The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN J. LaRosa, of St. Bartholomew Parish, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

We reverently call upon the Lord's loving presence upon this astute body of leaders.

Dear Lord, direct the minds and the hearts of all privileged to serve in public office according to Your will for the peace and freedom of all. O Lord, our God, our Father, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over and represent us in this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Help them to build up the prosperity of people, the assurance of peace, and happiness for all. Bless them and their families with good health. Father, continue to watch over and guide them. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend LaRosa, who is the guest today of Senator Stack.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

March 20, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kevin (Otis) Fitzgerald, ATC, MSPT, 300 Heinz St. #C-512, Pittsburgh 15212, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Beth Carr, Danville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

March 20, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Norman L. Johnson, 104 Merrie Woode Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

March 20, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Marybeth Lehman, MPT, 781 White Farm Road, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE NAVIGATION COMMISSION FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER AND ITS NAVIGABLE TRIBUTARIES

March 25, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James T. McDermott, Jr., 126 Manton
In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for his appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, Vice Celestino R. Pennoni, Bryn Mawr, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, 604 Stoneridge Drive, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, Vice Joseph Napolitano, Allentown, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mike Downing (Alternate Member), 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, Vice Dr. Stephen Ostroff, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2016, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, Vice John E. Stevens, State College, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, Vice the Honorable Judith L. A. Friedman, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Berks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, Vice the Honorable Linda K. M. Ludgate, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BERKS COUNTY

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Chester County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, Vice the Honorable Howard F. Riley, Jr., mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, CHESTER COUNTY

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Clinton County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, Vice the Honorable Howard F. Riley, Jr., mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, CLINTON COUNTY

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Clinton County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable J. Michael Williamson, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FAYETTE COUNTY

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Fayette County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Gerald R. Solomon, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, LACKAWANNA COUNTY

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Chester T. Harhut, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Mercer County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable John C. Reed, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Sandra Mazer Moss, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable John J. Driscoll, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable John L. Musmanno, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jonette B. Owen, AuD, 400 Amy Court, North Wales 19454, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to [data missing] until June 6, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jeane Violon Singer, Ph.D., State College, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, David W. Stein, 357 Ann Circle, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Berks, Magisterial District 23-2-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Nicholas M. Bentz, Jr., mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

April 2, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Terry L. Barley, 921 Conley Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lynn Fields Harris, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

April 2, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sara L. Parker, 15 Springcreek Manor, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

April 3, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable R. Tyler Courtney, 16 East Otterman Street, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jerry Spangler, Davidsville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 3, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph J. Volk, 1254 Almshouse Road, PO Box 225, Jamison 18929, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

April 2, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joy "JD" Dunbar, 103 Atlee Circle, State College 16802, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 3, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Reverend George R. Gunn, Jr., 1505 Valley View Drive, PO Box 89, Gwynedd Valley 19437, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

April 2, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable R. Lee James, 114 West Second Street, Oil City 16301, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEASES, WASHINGTON COUNTY

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Washington County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Janet Moschetta Bell, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Harvey W. Robbins, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Lancaster, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Keith J. Greiner, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEASES, BLAIR COUNTY

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Blair County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Hiram A. Carpenter, III, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEASES, FRANKLIN/FULTON COUNTIES

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Franklin/Fulton Counties, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Richard J. Walsh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Bucks, Magisterial District 07-2-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert E. Gaffney, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

April 5, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable [sic] Michael E. Wolf, 2425 Bladestone Trail, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Dr. Eli N. Avila, Albany, New York, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gerald A. Rader, 1209 Mensch Road, Box 877, Skippack 19474, Montgomery County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice J. Omar Landis, Lititz, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Matthew C. Rader, 135 Butler Street, Forty Fort 18704, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Daniel A. Trace, 13348 Calvin Street, Meadville 16335, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ralph M. Stewart, Armagh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CRANE OPERATORS

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Raymond A. Feidt, 401 Berrysburg Road, Millersburg 17061, Dauphin County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2016, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CRANE OPERATORS

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jack E. Pletcher, 1909 Cowling Road, Scottdale 15683, Westmoreland County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2016, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Glenn Becker, 713 Fox Hollow Road, PO Box 675, Gwynedd Valley 19437, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve until May 11, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wallace H. Nunn, Newtown Square, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the
 Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

**SECRETARY OF HEALTH**

April 5, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 31, 2012, for the appointment of Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as Secretary of Health; to serve until January 3, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Eli N. Avila, Albany, New York, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS**

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners; to serve for a term of three years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice J. Omar Landis, Lititz, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

March 28, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Please note the nomination dated March 20, 2013, for the appointment of Kevin (Otis) Fitzgerald, ATC, MSPT, 300 Heinz St. #C-512, Pittsburgh 15222, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Beth Carr, Danville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following Senate Bills numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

**March 26, 2013**

Senators HUGHES, TEPLITZ, STACK, FERLO, FARNESE, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, WILLIAMS, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, WILEY, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, SMITH, COSTA, SOLOBAY, BOSCOLA, BLAKE and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 12**, entitled:


Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 26, 2013.

Senators ALLOWAY, SCARNATI, FERLO, WHITE, RAFFERTY, YAW, TEPLITZ, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 102**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for persons eligible for medical assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 26, 2013.

Senators MENSCH, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, TOMLINSON, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, FERLO, ERICKSON, GORDNER, YUDICHAK, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, ALLOWAY and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 104**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for general powers of board.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 26, 2013.

Senators McILHINNEY, BLAKE, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, BAKER, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, SOLOBAY, HUTCHINSON, BROWNE and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SB 730**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for State employees and officers, further defining "enforcement officer."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2013.
Senators RAFFERTY, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, WAUGH, STACK, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, YAW and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 731, entitled:
An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of retail theft.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 26, 2013.

Senators TOMLINSON, ERICKSON, BAKER, GREEN-LEAF, ALLOWAY, BROWNE, KASUNIC, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, GORDNER, SOLOBAY, TEPLITZ, WHITE, STACK, ARGALL and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair SB 732, entitled:
An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, further providing for reimbursement for parts and service and for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 26, 2013.

Senators ROBBINS, EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER and FONTANA presented to the Chair SB 733, entitled:
An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for additional publication in legal journals; and providing for electronic publication of legal advertising.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 26, 2013.

Senators STACK, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, WAUGH, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, HUGHES, FOLMER, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, BAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 734, entitled:

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 26, 2013.

Senators STACK, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, COSTA, SOLOBAY, BROWNE and HUGHES presented to the Chair SB 735, entitled:
An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for accidents involving death or personal injury.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 26, 2013.

Senators STACK, FARNESE, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, HUGHES and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 736, 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 for sale or transfer of firearms; and providing for lawful gun shows and meets.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 26, 2013.

Senators STACK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, ERICKSON, HUGHES and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair SB 737, entitled:
An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of aggravated assault.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 26, 2013.

Senators EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, ALLOWAY, MENSCH, WAUGH, WHITE and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair SB 740, entitled:
An Act prohibiting a public employer from deducting from a public employee's salary or wages any funds which inure to the benefit of a private organization.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 26, 2013.

Senators EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, BREWSTER, WAUGH, FERLO and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 741, entitled:
An Act authorizing countywide implementation of sales, use, occupancy, personal income or earned income and net profits taxes; providing for the levying, assessment, collection and distribution of such taxes among municipalities within a county; requiring reduction of other taxes on real property and individuals; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Revenue and the State Treasurer.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2013.

Senators LEACH, SCHWANK and FONTANA presented to the Chair SB 742, entitled:
An Act amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, No.205), known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, further providing for definitions and for procurement of professional services contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2013.

Senators ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, MENSCH, WAUGH, WHITE, BROWNE, BAKER, EICHELBERGER and SMUCKER presented to the Chair SB 743, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in grounds and buildings, further providing for work to be done under contract let on bids and exception.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 26, 2013.
Senators ALLOWAY, ARGALL and YAW presented to the Chair SB 744, entitled:
An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for how offices to be held.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 26, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair SB 745, entitled:
An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for snow or ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 26, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, FERLO, WASHINGTON, FARNENE and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 746, entitled:
An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for snow and ice dislodged or falling from certain moving vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 26, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, FONTANA, FERLO, TEPLITZ, STACK, FARNENE, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, SOLOBAY and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 747, entitled:
An Act providing for academic excellence scholarships for persons entering a college or university within this Commonwealth and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 26, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, FARNENE and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair SB 748, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for blood donation education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 26, 2013.

Senators MENSCH, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, YAW, VOGEL, BREWSTER, BROWNE, KASUNIC, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, ERICKSON, BAKER, WHITE, PILEGGI, WARD, WAUGH and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 761, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for imposition of the corporate net income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2013.

