	Sappey
Boyle	Guenst	Marshall	Schlossberg
Bradford	Guzman	Matzie	Schweyer
Brennan	Haddock	Mayes	Scott
Briggs	Hanbidge	McAndrew	Shusterman
Brown, A.	Harkins	McNeill	Siegel
Bullock	Harris	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
Burgos	Hogan	Merski	Solomon
C Freytiz	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Steele
Cephas	Howard	Mullins	Sturla
Cerrato	Isaacson	Munroe	Takac
Ciresi	Kaufer	Neilson	Tomlinson
Conklin	Kazeem	Nelson, N.	Venkat
Curry	Kenyatta	O'Mara	Vitali
Daley	Khan	Otten	Warren
Davis	Kim	Parker	Waxman
Dawkins	Kinthead	Pashinski	Webster
Deaso	Kinsey	Pielli	White
Delloso	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Donahue	Krajewski	Powell	Young
Evans	Krueger	Probst	
Fiedler	Kulik	Prokopiak	McClinton,
Fleming	Labs	Rabb	Speaker
Frankel			

NAYS—90

Armanini	Flick	Kuzma	Rigby
Banta	Flood	Leadbeter	Roae
Barton	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Gillen	Major	Schemel
Bonner	Gleim	Mako	Scheuren
Borowicz	Gregory	Maloney	Schlegel
Brown, M.	Greiner	Mentzer	Schmitt
Burns	Grove	Mercuri	Scialabba
Cabell	Hamm	Metzgar	Smith
Causar	Heffley	Mihalek	Staats
Cook	Irvin	Miller, B.	Stambaugh
Cooper	James	Moul	Stehr
Cutler	Jones, M.	Mustello	Stender
D'Orsie	Jones, T.	Nelson, E.	Struzzi
Davanzo	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Topper
Delozier	Kail	Oberlander	Twardzik
Diamond	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
Dunbar	Keefer	Owlett	Watro
Ecker	Kephart	Pickett	Wentling
Emrick	Klunk	Rader	Williams, C.
Fee	Krupa	Rapp	Zimmerman
Fink	Kutz		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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

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

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The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1869, PN 2727**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, further providing for definitions, providing for food allergy awareness and further providing for powers of department.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.
The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Venkat.
Mr. VENKAT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Food allergies represent a rising epidemic in our country; 33 million Americans have food allergies, representing 1 in 10 adults and 1 in 13 children. Over half of adults and nearly half of children with food allergies have experienced a severe or anaphylactic allergic reaction. This represents a 377-percent increase between 2007 and 2016, and the number continues to rise.

As a practicing emergency physician, I have treated hundreds of patients with this condition. They are among the scariest that you can see. They cannot breathe, they have plummeting blood pressure, and require immediate treatment. But it is the personal stories of our constituents that really show the impact of how important it is that we address this issue today.

My constituent, Kathy Briden, of Franklin Park and her family are seated to our left, to the left of the Speaker's dais. She came to my office a few months ago to tell me the story of her son, Matthew, who, at age 28, died of an anaphylactic reaction to peanuts contained in food that he had ordered at a restaurant. Matthew lived his entire life with a peanut allergy, carrying an EpiPen and telling restaurants about his condition to avoid exposure. Despite that, and unintentionally, cross-contamination of food served at a restaurant led to his severe allergic reaction and tragic death.

Today we have the opportunity to advance commonsense food allergy legislation that would require restaurants to post notices about food allergies, both in their food preparation areas and on menus or other written manner, asking customers to notify their servers about food allergies so that what happened to Matthew and so many others can be prevented. We know from looking at medical errors – and really, errors in virtually any industry – that it is a series of accidental and aligned actions that result in tragedies such as Matthew's that cause devastating harm.

With this legislation, we can reinforce the necessary communication that can directly reduce the risk of severe and anaphylactic food allergies, saving the lives of Pennsylvanians who have this significant medical condition.

I want to thank Senator Judy Schwank, who has led this effort in our State Senate; bipartisan colleagues who cosponsored this legislation: Chair Pashinski, Chair Moul, Representative Friel,

Representative Mihalek; bipartisan members of the House Agriculture Committee; and stakeholders, including the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association, for coming together to bring us here to this important vote today.

Most importantly, I want to thank my constituent, Kathy Briden, and her family for their courage and advocacy on this important issue. Thank you again, and I urge a "yes" vote on HB 1869.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette County, Representative Warner.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have a 9-year-old son with food allergies. He is allergic to tree nuts. When my son was 4 years old—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Members, the good gentleman from Fayette is trying to speak about a matter that is related both to the legislation and a deeply personal matter. I would appreciate if the members would come to attention and give the gentleman the attention he deserves.

