



House Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 23, 2026
9:15 AM
60 East Wing

Call to Order

Roll Call

Legislation to Be Considered

- **HR 375 (Cooper)** – Recognizes October 18, 2025, as “Willie Thrower Day” in Pennsylvania.
 - **Amendment A02602 (Staats)** – Updates the resolution to recognize October 18, 2026.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 375 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY COOPER, NEILSON, VENKAT AND HADDOCK,
DECEMBER 1, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, DECEMBER 3, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 18, 2025, as "Willie Thrower Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Willie Lee Thrower, Sr., was born March 22, 1930, in
4 New Kensington; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 18, 1953, Willie Thrower became the first
6 African-American quarterback to take a snap in modern National
7 Football League history while playing for the Chicago Bears; and

8 WHEREAS, Willie Thrower was a part of the 1952 Michigan State
9 Spartans that won the national championship; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1979, Willie Thrower was elected to the
11 Westmoreland County Sports Hall of Fame, in 1981, he was
12 inducted into the AK Valley Hall of Fame and, in 2011, he was
13 inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2003, the Willie Thrower Historical Marker was
15 erected on the road that runs past the high school he attended
16 in New Kensington; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2006, a statue of Willie Thrower was erected near

1 Valley High School in New Kensington to honor his
2 accomplishments; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2021, the Willie Thrower Award Foundation debuted
4 an award for the top quarterback in the WPIAL and City League;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, October 18, 2023, was designated Willie Thrower
7 Community Day in New Kensington, as part of a four-day
8 celebration of the 70th anniversary of Thrower's play for the
9 Chicago Bears; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
11 October 18, 2025, as "Willie Thrower Day" in Pennsylvania.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 375

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2664

1 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 1, by striking out "2025" and

2 inserting

3 2026

4 Amend Resolution, page 2, line 11, by striking out "2025" and

5 inserting

6 2026

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No:	HR0375 PN2664	Prepared By:	Joseph Poteracki (717) 787-3489
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	Dante Jacobelli
Sponsor:	Cooper, Jill		
Date:	3/10/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes October 18, 2025, as "Willie Thrower Day" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would designate October 18, 2025, as "Willie Thrower Day."

On October 18, 1953, Willie Thrower became the first African-American quarterback to take a snap in modern National Football League history while playing for the Chicago Bears.

Willie Thrower was a part of the 1952 Michigan State Spartans that won the national championship.

Thrower has been recognized locally for decades in his hometown of New Kensington and county of Westmoreland. He was elected to the Westmoreland County Sports Hall of Fame in 1979, the AK Valley Hall of Fame in 1981, and the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2011.

In 2021, the Willie Thrower Award Foundation debuted an award for the top quarterback in the WPIAL and City League.

October 18, 2023, was designated Willie Thrower Community Day in New Kensington, as part of a four-day celebration of the 70th anniversary of Thrower's play for the Chicago Bears.

Effective Date:

This act takes effect upon adoption.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

HR 494 (Cooper) from the 2023-24 Legislative Session was reported as committed from the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee on September 30, 2024. No further action was taken.

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