Senators MENSCH, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, YAW, VOGEL, BREWSTER, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, HUTCHINSON, ERICKSON, BAKER, WHITE, PILEGGI, WARD, WAUGH and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 762, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, establishing a career development tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2013.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, MENSCH, ALLOWAY and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 763, entitled:
An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for roster of parties hunting big game.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 26, 2013.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY and MENSCH presented to the Chair SB 764, entitled:
An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 26, 2013.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FARNENE, FERLO, WILLIAMS, HUGHES, VANCE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 765, entitled:
An Act imposing a tax on smokeless tobacco; and providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2013.

Senators FARNESE, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON, STACK and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 766, entitled:
An Act amending the act of December 21, 1998 (P.L.1307, No.174), known as the Community and Economic Improvement Act, further providing for creation of neighborhood improvement district management association.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 26, 2013.
An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in health and accident insurance, providing for insurance coverage for infertility treatment services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 26, 2013.

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for limitation of liability for mold and mold damage.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 26, 2013.

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1971, further providing for classes of income; and providing for applicability of Federal law.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 27, 2013.

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as The Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for applicability of Federal law.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 1, 2013.

An Act providing for a Statewide comprehensive health care system; establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care System and providing for eligibility, services, coverages, subrogation, participating providers, cost containment, reduction of errors, tort remedies, administrative remedies and procedures, attorney fees, quality assurance, nonparticipating providers, transitional support and training; and establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care Agency, the Employer Health Services Levy, the Individual Wellness Tax, the Pennsylvania Health Care Trust Fund, the Employer Health Services Levy, the Individual Wellness Tax, the Pennsylvania Health Care Trust Fund and the Pennsylvania Health Care Board and providing for their powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 27, 2013.

An Act providing for insurance coverage for infertility treatment services.

Which was committed to the Committee on ASSEMBLY, March 27, 2013.

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1990, in health and accident insurance, providing for insurance coverage for infertility treatment services.

Which was committed to the Committee on ASSEMBLY, March 27, 2013.
SOLOBAY, BROWNE, COSTA, WASHINGTON, MENSCH, HUGHES, FERLO, WHITE, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, DINNIMAN and WARD presented to the Chair SB 456, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the Innovate in PA Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 2013.

Senators BLAKE, DINNIMAN, WARD, FOLMER, TEPLITZ, STACK, WAUGH, MENSCH, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, BROWNE, WASHINGTON, BAKER, BRUBAKER, FERLO and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 457, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and repealing provisions relating to State-related institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 2013.

Senators BLAKE, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, COSTA, FERLO, WILEY and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 458, entitled:

An Act authorizing counties to impose sales, use and occupancy taxes; and providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes and for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development or a successor agency, the Department of Revenue and the State Treasurer.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 2013.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, COSTA, WOZNIAK, TEPLITZ, STACK, WAUGH, MENSCH, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, SMITH, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, McILHINNEY, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, HUGHES and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 779, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for special plate to commemorate 9/11; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 2013.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, STACK, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, FARNESE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 780, entitled:

An Act providing for surface owner protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 1, 2013.

Senators KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, SOLOBAY, FARNESE and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 782, entitled:

An Act providing for workplace health and safety standards for public employees; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor and Industry; establishing the Pennsylvania Occupational Safety and Health Review Board; providing for workplace inspections; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 1, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, FERLO, RAFFERTY and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair SB 783, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, defining "affected municipality"; further providing for permit requirements, for powers and duties of the Department of Health and for site limitation; providing for public participation in expansion of existing facilities; further providing for protection of capacity and for host municipality benefit fee; authorizing an affected municipality benefit fee; providing for effect of multiple violations; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 1, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, FERLO and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 784, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, further providing for definitions, for permit and license application requirements and for granting, denying, renewing, modifying, revoking and suspending permits and licenses; providing for referendum on siting of municipal waste landfills or expansion of existing municipal waste landfills; and further providing for bonds.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 1, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, HUGHES, FERLO, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, VANCE, HUTCHINSON and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 785, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for penalties for exceeding maximum weights.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 1, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, BROWNE, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, FERLO, RAFFERTY and WARD presented to the Chair SB 786, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, providing for whistle post signage.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 1, 2013.
Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, KASUNIC, WAUGH, FONTANA, WILEY, STACK, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, TEPLITZ, SOLOBAY, FARNES, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 787, entitled:
An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program; providing for the powers and duties of the State Fire Commissioner; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 1, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 788, entitled:
An Act providing for a siting restriction for assisted living residences, nursing homes and personal care homes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 2013.

Senators BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF, MENSCH and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 789, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for project contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 2013.

Senators GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, STACK, FONTANA, FARNES, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, FERLO, COSTA, LEACH, BOSCOLA, BAKER, McILHINNEY, BREWSTER, DNNIMAN and BLAKE presented to the Chair SB 790, entitled:
An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, further providing for distribution of fee.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 1, 2013.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 791, entitled:
An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in employees' retirement system, further defining "compensation"; further providing for retirement board; providing for tax qualification; and further providing for employees eligible for retirement allowances and for amount of retirement allowances.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 2013.

Senators COSTA, FERLO, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, WASHINGTON, ALLOWAY, VANCE, WAUGH, HUGHES, FARNES and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 793, entitled:
An Act providing for the time period for recording deeds from sheriff sales.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 2013.

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, BROWNE, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, FERLO, FONTANA, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, FARNES, SCHWANK and HUGHES presented to the Chair SB 794, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in film production tax credit, further providing for the definitions of "qualified tax liability" and "taxpayer."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 2013.

Senators COSTA, BROWNE, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, FARNES, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, WALSTON, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, FARNES and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 795, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for the Commonwealth Technology Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, April 1, 2013.

Senators BROWNE, FARNES, SCARNATI, BRUBAKER, TEPLITZ, VANCE, MENSCH, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, FERLO, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, WASHINGTON, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE, SOLOBAY, WOZNIAK, SCHWANK and BLAKE presented to the Chair SB 797, entitled:
An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the calculation of military members' Public School Employees Retirement System benefits.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 2013.

Senators BROWNE, FARNES, TEPLITZ, STACK, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK, ERICKSON, MENSCH, VANCE, WHITE, FERLO, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, SCHWANK, BRUBAKER, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, BAKER, BLAKE, and SCARNATI presented to the Chair SB 798, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for rights preserved during leave of absence.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 2013.

April 3, 2013

Senators HUGHES, BREWSTER, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK, COSTA, SOLOBAY, FARNES and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 201, entitled:
An Act providing for the sale of Build Pennsylvania Bonds.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 3, 2013.

Senators YUDICHAK, KASUNIC, STACK, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, BAKER, COSTA, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, SOLOBAY, BROWNE, FARNESE, MENSCH and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 215, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Veteran-owned Business Loan Guarantee Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 3, 2013.

Senators KITCHEN, COSTA, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, FARNESE, FONTANA, WILLIAMS, TEPLITZ, FERLO, STACK, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 227, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 2008 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Alternative Energy Investment Act, further providing for pollution control technology projects; and for providing energy service project grants, for green work force training and for a transfer of funds.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 3, 2013.

Senators STACK, FARNESE, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, FERLO and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 467, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, further providing for authorization to municipalities to impose tax liens on any property throughout this Commonwealth and on the funds in certain bank accounts.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, April 3, 2013.

Senators ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK, FOLMER, WHITE, ROBBINS, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, YUDICHAK, VOGEL, EICHELBERGER, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, SOLOBAY, SCARNATI, BRUBAKER and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 494, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 2, 1966 (1965 P.L.1860, No.586), entitled "An act encouraging landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection therewith, and repealing certain acts," further providing for liability for landowners to recreational users; and providing for attorney fees and court costs.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 3, 2013.

Senators EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, MENSCH, WAUGH, ERICKSON, SOLOBAY, ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, WARD, VOGEL and WHITE presented to the Chair SB 505, entitled:

An Act providing for the sale of Build Pennsylvania Bonds.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 3, 2013.

Senators LEACH, FARNESE and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 528, entitled:

An Act providing for personal use of marijuana, for lawful operation of marijuana-related facilities, for general powers of the board, for regulation of marijuana and for employers, minors and control of property; and making related repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 3, 2013.

Senators DINNIMAN and ERICKSON presented to the Chair SB 645, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for killing dogs.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 3, 2013.

Senators LEACH, BREWSTER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, FERLO, HUGHES, SMITH, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 653, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, further providing for food safety.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 3, 2013.

Senators YAW, PILEGGI, TOMLINSON, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, VOGEL, WARD, ERICKSON, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, GORDNER, WHITE, ROBBINS, VANCE, WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BAKER, WAUGH, BREWSTER and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 738, entitled:

An Act providing for distribution system extension and expansion plans to increase natural gas usage in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 3, 2013.

