NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–10

Jarolim
Kirkland
Lawless
Mihalich
Roberts
Ross
Washington

Daley
Leh
Rubley
Youngblood
Dally
Lescovitz
Sainato
Zimmerman
DeLuca
Levandusky
Santoni
Zug
Dempsey
Lloyd
Sather
Dermody
Lucy
Saylor
Ryan,
DeWeese
Maitland
Schrader
Speaker

NAYS–0

NOT VOTING–0

EXCUSED–10

Carone
Kirkland
Lawless
Mihalich
Roberts
Ross
Washington

The majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR D

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

BILL PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Turn to supplemental calendar D. HB 87 will be over temporarily.

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to HB 171, PN 2015, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for absentee voting.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Herman, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali, on the question.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I would just ask that the gentleman explain those amendments. The SPEAKER pro tempore. That question is certainly in order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Herman.

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

The Senate has passed a very innocuous amendment striking out language on page 2, starting with lines 11 through 18, regarding the advertising requirements. This is not necessary in this legislation. It actually cleans the bill up and makes a better bill, and it does not affect the content of the legislation.

So I ask for an affirmative vote, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that the Senate amendments are innocuous. I agree the Senate amendments are innocuous, and I urge a vote of nonconcurrence because these innocuous Senate amendments do not deal with the fundamental problem of the bill.

This bill is going to lead to a huge increase in the number of absentee ballots that are cast. There are no additional safeguards in this bill. We have had major problems with absentee ballots in the past. We have had problems with the Marks-Stinson Senate election, which, for all practical purposes, destroyed the careers of both the candidates involved. We have had a hotly contested traffic court seat in Philadelphia, which is apparently being decided by absentee ballots with a lot of acrimony.

Because the Senate amendments have not dealt with the fundamental task of providing safeguards for this process of expanding absentee ballots – that we are just going to have a lot of absentee ballots cast without safeguards – and because of all the problems we have had with absentee ballots, with the limited safeguards under current Pennsylvania and current Federal law, I would urge a “no” vote.

On the question recurring.

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

YEAS—151

Adolph      Donatucci      Lynch      Sather
Allen       Drace          Major      Saylor
Argall      Egolf          Markosek   Schroder
Armstrong   Fairchild      Marsico    Schuler
Baker       Fargo          Masland    Semmel
Bard        Feese          Mayernik   Serafini
Barley      Fichter        McClure    Seyfert
Barrar      Fleagle        McGill     Smith, B.
Battista     Flick          McGill     Smith, S. H.
Bebko-Jones Fannon         Mcilihaan  Snyder, D. W.
Belfonti    Geist          Micozzie   Sills
Benninghoff George         Mill     Steelman
Birrmein    Gigiotti       Miller     Steil
Biaum       Gladock        Nailor     Stern
Boscola     Godshall       Nickol     Stevenson
Boyes       Gorder         O'Brien    Strittmatter
Brown       Gruitza        Otaz      Taylor, E. Z.
Browne      Gruppo         Oliver     Taylor, J.
Bunt        Habay          Orie      Tigue
Buxton      Haluska        Perzel     Travalio
Caltagirone Harhart        Pesi      Trello
Cawley      Hasay          Petrone    True
Chadwick    Hennessy       Phillips   Tulli
Civera      Herman         Pippy      Vance
Clark       Hershey         Pistella   Van Horne
Clymer      Hess          Platf      Walke
Cohen, L. 1 Conti         Hutchinson  Ramos
Cornell     Curtis         Ikin       Raymond
Corrigan    Jadowiec       Jagger    Readshaw
Cowell      Kaiser         Keeler    Reber
Coy         Keller         Kenney    Reindard
Curry       Kerbs          Klein     Reger
Dally       LaGrotta       Krogsby   Rohrer
DeLuca      Lene         Lehen       Roller
Dempsey    Leh             Lescoitz   Sainato
Dent        Luexk         Santoni   Ryan, Speaker
Dermody     Luexk         Santoni   Speaker
DeWeese

NAYS—41

Belardi      Evans          Melio       Steiler
Bishop       Hanna          Michovic    Sturla
Butkovitz    James          Mundy       Surra
Cappabianca  Josephs        Myers       Tangretti
Casorion     Laughlin       Petracca    Thomas
Cohen, M.    Lederer        Robinson   Trich
Colaella     Levemsky       Roebuck    Veen
Colaiizzo    Lloyd          Scrimmetti Vitali
Corpora      Manderino      Shaler     Yewcic
Daley        McGeehan       Staback     Youngblood

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—10

Carn         Carone          Jarolin     Mihalich
            Kirkland        Roberts     Ross
            DiGirolamo      Lawless     Washington

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

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to HB 479, PN 2016, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.33), known as The First Class Township Code, providing for assessment of tapping fees; and further providing for contracts.

On the question,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, will the gentleman, Mr. Fairchild, give a brief explanation of the Senate amendments?

Mr. FAIRCHILD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There was a one-word change, and it was just a technical change in the Senate that changed the wording from “municipality” to “township.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Fairchild, that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

On the question recurring.

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

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

YEAS—191

Adolph      Druce          Major      Schuler
Allen       Eachus         Manderino  Scrimmetti
Argall      Egolf          Markosek   Semmel
Armstrong   Evans          Marsico    Serafini
Baker       Fairchild      Masland    Seyfert
Bard        Fargo          Mayernik   Shaler