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The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to HB 1954, PN 4794, entitled:

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

The SPEAKER. It is moved by the gentleman, Mr. Cruz, that the House do concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

Are you up or down, Mr. Vitali? Just let us know.
Mr. VITALI. I am up, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Okay. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.
Mr. VITALI. I am wondering if the gentleman from Philadelphia could outline this bill?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Cruz, is recognized.
The gentleman, Mr. Vitali, is asking for a brief explanation.
Mr. CRUZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And with all due respect, this was explained in the caucus. I do not know where he is confused. But anyway - it is what it is - the only addition from the Senate is that the increase will be \$400 annually and no more at this present time, if I am correct.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. Let us begin.
Now, I see in the precession report—

The SPEAKER. I am sorry.
Mr. VITALI. I thought I was up for interrogation.
The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order.

Mr. VITALI. I see something was raised from \$300 to \$2,300. That was in the precession report. Could the gentleman explain that?

Mr. CRUZ. That was not the Senate change, but the maximum that was changed was from 300 to 2,300 and they raised it for 400 annually that will not pass to 2,000 but you only pay 400 a year annually, no more.

Mr. VITALI. And these are fines, forfeitures and penalties we are talking about?
Mr. CRUZ. Yes.

Mr. VITALI. For what infractions?
Mr. CRUZ. Any city violations.

The SPEAKER. Mr. Vitali, the interrogation is limited to the Senate amendments.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. Well, let me just limit that to the infractions covered in the Senate amendments then.
Mr. CRUZ. The Senate just put it to qualify that you will not raise more than just 400 annually, and that is

all I can add.
Mr. VITALI. I am sorry. I was just distracted. Go ahead.
Mr. CRUZ. So was I.

It comes from the Senate, and they put a restriction where they are going to raise the fine and 400 is all you are going to pay, that is what I am trying to tell you. They are not going to raise any more. You do not pay any more than 400.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. CRUZ. But again, but then again, it can under this bill, that can go to 2,000, but hopefully it will not. It will just go up to 400.
Mr. VITALI. Okay. Thank you.

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

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

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