Senators YAW, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, MENSCH, TOMLINSON, VULAKOVICH, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, GORDNER, VOGEL, WARD, ROBBINS, VANCE, WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BAKER, WAUGH, BREWSTER and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 739, entitled:


Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 3, 2013.

Senators GREENLEAF, STACK, TEPLITZ, LEACH, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, HUGHES, COSTA,
TARTAGLIONE and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 749, entitled:
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to civil actions and proceedings, further providing for comparative negligence.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 3, 2013.

Senators LEACH, FERLO, FONTANA and FARNESE presented to the Chair SB 770, entitled:
An Act providing for the medical use of marijuana; and repealing provisions of law that prohibit and penalize marijuana use.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 3, 2013.

Senators GORDNER, RAFFERTY, FERLO, BROWNE and YAW presented to the Chair SB 771, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for the State Geospatial Coordinating Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 3, 2013.

Senators TEPLITZ, STACK, KASUNIC, HUGHES, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, SOLOBAY, FARNESE and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 772, entitled:
An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for political influence, for financial and employment interests and for applicability of Public Official and Employee Ethics Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 3, 2013.

Senators VANCE, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, BAKER, BROWNE, FONTANA and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair SB 796, entitled:
An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, further providing for statement of policy, for provision for treatment and for persons who may be subject to involuntary emergency examination and treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 3, 2013.

April 4, 2013

Senators STACK, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, FARNESE, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, WAUGH, FERLO, BROWNE and BLAKE presented to the Chair SB 468, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the Vets First Tax Credit Program to honor veterans for their service to our country and provide incentives for their employment.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 4, 2013.

Senators CORMAN, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, BROWNE, GORDNER, STACK, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, FERLO, COSTA, WHITE, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 701, entitled:
An Act providing for notice to employees of electronic monitoring by employers of network and information technology resources; establishing a cause of action; and imposing civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, April 4, 2013.

Senators CORMAN, MENSCH, EICHELBERGER, WHITE, BROWNE, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, VULAKOVICH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 702, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 4, 2013.

Senators McILHINNEY, FERLO, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, MENSCH, ERICKSON, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, ALLOWAY, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE and WILEY presented to the Chair SB 718, entitled:
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial computer system, further providing for deposits into account.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 4, 2013.

Senators FARNESE, STACK, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 801, entitled:
An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 4, 2013.

Senators CORMAN, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WAUGH and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair SB 802, entitled:
An Act amending the act of June 18, 1998 (P.L.655, No.85), known as the Boiler and Unfired Pressure Vessel Law, further providing for definitions, for design and construction, for construction of act, for registration of boilers and unfired pressure vessels, for shop inspection, for repairs and alterations and for field inspection; repealing provisions relating to issuance of certificates of operation, inspector commissions and fees for examination, enforcement, placement of equipment out of service, regulatory authority, right of entry, accident report, fees, procedure in prosecutions and penalties; and providing for field inspection frequency, for certificates of operation, for inspector commissions and for authorized private inspection agencies, for powers of department, for department investigation, for accident report, for fees, for department enforcement and for administrative penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 4, 2013.

Senators BAKER, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, STACK, FARNESE, TOMLINSON, YUDICHAK, ERICKSON, ROB-
BINS, BROWNE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, WILEY, WARD, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, VANCE, VOGEL, BREWSTER, WAUGH, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair SB 803, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in consolidated collection of local income taxes, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 4, 2013.

Senators RAFFERTY, COSTA, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, FOLMER, ALLOWAY, WHITE, VANCE, YAW, SMITH, SOLOBAY, FERLO, BROWNE and FARNESE presented to the Chair SB 804, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1982 (P.L.1227, No.281), known as the Architects Licensure Law, further providing for definitions, for powers of board and for issuance and renewal of certificates.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 4, 2013.

Senators FOLMER, SCARNATI, BREWSTER, FONTANA, FERLO, ROBBINS, VULAKOVICH, GORDNER, ERICKSON, COSTA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE, FARNESE and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair SB 805, entitled:

An Act providing for the collection and banking of placental and umbilical cord blood for therapeutic transplantation and research.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 4, 2013.

Senators YAW, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, HUGHES, WHITE, YUDICHAK and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 806, entitled:


Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 4, 2013.

Senators McILHINNEY, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, SCARNATI, SOLOBAY, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, HUTCHINSON and BLAKE presented to the Chair SB 807, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for definitions, for the licensing agency and its functions, for powers and functions of board, for qualifications for license, for procedures for licensing, for reciprocity and for reinstatement of license; providing for nomenclature; and further providing for penalties, for license renewal and records and fees and for unlawful practice.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 4, 2013.
An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for duties of electric distribution companies.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 4, 2013.

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Senators ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 799, entitled:
An Act amending the act of December 20, 1982 (P.L.1404, No.325), known as the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, further providing for definitions, for enforcement of lien, for notice and for limitation on liability of owner.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 8, 2013.

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 820, entitled:
An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for permit regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 8, 2013.

Senators BREWSTER, KASUNIC, YUDICHAK, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, GORDNER, SOLOBAY, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, McILHINNEY, HUGHES, FERLO, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, TARTAGLIONE, SMITH, SCHWANK and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 822, entitled:
An Act requiring insurers that approve claims for emergency services to directly reimburse organizations that provide such services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 8, 2013.

Senators BREWSTER, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, FERLO, SOLOBAY, COSTA and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair SB 823, entitled:

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 8, 2013.

Senators BREWSTER, KASUNIC, STACK, ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, FERLO, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, FARNES, HUGHES, SCHWANK and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 825, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for taxability of estates, trusts and their beneficiaries.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 8, 2013.
Senators BREWSTER, WOZNIAK, TEPLITZ, KASUNIC, FONTANA, SMITH, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, COSTA, FERLO, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 826, entitled:
An Act designating each of the bridges that carry Lincoln Highway over Electric Avenue, in North Braddock Borough, Allegheny County, State Bridge No. 02 0030 0230 0001 and State Bridge No. 02 0030 0231 0000, as the AMVETS Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 8, 2013.

Senator DINNIMAN presented to the Chair SB 827, entitled:
An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey to Uptown Entertainment Alliance, or its successors or assigns, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of West Chester, Chester County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 8, 2013.

Senators BREWSTER, KASUNIC, STACK, FERLO, RAFFERTY, McILHINNEY, HUGHES, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 828, entitled:
An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1212, No.286), referred to as the Inspection of Employment Records Law, requiring an employer to provide notification to its employees of telephone call monitoring.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 8, 2013.

Senators BREWSTER, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, WARD, WASHINGTON, BAKER, BROWNE, FARNESE, SCHWANK and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 829, entitled:
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for statutes of limitations for certain offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 8, 2013.

Senators ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER and WARD presented to the Chair SB 830, entitled:
An Act providing for a surveyor's right to enter the land of another to perform surveying services.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 8, 2013.

Senators BROWNE, MENSCH and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 834, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for definitions, for interests in unincorporated entities, for additional withholding requirements and for interest in unincorporated entities.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 8, 2013.

Senators BROWNE, STACK, BREWSTER, WAUGH, WASHINGTON, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair SB 835, entitled:
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for death action.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 8, 2013.

Senators BROWNE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, SOLOBAY and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair SB 836, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a sales and use tax discount for motor vehicle registered dealers.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 8, 2013.

Senators BROWNE, KITCHEN, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, FOLMER, WAUGH, FONTANA, FERLO, WASHINGTON, SCHWANK, COSTA, VLAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, HUTCHINSON and FARNESE presented to the Chair SB 837, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from the sales and use tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 8, 2013.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolutions numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

March 26, 2013

Senators MENSCH, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, VLAKOVICH, GREENLEAF, BAKER, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, SOLOBAY, LEACH, McILHINNEY, HUGHES, BROWNE, ARGALL, SCHWANK, TOMLINSON, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair SR 70, entitled:
A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the issue of specialty tier prescription drug pricing in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 26, 2013.
Senators CORMAN, GORDNER, ERICKSON, WOZNIAK, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, STACK, WHITE, ARGALL, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, BRUBAKER, SCARNATI and HUGHES presented to the Chair SR 57, entitled:
A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of converting the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority bus system to natural gas fuel.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 4, 2013.