The gentleman is in order and may proceed.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have a 9-year-old son with food allergies. He is allergic to tree nuts. I am thankful that, through the treatment of oral immunotherapy, that he has built up an immunity to these tree nuts. But when my son was 4 years old, he nearly died from simply touching a cashew. Holding that boy in my arms and not knowing whether he was going to live or die was by far one of the most difficult moments in my entire life. Shortly after that, in a restaurant, my son was accidentally served food that he was allergic to. I am lucky that this crisis was averted because I happened to take a bite out of his pancakes before he did.

I recently had one of my closest colleagues in this chamber ask me, if this did not happen to your son, would you still be voting for this bill? And, Mr. Speaker, that is a very fair question. But it did happen to my son. He did almost die. He did get served the food that he is allergic to in a restaurant. And I did hold him in my arms, not knowing whether he was going to survive.

But, Mr. Speaker, as the saying goes, experience is the best teacher, and the worst experiences teach the best lessons, and through this experience, I have learned a lot of lessons, Mr. Speaker. So as I stand before you now, I do not stand before you as the Representative from the 52d District. I stand before you as the father of Ben Warner, a 9-year-old boy who is energetic and ornery, who is kind and loving, but a 9-year-old boy that almost died from simply touching a cashew. And because of that experience, I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to consider voting "yes" on HB 1869.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—148

Abney	Fee	Krueger	Prokopiak
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kulik	Rabb
Benham	Fleming	Kutz	Rigby
Bizzarro	Flick	Kuzma	Rozzi
Bonner	Flood	Labs	Ryncavage
Borowski	Frankel	Mackenzie, R.	Salisbury
Boyd	Freeman	Madden	Samuelson
Boyle	Friel	Madsen	Sanchez
Bradford	Fritz	Major	Sappery
Brennan	Gallagher	Malagari	Scheuren
Briggs	Gaydos	Marcell	Schlossberg
Brown, A.	Gergely	Markosek	Schweyer
Bullock	Gillen	Marshall	Scott
Burgos	Giral	Matzie	Shusterman
Burns	Green	Mayes	Siegel
C Freytiz	Guenst	McAndrew	Smith-Wade-El
Cabell	Guzman	McNeill	Solomon
Causer	Haddock	Mehaffie	Staats
Cephas	Hanbidge	Mentzer	Steele
Cerrato	Harkins	Mercuri	Struzzi
Ciresi	Harris	Merski	Sturla
Conklin	Heffley	Mihalek	Takac
Cook	Hogan	Miller, B.	Tomlinson
Cooper	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Topper
Curry	Howard	Moul	Venkat
Cutler	Isaacson	Mullins	Vitali
Daley	James	Munroe	Warner
Davanzo	Jozwiak	Neilson	Warren
Davis	Kaufer	Nelson, N.	Waxman
Dawkins	Kazeem	O'Mara	Webster
Deasy	Kenyatta	Otten	White
Delloso	Khan	Parker	Williams, C.
Delozier	Kim	Pashinski	Williams, D.
Donahue	Kinkead	Pielli	Young
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pisciottano	
Ecker	Klunk	Powell	McClinton,
Emrick	Kosierowski	Probst	Speaker
Evans	Krajewski		

NAYS—53

Armanini	Hamm	Maloney	Rowe
Banta	Irvin	Metzgar	Schemel
Barton	Jones, M.	Mustello	Schlegel
Benninghoff	Jones, T.	Nelson, E.	Schmitt
Bernstine	Kail	O'Neal	Scialabba
Borowicz	Kauffman	Oberlander	Smith
Brown, M.	Keefer	Ortitay	Stambaugh
D'Orsie	Kephart	Owlett	Stehr
Diamond	Krupa	Pickett	Stender
Fink	Lawrence	Rader	Twardzik
Gleim	Leadbeter	Rapp	Watro
Gregory	Mackenzie, M.	Roae	Wentling
Greiner	Mako	Rossi	Zimmerman
Grove			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Kerwin

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.

**THE SPEAKER (JOANNA E. McCLINTON)
PRESIDING**

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

HB 285;
HB 660;
HB 1664; and
SB 37.

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

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 777;
HB 1443;
HB 1601;
HB 1678; and
HB 1819.

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

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, there will be no further votes.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Chair is in receipt of a motion by the gentleman from Fayette, Representative Warner, that the House now adjourn until Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 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 3:57 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.