Senators FOLMER, ERICKSON, DINNIMAN, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, WAUGH, COSTA, SOLOBAY, PILEGGI, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, WILLIAMS, WHITE, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON, SCARNATI, EICHELBERGER and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair SR 71, entitled:
A Resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to fully fund all special education mandates imposed by Federal laws or regulations upon State, county, municipal or local providers of educational services to students in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 4, 2013.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:
Dr. Richard E. McDowell as a member of the Tuition Account Programs Advisory Board.
Mr. Jonathan Peri as a member of the Tuition Account Programs Advisory Board.
Mr. Leonard J. Rivera as a member of the Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

April 3, 2013

HB 22, 24 and 492 -- Committee on Judiciary.
HB 40 and 325 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
HB 159, 465 and 658 -- Committee on Finance.
HB 252 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.
HB 374 and 790 -- Committee on Law and Justice.
HB 421 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.
HB 488 -- Committee on Local Government.
HB 571 -- Committee on Transportation.
HB 583 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Washington.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Washington.

Without objection, the requests will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator COSTA asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator HUGHES, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator PILEGGI offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, April 8, 2013

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 15, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 15, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PILEGGI and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49
Alloway Farnese Rafferty Vulakovich
Argall Farnese Rafferty Ward
Baker Folmer Sarnati Washington
Blake Fontana Schwanke Waugh
Boscola Gorder Smith White
Brewster Greenleaf Smucker Wiley
Browne Hutchinson Solobay Williams
Brubaker Kasunic Stack Wozniak
Corman Kitchen Tartaglione Yaw
Costa Leach Teplitz Yudichak
Dinniman McIlhinney Tomlinson
Eichelberger Mensch Vance
Erickson Pileggi Vogel

NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.
41 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team members here today, including Christopher King, from the 48th Senatorial District and Reading Area Community College. These students plan to enter fields such as education, social work, criminal justice, psychology, medicine, and business. These students signify the importance of community colleges and higher education, and represent the strength and diversity of community colleges in the Commonwealth. Please join me in welcoming them to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, some of our guests are currently in the House. They were all here earlier, and we hope that each of you who has a community college will recognize these fine students sometime today. Hopefully, they will come back when we are in Session. These students are all scholars who are receiving scholarships with the highest honors that our community colleges can represent. They were here earlier and hopefully they will return. It is a pleasure for Senator Folmer and myself as chairs of the Committee on Education to welcome them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Folmer and Senator Dinniman please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, today we are to welcome a very special guest. Dr. David Clark is a Member of Parliament from the New Zealand House of Representatives, representing the Labour Party in Parliament. Dr. David Clark is the party's economic development and small business spokesperson, and a member of the senior economic caucus. Although new to politics, he is ranked number 12 in the shadow cabinet and also sits on the Commerce Select Committee. On his fellowship to the United States, he is exploring mechanisms to engage disenfranchised citizens, policies and programs aimed at reducing the wealth gap, models to improve social mobility, and I especially like this one, Mr. President, theory and practice in the separation of powers. Given the events of the last few months in this city, perhaps Dr. Clark could advise us as well. Please, Mr. President, if we may give a very special welcome to the New Zealand Member of Parliament, Dr. David Clark.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Argall please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, along with my colleagues, I would like to recognize two outstanding students for their achievements in academia. Jessica Stewart and Shanae Roberts, both from Montgomery County Community College, of which, Mr. President, if I may add, I happen to be a trustee.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Rafferty please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DONALD C. WHITE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator White.

Senator WHITE. Mr. President, in joining with Senator Dinniman and Senator Folmer, I am pleased to be joined today by my constituent, Brittany N. Foertsch, from Butler County. She is a member of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team and is currently attending Butler County Community College. She is scheduled to graduate in May 2013 with the future intent of obtaining a bachelor's degree in business at Slippery Rock University. The All-Pennsylvania Academic Team is comprised of students from all 14 community colleges, selected for their scholarship and leadership, as well as their service to others. Brittany has received an academic honors scholarship, and was placed on the President Achievement List for the fall of 2011 and for spring and fall 2012 semesters.

Mr. President, I ask my fellow Members of the Senate to provide our usual warm welcome to Brittany Foertsch.
The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator White please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR RICHARD A. KASUNIC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Ashley Crisi from Fayette City, Fayette County, who is attending Allegheny County Community College and is majoring in criminal justice. Her hope and dream is to become a city of Pittsburgh police officer. I want to recognize her today on her academic excellence and the hard work and effort she has put into her schooling, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Kasunic please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a constituent of mine who is here as well with the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team. Qi Dong is attending Northampton Community College where she is expected to graduate this May with a degree in business administration. She was carrying a 4.0 GPA at the time of her nomination. In her free time, Qi Dong volunteers as a teaching assistant teaching Chinese. Upon graduation, Qi wants to become a CPA. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to recognize Qi Dong and give our usual warm welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Boscola please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I have the pleasure of introducing Elise Chesson to the Senate. She is here at the Capitol today as part of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team. Elise was chosen as Reading Area Community College's nominee, and she was honored because of her academic achievements in the classroom and for her volunteerism in the community. Elise is a non-traditional student. She is a mother, has a young daughter herself, and is very active in her daughter's elementary school and extra-curricular activities. Elise is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, volunteered with Organizing for America during the past two Presidential elections, and helped plant trees in conjunction with the Berks County Conservancy and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Elise will graduate in May with a degree in cultural anthropology. She is planning to transfer to West Chester University for a bachelor's degree in political science with a focus on international relations. She told me when I spoke with her, she is also going to focus on education. She is a future leader for Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Schwank please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT M. TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I would like to welcome Jonathan Webster from Langhorne, who is attending Bucks County Community College. He is majoring in business administration and is slated to graduate next month. He plans to further his education to obtain a bachelor's degree, he is interested in a career in marketing, and is planning to attend LaSalle University in Philadelphia. Upon his nomination to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, Jonathan was carrying a 4.0 GPA. He has been on the college president's honor list in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Jonathan has also been awarded the New Century Scholar Award for this year, and is a member of the All-USA Academic Team for the State of Pennsylvania. I ask the Senate to give him its usual warm welcome.

Thank you Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Tomlinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAYLIN LEACH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Leach.

Senator LEACH. Mr. President, please welcome those from the Clark School for Hearing and Speech in Bryn Mawr and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech in Pittsburgh, two awesome schools that are changing the way children who are hearing impaired are taught. We have students, teachers, and parents from both of those schools in the balcony. I am going to read the names. From Clark School: Kwan Morrow, Teddy Linz, Tommy Simpson, Gia Pavase, Daniel Brownstein, Conor Haines, Ruby Sadoff, Kate Hagarty, Teresa Bulger, and Beth Rushton. From DePaul School: Bennett Hadley, Taylor Billet, Emily Greb, Samantha Cindrineh, and Lillian Lippencott. These children will be singing "God Bless America" at a press conference in the Main Rotunda at 2 o'clock. Everyone should come and check them out.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Leach please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Fontana.
Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I would like to also take the opportunity to recognize one specific member of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team today. Rebecca Stevens, a constituent from my district, is a resident of Bellevue Borough and attends the Community College of Allegheny County. Rebecca is currently enrolled in the physical therapist assistance program and is also pursuing a certificate of massage therapy at the Community College of Allegheny County. Rebecca has been named to the "Who's Who" among American University and College Students, as well as the Dean's List. Upon her nomination to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, Rebecca was holding an impressive 3.92 grade point average. I would like to welcome Rebecca to the Capitol. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Fontana please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appraise.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I, too, would like to introduce two guests from my district who are here today with the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team. Brittney Mayhue and Kimberly Zalewski are students at the Community College of Beaver County. Brittney will be graduating in May with an associate's degree in general studies. Upon graduation, she will be transferring to West Chester University with the hope of one day obtaining a bachelor's degree in education and becoming a high school teacher. She also hopes to be a missionary and has traveled all over the world teaching English.

Kimberly will be graduating in May with an associate's degree in social work. She moved from Texas to Beaver County only 3 years ago. Kimberly has taken great advantage of her time here, both in the classroom as well as through fundraising activities for Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduation, she will be transferring to California University of Pennsylvania to obtain a master's degree in social work.

I ask the Senate to please welcome Brittney and Kimberly to the Senate. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Vogel please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appraise.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I also have a guest today from the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team. Adam Fitzgerald, from HACC, Harrisburg Area Community College, is a member of this year's All-Pennsylvania Academic Team. Like the others, he was chosen by his community college in recognition of his achievements from Phi Beta Kappa, the international honor society for 2-year colleges, and the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges. All of these students are selected for their scholarship, leadership, and service to others, and I am proud to have Adam, and his cohorts as well, as guests here today. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Teplitz please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appraise.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL L. WAUGH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, I also have a student with the group that was to be here but is over in the House. Her name is Katie Lippy. She is from Hanover, so I would like to welcome her.

But more importantly, in our presence today is a young lady by the name of Grace Henning. Grace is a 16-year-old high school sophomore from Delta, York County, who attends the South Eastern School District, Kennard-Dale High School Cyber School program. She reports to her regular activities through teachers at the school, but still participates in the school's extra-curriculars. She plays saxophone for the high school's marching, concert, and jazz band organizations. Grace is here today following me and my staff throughout the day as part of her high school graduation requirement to explore a line of work that is of interest to her. It is her hope to pursue a career that allows her to tie together her interests in both engineering and government. Her favorite class currently is civics. Grace's parents are Steve and Amy Henning, also of Delta, York County. I think she is there in the balcony. I ask the Senate to give Grace a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Waugh please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appraise.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I also have Megan Scott with us today from Harmony, and she is with the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team from Butler County Community College. I certainly want to commend Megan and all the other students who have this great honor that they earned through hard work and achievement.

Also, I want to introduce our guest Pages today. I have the pleasure of introducing Rachel Micsky and Madison Fattman, who are serving as guest Pages in the Senate. Both Rachel and Madison are eighth-grade students at Saint Michael School in Greenville. Rachel is an honor student and serves as class treasurer and treasurer of the student council. Additionally, she is co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad and plays on the girls' varsity basketball team. She participates in Academic Games, National History Day, the Youngstown University English Festival, and is a State qualifier for the Pennsylvania Junior Science Academy.

Madison is an honor student and serves as class treasurer and is president of the student council. She additionally is co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad and plays on the girls' varsity basketball team. Madison has been a State qualifier for Academic Games and participates in National History Day, the
Youngstown University English Festival, and Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science.

Rachel and Madison are accompanied today by their teacher, Mrs. Nancy Kremm, as well as Rachel's father, Mr. Dan Micsky, who are seated in the Senate gallery. Mr. President and fellow Members, please join me in welcoming my guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Robbins please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR RANDY VULAKOVICH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Vulakovich.

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I, too, have two individuals from the Community College of Allegheny County. Kevin Boglitz has not only been recognized as an All-Pennsylvania Academic Team member, but in addition has been named a Bronze Scholar by the Coca-Cola Foundation. Kevin graduated from the Community College of Allegheny County in December of 2012. He graduated at that time with an associate degree in information technology support. His plan is to attend Slippery Rock University to pursue a bachelor of science degree. Kevin's career goal is IT training or system analysis, and upon his nomination to All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, his GPA was a 3.94. So, I would like us to give a warm welcome to Kevin Boglitz.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Vulakovich please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, Crystal Hinnebusch will graduate from the Community College of Allegheny County in May of 2013 with an associate's degree in liberal arts and sciences, and plans to attend Clarion University to pursue a master's degree. Crystal's career goal is to work with students. Upon her nomination to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, her GPA was 3.63. I would ask for a warm welcome for Crystal Hinnebusch.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Vulakovich please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I want to add and join with my colleagues recognizing the outstanding students, the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team from community colleges here in our Commonwealth. I, too, have a young man who is also part of that list, William Moran, who joined that team. I had a chance to meet him earlier this past week, but I want to pay tribute to all those outstanding men and women. As a fellow community college graduate, I am not going to say what year, 1977, hard to believe, but these are outstanding young men and women with whom I look forward to working for many, many years to come.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Costa please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I am honored to present the Bensalem High School Boys' Indoor Track Team, the 2013 State Indoor Track Champions for the State of Pennsylvania. Coach Mary Ellen Malloy was named coach of the year, and we have several track team members with us today. We have Brad Rivera, Kyle Francis, Matt French, Kerron Holley, Armand Cox-Finn, Qhyle Elijah, Daquan Bowser-Guerra, Tarif Walker, Hamzah Massaquoi, Jahleel Weems, Alex Ramirez, and Pratik Patel. It is interesting to note that Brad Rivera won first place in the 800-meter run; Qhyle Elijah won first place in the 400-meter dash; and Brad Rivera, Matt French, Armand Cox-Finn, and Kyle Francis won first place in the 4x800 relay.

Also accompanying the students today, to my fellow Senators, I would like to introduce the president of the Bensalem School Board, Ralph Douglass, with whom I started my political career as a school board member in the Bensalem School District. Also with him is school board member, Kim Rivera.

I ask the Senate to please welcome the 2013 State indoor track champions of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, Senate Democrats will caucus in our caucus room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator McIlhinney has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.
LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Yudichak, and a legislative leave for Senator Kitchen.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Yudichak, and a legislative leave for Senator Kitchen. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator BROWNE asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator WAUGH, for the remainder of today's Session, for personal reasons.

CALENDAR
THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 155 (Pr. No. 368) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1610, No.181), known as the Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act, further providing for findings, for legislative intent, for definitions, for Statewide system for rabies control, for powers and duties of department, for testing, for vaccination required and certificate and tag, for antirabies clinics, for veterinarians participating in low-cost rabies clinics and for powers and duties of department relating to wildlife.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-48
Alloway Erickson Mensch Tomlinson
Argall Farnese Pileggi Vance
Baker Ferlo Rafferty Vogel
Blake Folmer Robbins Vulakovich
Boscola Fontana Scarnati Ward
Brewster Gorder Schwank Washington
Browne Greenleaf Smith White
Brubaker Hutchinson Smucker Wiley
Corman Kasunic Solobay Williams
Costa Kitchen Stack Wozniak
Dinniman Leach Tartaglione Yaw
Eichelberger McHinney Teplitz Yudichak

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 10, SB 37, SB 60 and SB 120 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 196 (Pr. No. 716) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, further providing for definitions, for financial assistance and for annual report.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
BILL REREFERRED

SB 360 (Pr. No. 430) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Community College Affordability Task Force within the Department of Education; and providing for its powers and duties and for administrative support.

Upon motion of Senator BROWNE, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 372, SB 391, SB 406, SB 429, SB 437 and SB 442 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 521 (Pr. No. 628) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for definitions, for exotic wildlife possession permits and for menagerie permits.

Upon motion of Senator BROWNE, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 372, SB 391, SB 406, SB 429, SB 437 and SB 442 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

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An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for definitions, for exotic wildlife possession permits and for menagerie permits.

Upon motion of Senator BROWNE, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.
the appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

SB 729 (Pr. No. 750)

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

HB 2 (Pr. No. 537) (Rereport)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, establishing the Special Education Funding Commission; in reimbursements by the Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for definitions; and providing for the distribution of special education funding for student achievement and instruction of eligible students and for special education accountability.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators SMITH, DINNIMAN, FERLO, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, STACK, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, BROWNE, BRUBAKER and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 72, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing "Martha's Run" to be held on April 13, 2013, and the community fundraising efforts to renovate and maintain playgrounds.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Smith.

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the life of Martha Dixon and recognize the work of the Martha Fund, the foundation established in honor to build and renovate playgrounds in the Pittsburgh area. FBI Special Agent Dixon, a graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School and the University of Pittsburgh, was killed in the line of duty on November 22, 1994, but her spirit lives on through the charitable work of the Martha Fund and the annual Martha's Run.

Miss Dixon began her professional career in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, before becoming an agent with the FBI in 1987. In 1992, she was transferred to the Washington, D.C., Main Field Office Cold Case Homicide Task Force, which worked cooperatively with Washington, D.C., Metro Police. On the tragic date of November 22, 1994, Miss Dixon responded to gunfire in the Cold Case Division of the D.C. Main Field Office. She wounded the gunman and prevented any further injuries to colleagues and civilians, but gave her own life in the process. Through her heroism, she prevented an even greater loss of human life to others in the building and was posthumously awarded several honors, including the FBI Memorial Star, the FBI Commendation for Meritorious Service, the FBI Medal of Valor, the Michael John Buczek Medal of Honor, the FBI Agents Association's J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Award for Valor, the Attorney General's Award for Bravery, and the naming of the FBI Pittsburgh Field Office in her honor as well.

In her honor, the Dixon family subsequently established the Martha Fund, which raises money for public playgrounds around the Pittsburgh area to provide children with a safe place to play. The organization's biggest fundraiser, the 17th Annual Martha Run 10K, 2-mile Fun Run, 1-Mile Memorial Walk, and the 10th Annual Children's Races in remembrance of Miss Dixon's passion for running will be held this Saturday, April 13, 2013, in Mt. Lebanon Park.

Martha Dixon was an outstanding FBI special agent, a loving friend and family member, and an exemplary member of our community. Thank you for joining me in recognizing the annual Martha's Run, in honoring the life of FBI Special Agent Martha Dixon. I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators VOGEL, FARNESE, TOMLINSON, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, BROWNE, MENSCH, STACK, FERLO, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, PIELEGGI, COSTA, WILLIAMS, SMITH, BRUBAKER, BREWSTER, WHITE, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, WARD, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, BAKER, HUGHES and FOLMER, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 73, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Trooper Blake T. Coble, who passed away in the line of duty on October 4, 2012.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today in order for the Senate to pause for a moment and recognize the sacrifice and achievements of Trooper Blake Coble, a resident of Beaver Falls in my district, who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2012. Trooper Coble was a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and a 24-year member of the Pennsylvania State Police. He was with the Brighton Township Barracks for two decades, and held the rank of Trooper First Class. Trooper Coble also served as an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

We were fortunate to have some of Trooper Coble's family and friends with us in the Capitol this afternoon to honor him with a luncheon hosted by Representative Jim Marshall. Trooper Coble was a dedicated officer of the community whose presence is sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. For Trooper Coble's service to our Commonwealth, I ask for unanimous approval of this resolution. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Trooper BLAKE T. COBLE.)

The PRESIDENT. Let the record reflect that the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Senators EICHELBERGER, STACK, TEPLITZ, BAKER, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, FERLO, ERICKSON, BROWNE, ARGALL, COSTA, ALLOWAY, WASHINGTON,
TOMLINSON, FONTANA, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, ROBBINS, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, YAW, WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, SCHWANK, WHITE, SMITH, SOLOBAY, WARD and BLAKE, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 74, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 15 through 20, 2013, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2013, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I believe it is important to recognize the hard work of our local officials, perhaps more this year than ever before. Just as a slow economy continues to weigh on state government, it must be recognized that these economic challenges affect our local officials. Local leaders are expected to meet high expectations as well as State and Federal mandates, while at the same time, they are receiving limited funding and facing eroding tax bases. I ask the Senate to adopt this resolution to acknowledge the efforts of our local leaders, and to give them our heartfelt thanks for dealing with these major problems. As chairman of the Committee on Local Government, I believe that we, here in the General Assembly, must make every effort to assist our communities by providing them with the means to cut costs, relief from unnecessary mandates, and a fair and equitable tax base.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I include Senator Teplitz, who is Minority chair of the Committee on Local Government, in this request for an affirmative vote declaring "Local Government Week," next week in Pennsylvania.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, PILEGGI, BROWNE, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, FARNESE, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, STACK, FERLO, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS, SMITH, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER, TOMLINSON, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY and BLAKE, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 75, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2013 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I offer a resolution designating April as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month." Mr. President, Parkinson's is a devastating disease that approximately 1 million people nationwide are stricken by, and every year, nearly 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's. The average age of onset is 60 years old, yet some people are diagnosed at 40 years old or even younger. Parkinson's can happen to anyone. It targets no specific race, ethnicity, gender, or other category of individuals. Parkinson's is a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system that impairs motor skills and speech. Many describe it as the opposite of Alzheimer's disease because Alzheimer's destroys the mind, leaving the body intact and functioning. Parkinson's disease spares the person's mind but takes ahold of their body.

Mr. President, many of us in this Chamber know someone personally, we might know of somebody personally, we might not, but we have all heard of some famous individuals such as Muhammad Ali, Michael J. Fox, or Janet Reno, who suffer from Parkinson's disease. It is imperative that we continue our efforts to educate the public and raise awareness about this debilitating disease. We must also continue to support research efforts, especially since the exact cause of Parkinson's is still unknown. While much has been done to improve treatment and detection, only more research and testing will enable us to pinpoint the cause of this terrible disease and find its cure.

Mr. President, medications are available to combat the systems, but these medications are only effective for a limited number of years. So I applaud all those from the medical and research communities who have dedicated their lives to studying this disease and finding a cure. I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in recognizing April as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, ERICKSON, VULAKOVICH, KASUNIC, WILLIAMS, BAKER, SMITH, FARNESE, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, FOLMER and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 76, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2013 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today, Senator Teplitz and I are requesting consideration of a resolution recognizing April 2013, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. We make this distinction in recognition of National Sexual Violence Resource Center's 2013 Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign, which focuses on healthy childhood development and the prevention of child sexual abuse. Through this resolution, we hope to raise awareness of the impact of sexual violence on our society. We hope to prevent future sexual assault.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today, Senator Teplitz and I are requesting consideration of a resolution recognizing April 2013, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. We make this distinction in recognition of National Sexual Violence Resource Center's 2013 Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign, which focuses on healthy childhood development and the prevention of child sexual abuse. Through this resolution, we hope to raise awareness of the impact of sexual violence on our society. We hope to prevent future sexual assault.
tragedies from occurring within this Commonwealth, and we hope to bring comfort and support to those individuals who have survived sexual assaults.

Sexual assault can affect people of any gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or ability. Any unwanted sexual contact is considered sexual assault, including rape, attempted rape, and child sexual abuse. Perpetrators can be friends, acquaintances, family members, or strangers. The statistics are staggering. One in four girls and one in six boys in the United States will be sexually assaulted before they turn 18. It is estimated that 325,000 children per year are at risk of becoming victims of commercial child sexual abuse. Only 12 percent of sexual abuse is reported to the authorities.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join Senator Teplitz and me in recognizing April 2013, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to encourage Pennsylvanians to put an end to sexual violence, to take steps toward preventing it, and help survivors find a way of dealing with their own victimization through counseling and support services.

Thank you Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BRUBAKER, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, FERLO, TOMLINSON, STACK, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, VULAKOVICH, KASUNIC, WILLIAMS, BAKER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SMITH, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, WHITE, FOLMER and BLAKE, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 78, entitled:


On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today, Senator Brubaker and I are requesting consideration of a resolution recognizing the American Heart Association's "National Walking Day" program. We do this in an effort to show our continued support of this organization and its vital work for residents in Pennsylvania and across the United States. Mr. President, each year, more than 900,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent coronary attack. Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death, with direct and indirect costs estimated to be $444.2 billion in 2010. Increased physical activity can help improve these statistics. In addition to increased life expectancy, regular walking has proven benefits for an individual's overall health. Walking can lower both bad cholesterol and high blood pressure, and it can reduce the risk of stroke.

Mr. President, the purpose of National Walking Day is to encourage more individuals to increase their physical activity. Becoming active and raising awareness of the importance of physical activity not only will reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease, but it will also save thousands of lives. Mr. President, I regret that I am not able to get up and walk for this cause. If I could go back in time, I would. I ask my colleagues to please support this resolution proclaiming April 3, 2013, as National Walking Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senators TEPLITZ, KASUNIC, FERLO, ERICKSON, STACK, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, FARNESE, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, FONTANA, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, PILEGGI, WASHINGTON, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, BROWNE, ALLOWAY and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 78, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2013 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, my resolution designates the month of April 2013, as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from driving. Thankfully, Pennsylvania law bans texting while driving, but distracted driving is still a real problem that endangers driver, passenger, and bystander safety. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every day 9 people are killed and more than 1,060 people are injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. In 2011, 3,331 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, and an additional 387,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver in that year. Now, I understand that we often direct our message of the dangers of distracted driving to teenagers, but it turns out that adults are engaging in this irresponsible behavior more than teens. About 49 percent of adults say they have sent a text while behind the wheel, compared to 43 percent of teens, according to an AT&T survey conducted last year. But more troubling is the fact that nearly all of the respondents to the survey said they were aware that texting and driving is not safe. Taking our eyes off the road for even a few seconds can be a matter of life or death.

Tomorrow, I will be joining with Representative Brandon Neuman at a press conference reminding Pennsylvanians about the dangers of distracted driving. We will hear from Joel Feldman, whose daughter, Casey, a promising young college student, was killed in 2009 after being hit by a distracted driver. Casey's story serves as a powerful reminder of what can happen when we fail to keep our eyes on the road and both hands on the wheel. Smartphones offer convenience and instant access to information, but no text message, no e-mail, no phone call is worth
risking our own lives and the lives of those around us when we are driving.

So, I ask my colleagues to not only support this resolution to designate April 2013, as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, but also to encourage our constituents and community leaders to discuss and reduce the risks of distracted driving.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd V. Smith, Jr., and to Ruthann Benner by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Vanguard by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert S. Roman by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sylvia Jones by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Martin Sheen by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam J. Kierstan, Amanda N. Pierrezgallini and to Melissa S. Sirken by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to First Christian Church of Brownsville by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Biester, Roger C. Collins, Jacob Snively, Deborah Albus Wagner and to James J. Linksz by Senator Mellhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremy T. Anderson, Salisbury High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team and to Salisbury High School Boys' Swimming Team by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Weller Health Education Center by Senators Mensch, Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Susan S. Hakkarainen, James Musselman, John McKeirnan and to the Lutron Foundation by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alice M. Hendrick, Miriam B. Wible, Constance S. Fleming, Mary Dolente and to Benjamin Ribaudo by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sergeant Joseph L. Hallman, Chief Robert P. Adams and to Phyllis Hiestand Byndas by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Taylor Childers by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steve Wilson and to Thomas O'Donnell by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce Iacobucci by Senator Tomlinson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Noah Marks and to Melissa Madison by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stacey Sorbo by Senators Vogel and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel Forringer, Jacob Miller and to Bradley Wolfe by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joyce Gambrell-Drayton, D. Bruce Hanes, Jim Butt and to Kenneth Mirsky by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Sheetz Family of Sheetz Convenience Stores, Dorothy Wainwright, Delphine Bernazzoli and to Irene Rhoades by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Helen F. Giles-Gee by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler Devonshire by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James M. Reinert and to the family of the late Lorraine Patla by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Stella A. Zalom and to the family of the late Katherine V. Pastovich by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jeannine M. Snyder by Senators Solobay and Folmer.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Charles W. Kunkle, Jr., by Senator Wozniak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 725, SB 726, SB 727, SB 728 and SB 729.

And said bills having been considered for the first time, Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

Off the Floor:

APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 114, 381, 492, 508, 583, 591, 725, 726, 727, 728 and 729; and House Bill No. 2)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013

9:00 A.M.: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (informational Dairy Summit - no bills being considered)
9:30 A.M. AGING AND YOUTH and PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (joint hearing on legislative recommendations made by the Statewide Task Force on Child Protection) Room 8E-A East Wing

9:30 A.M. COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to provide a comprehensive review of the provisions in the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act as they relate to a Category 3 (Resort) slot machine license in a well-established resort hotel. There will also be some focus on the access and membership provisions as they relate to the gaming area of a Category 3 (Resort) licensed facility) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

10:00 A.M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 744 and 808) Room 461 Main Capitol

11:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 689, 731 and 777; and House Bill No. 492) Room 8E-B East Wing

12:30 P.M. LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 59 and 579) Sen. Maj. Caucus Rm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

10:00 A.M. FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 160, 634 and 638) Room 8E-A East Wing

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

9:30 A.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (joint informational meeting with the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to discuss the impact of the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act, FSMA) Rms. 8E A&B East Wing

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

10:00 A.M. GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 597, 647 and 648; and House Bill No. 353) Room 8E-B East Wing

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

10:00 A.M. JUDICIARY (public hearing to receive testimony on the concept of determinate sentencing) Phila. Bar Assn., 11th Floor, Conf. Ctr., 1101 Market St. Phila., PA

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013

9:30 A.M. LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing to consider the Governor's plan on liquor privatization) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

9:30 A.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on storm response) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

9:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (public hearing to discuss civil legal representation of the indigent: Have we achieved equal access to justice?) Room 8E-B East Wing

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise this afternoon to discuss an issue that has been percolating throughout this General Assembly and has originated in Washington, dealing with the issue of Medicaid expansion. Mr. President, as you know, Senate Democrats, for a long time, have been advocating for Pennsylvania to join the host of other States that have decided to opt-in, recognizing the tremendous benefit of the program being offered under the Affordable Care Act. Mr. President, as we know, the Affordable Care Act provides for expansion of Medicaid coverage, and we believe that it could lead to allowing at least 600,000-some working individuals the opportunity to enjoy modest healthcare benefits that they do not currently enjoy.

Mr. President, the Affordable Care Act, though, does a number of other things as well, which I think bears reporting and sharing with my colleagues. As it relates to Medicaid expansion, the costs that would be paid for by the Federal government would be 100 percent for the first 3 years, and then starting after 2017, gradually reduces down to 90 percent, as it relates to the sharing between the State and Federal government. As my colleagues know, today, that Medicaid sharing with the Federal government is a 55/45-percent split. For the next 3 years, the expanded Medicaid program will be 100 percent, again, moving down to 90 percent Fed/10 percent State after 2017.

Mr. President, there are a number of other areas that the Affordable Care Act has provided for that I want to share with my colleagues. For example, the expansion of Medicaid coverage to former foster care children up to age 26, and all children age 6 and older with income levels at 138 percent of the Federal poverty level are now required to be covered under the ACA. Health insurance exchanges, as we know, will be created. Unfortunately, we did not take steps to create a health exchange here in Pennsylvania, and we will default to the Federal program, but again, something that is going to provide a significant marketplace for health insurance for our Commonwealth residents. Mr. President, administrative costs associated with updating our systems are required by this legislation as well. Other provisions have already provided substantial savings to Pennsylvanians: $400 million in pharmacy rebates, $730 million over the next 10 years, closing the PACE doughnut hole. Many members of the senior population recognize how significant that doughnut hole is. This program would eliminate that.

But, Mr. President, Senate Democrats have been recognizing that, in addition to the nearly 500,000 working individuals who would receive a modest level of health insurance, there are also benefits to the Commonwealth in terms of savings that could be achieved, as well as revenue that could be generated. With respect to the savings that would take place, we believe that annually $200 million could be generated from the State General Assistance population, as it relates to the services that are provided to the 65,000 low-income adults with temporary disabilities. Over the course of the next 6 months, beginning in January of 2014, that would be $100,000 making its way in savings to this Commonwealth.

Mr. President, State payments for county health services: many of the newly-insured currently receive county-based mental health services. These savings will allow all the State pay-
mements to be reduced for the county mental health payments, which could save as much as $140 million annually. Mr. President, uncompensated care: we know that this program would generate $140 million for this Commonwealth in savings in uncompensated care, which is something that we all recognize is very, very important. We have taken steps in the past when we did the Tobacco Settlement Master Agreement and along those lines.

Mr. President, two areas where we generate revenue in which the Senate Democrats believe need to be discussed: our gross receipts tax collection as it relates to our managed care organizations. The revenue that would be generated from there, we believe, when you add 500,000 enrollees into that statewide program, you generate, approximately, $80,000 million in additional revenue to the Commonwealth. And finally, when you look at the revenue generating that takes place with respect to our gross State product, you have the opportunity to generate annually $140 million in revenue into this Commonwealth. How do you do that? You look at the gross State product, along the lines, in our State is $28 billion, approximately one-half of 1 percent of that amount has been recognized in other States as a model when you look at the investment from the Federal government. That is how that allows our State to generate the $140 million or so, one-half of 1 percent of that $28 billion is what those resources would bring in.

Mr. President, we must be mindful of our current economic situation here in this Commonwealth. As my colleagues know, March was not the month we had hoped it would be. Our largest revenue-producing month did not score the results that we had hoped for. Consequently, as we move forward over the course of the next 3 months, we are concerned about our revenue picture. The Governor has talked about a revenue surplus for 2012-13, projecting it to be $233 million or so. Currently, our revenue surplus is $35 million. As a result, we are short $200 million, as we go forward into our budget negotiations.

We believe, Senate Democrats believe, that by implementing the Medicaid expansion program in Pennsylvania, not only would we be able to generate savings, which we think are essential, but we would also grow revenues, as I described. Again, we take the issue of 500,000 working individuals in Pennsylvania who will have the opportunity to have a modest level of healthcare. You take the investments from the Federal government, anywhere from $2.5 billion to $3 billion, whatever number we end up at, those investments in the delivery of healthcare in this Commonwealth are essential. Senate Democrats will continue to push along those lines.

But, Mr. President, we were very happy to see last week when the RAND Corporation, a well-known, well-regarded research group here in Pennsylvania but also across the country, came out with their RAND health study. Many of the conclusions that came out of that study supported the statements that Senate Democrats have been talking about in their advocacy for expansion of the Medicaid program. Just to give you an example, Mr. President, the RAND study found and concluded that the Medicaid expansion would deliver $2.2 billion to $2.5 billion in annual Federal payments to our Commonwealth. Expansion would generate more than $3.2 billion in economic activity. I spoke earlier about the gross State product, that is part of that conversation along those lines.

The RAND study also states that the Medicaid expansion increases the State gross product, that I mentioned, by $23 billion between now and 2020. Expanding Medicaid will support between 35,000 to 39,000 family-sustaining jobs. And let me pause right there, because that is something that we have not contemplated to the degree that we should have in this Chamber and General Assembly. When we look at the numbers of job growth in this Commonwealth, we have fallen behind those States around us. When you look to New York State, and when you look to New Jersey, those States are growing jobs in this country and those States have a far better average than what we have. You can also look at the unemployment rate. When this administration started, they were 1.5 percent behind the national average in the unemployment records and numbers. Today, we are well over a half-point above, a full 2-point swing.

At the end of the day, when you consider the business tax cuts that we have implemented in this Commonwealth over the course of the past 2 years, nearly $1 billion on the premise that we are going to grow jobs is not working. Now we have the opportunity to infuse 35,000 to 39,000 family-sustaining jobs in this Commonwealth with the resources predominantly coming from the Federal government. We think that is a step that Pennsylvania must take, particularly in light of our woefully weak job creation numbers in this Commonwealth.

Mr. President, also, as I mentioned earlier, according to the study, the Medicaid expansion would greatly reduce hospital uncompensated care, and the study also shows that some 350,000 low-income non-elderly Pennsylvanians, as mentioned, would gain healthcare insurance. The number fluctuates between 350,000 and 500,000. But at the end of the day, it is something that must be done.

Now, Mr. President, the RAND study also said that while Medicaid expansion will cost Pennsylvania $1.64 billion over 7 years, and we recognize that fact. However, $1.46 billion will be generated from the gross receipts tax from the Medicaid managed care organizations that I referenced earlier as one of the bullet points that Senate Democrats have been talking about. But in addition, another $270 million would be generated from the personal income tax on the jobs supported by this expansion.

And according to the study, the new revenues, just from those two sources, and mind you, just those two sources generate in excess of $90 million. There is substantial evidence, ample evidence, to suggest that Pennsylvania should opt into the Medicaid expansion program to cover those persons who are at or below 138 percent of the Federal poverty level.

We think Pennsylvania has examined this issue. We have examined it. We believe that we are on the right course in advocating for Pennsylvania's expansion. We know the Governor has gone to Washington, D.C., and we had hoped that that meeting would have produced positive results. The only positive that came out of it was that a decision has not been made. While we think the door still remains open, we still think that the evidence from studies, whether it be the Kaiser Commission report that talked about the uncompensated care issue, or whether it is the RAND study that talked about the economic impact, the 350,000 jobs that would be created, the $90-plus million net savings in terms of costs associated with Pennsylvania, we believe it is the right decision to expand the Medicaid program.
Mr. President, let me finish on remarks that were made by a Republican Governor from the State of Arizona, who was vehemently opposed to the Affordable Care Act. In a very clear statement, Governor Brewer said, "Weigh the evidence and do the math." That is what I am asking this General Assembly to do, my colleagues on the floor here today, as well as this administration: weigh the evidence and do the math. It is the right decision for Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Farnese.

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, over the last several days, not only here in Pennsylvania but across the country, we have seen a lot of movement of important firearms legislation. Recently, not only did myself and Representative Taylor from the House introduce bipartisan companion legislation that would increase the penalties for carrying illegal firearms in the city of Philadelphia, but in addition, Mr. President, States such as Connecticut, Maryland, and, most recently, literally within the last few moments, Delaware have joined in with similar common-sense gun laws that have been introduced for the same purpose, and that is to introduce legislation not simply advocated by elected officials, but when you read these bills, when you read these laws, this is legislation, Mr. President, that has been advocated for time after time, year after year, legislative Session after legislative Session, by law enforcement across Pennsylvania and across the country. They know, like many of us in this building know, that the introduction and signing into law of these types of bills will not only create a safer environment for the men, women, and children whom we are here to represent, but it will also make the streets safe for law enforcement, the men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we can be safe. Specifically, Mr. President, Maryland’s legislation bans assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines, as well as adding training requirements for first-time gun owners. It also bans some people from gun ownership with mental health issues. Connecticut’s new law bans high-capacity magazines of over 10 rounds, the same kind used in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School where, Mr. President, 26 children and adults were killed, as well as requiring background checks for all purchases of a firearm.

On the tail of these enactments, last night, Mr. President, “60 Minutes” aired an interview with many Newtown parents whose children were victims of the tragic shooting that took place on December 14 - 12/14. I think it is highly appropriate that we remember 12/14 just like we remember 9/11, not only in Pennsylvania but across this country, because just like 9/11, on December 14 of last year, innocent lives were unjustly taken. Under discussion in last night’s “60 Minutes” interview were views on gun laws and efforts to enact legislation, just like that which was passed in Connecticut. I encourage all Members and staff and citizens to watch this program. It was both enlightening and moving, Mr. President, to say the least.

Now, after watching this program last night--and again, this was a program where parents, common citizens, everyday citizens, sat and talked about legislation, laws that they believe will help prevent another tragedy, a national tragedy, from happening again. It was very clear how bipartisan and nonpolitical passage of these new laws in Connecticut would become effective. Those legislators and the Governor in Connecticut took time to truly listen to the parents of Newtown to get those laws passed. Now, I know that as we move forward not only with the legislation that I introduced, Senate Bill No. 801 and the companion bill that was introduced in the House, many folks will try to say that this is just another attempt to politicize this issue. And I cannot be more sincere in explaining that it is not my intent.

I know some will say that we are infringing on the rights of law-abiding gun owners if we enact a high-capacity magazine ban here in Pennsylvania. And some, Mr. President, have even said that such a ban will do nothing to save lives. It will do nothing to save lives, as it takes a mere 2 seconds to change a high-capacity magazine. Well, I can rebut this last point not in my own words, not in what I would come up with, but in the words and explanations that were given by Bill Sherlock last night when he was asked, what difference does it make whether we allow 30-round magazines or 10-round magazines? Bill Sherlock said, well, I mean, there was one instance during the Sandy Hook shooting where it was not 2 seconds, and it allowed 11 kids to get out of the classroom. Eleven innocent children were able to escape with their lives because the shooter had to change the magazine. Imagine that, that is what it is coming down to. We are literally talking about the size of a magazine, the capacity of the ammunition in that cartridge. That is the point, that is the crucial turning point that could determine how many lives are saved and how many lives are unjustly taken. A few seconds, 2 seconds, actually, Mr. President, if you talk under perfect conditions on a firing range, without any urgency or adrenaline pumping. Rather, it could be even longer. The longer it takes to change that magazine, the better chance there is to intercede, to take out that person who has the gun who is killing those kids and taking those lives. That is really what it comes down to.

When I look at it, I think it is amazing that these parents last night are clinging to that fact. If we could limit or actually expand that time, a 10-round magazine is going to take quicker to fire out and then have to change. Their reasoning, and it is very sound reasoning, is that simple law will save lives. Now, to be fair, Mr. President, all the parents interviewed last night were not on the same page with regard to an assault weapons ban. Some feel that the issue of decreasing gun violence is more complex than just one law. I know that same viewpoint is shared by many in this General Assembly, including myself. But a common thread throughout the comments of these parents was support for commonsense gun laws, those that would deter illegal gun use, and a belief that these pieces of legislation should be brought up for a vote. Whether they pass or not, they should be voted. It was almost unanimous last night, by those parents that were being interviewed, they all said the same thing: give it a vote; let it be brought to the floor. Whatever State it is in, give those legislators an opportunity to cast their vote. And then they said something else, which I thought was very important. They said, let those legislators cast their vote, because we will be watching. We will be listening. That really is the significant point. Bring it up for a vote because the people we were sent here to represent, they will be watching. Whether it wins or loses, people will be watching. People will be listening. People will be taking note of where each and every one of us stands when it comes to commonsense gun laws.

As for the families of the fallen at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, as they move on to duplicate their efforts in Wash-
ashington earlier today, I again ask, do we have to wait, Mr. President, for our own Sandy Hook to happen here before we will act in Pennsylvania? It is ironic because many folks said the same thing about transportation. Do we have to wait for some type of a tragedy before we get our act together here and begin to pass sustainable transportation legislation? When we said that, of course, the answer was no. We cannot wait, we cannot allow that to happen. We cannot allow some type of a tragedy to happen before we act. Can we afford to do that when it comes to innocent lives of women, children, men?

Whether you agree or not, Mr. President, with the myriad of proposals that Members of this body have proposed, it is time to put up a "yes" or a "no" vote. And it is really as simple as that. Let us vote. Let us have an opportunity to be heard. Give them a vote. They sent us here to handle difficult, tough issues just like this. They deserve, not us, the people who sit in these chairs in front of us, the people who sent us here, they deserve to have this vote. Whatever way it goes, they deserve to have their voices heard in this Chamber and the Chamber across the Rotunda.

I will leave you, Mr. President, with one last thought. Actually, it was a direct quote from another parent, David Wheeler, on last night's interview that was particularly poignant to hear. He said during the interview, and I quote, "I would like every parent in this country--that's 150 million people. I would like them to look in the mirror. And that's not a figure of speech. I mean, literally find a mirror in your house and look in it and look in your eyes and say, 'This will never happen to me. This will never happen in my school. This will never happen in my community.' And see if you actually believe that. And if there is a shadow, the slightest shadow of doubt in what you've said, think about what you can do to change that in your house, in your community, in your school, in your country, because we have an obligation to our children to do this for them. It's gonna happen again. It is going to happen again. And every time, you know, it's somebody else's school, it is somebody else's town. It's somebody else's community until one day you wake up and it's not." Unfortunately, it is your own, and at that time, it is just too late.

Thank you, Mr. President.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

April 8, 2013

HB 602 -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

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The President. Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:01 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.