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SENATE

TUESDAY, January 14, 2014

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DAVID BISER, Pastor of CrossPoint United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

On this day we are privileged to come before our Lord in prayer. Let us bow our heads.

Good and gracious Heavenly Father, King and Lord of all people, the God whom we worship, we come before You today asking that You would be with us, that You would guide and lead our thoughts, our hearts, and our minds. Lord, may all we do in this Chamber, all we do in this place, all we do in our very lives, represent Your presence in us. Thank You for holding us solid and firm in a world where the wind would blow us in so many different directions; Lord, we hold fast to You and Your ways. May Your ways guide and lead this place today. May You be prominent in the words and the discussions that we have here.

Lord, we thank You for the great State of Pennsylvania, our Commonwealth bows to You this day. From the mighty rivers and the beautiful forest to the cities and the towns all across this Commonwealth, we recognize You and Your presence and power as You move among us. And so, Lord, today we give You our time, but we honor You in this place. On behalf of all faiths and all religions gathered here in our Commonwealth and this room, Lord, we come before You, and on behalf of my own faith and the faith of many in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Biser, who is the guest today of Senator Teplitz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 689**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 689, HB 1529 and HB 1656.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 1186 (Pr. No. 1635)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 35 over the Juniata River in Juniata County as the Juniata County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

SB 1199 (Pr. No. 1618)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for special plates for honorary consuls and official representatives of foreign governments.

HB 1599 (Pr. No. 2194)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 3019 over the Schuylkill River, City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, as the Honorable Robert C. Donatucci Memorial Bridge.

HB 1707 (Pr. No. 2390)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 3100 over Interstate 83 in Springfield Township, York County, as the Rodney P. Miller Memorial Bridge.

Senator GREENLEAF, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 149 (Pr. No. 102)

An Act regulating bail bond enforcement agents; requiring licensure and registration; and providing for penalties.

SB 908 (Pr. No. 1019)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judgments and other liens, further providing for exemption of particular property.

SB 1158 (Pr. No. 1561)

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act, further providing for title and short title of act and for definitions; renaming the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board and further providing for its duties; further providing for the training program and for continuing education; providing for sheriff training requirement; further providing for deputy sheriff training requirement; providing for revocation of certification; renaming the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Account; and further providing for reimbursement to counties.

SB 1167 (Pr. No. 1698) (Amended)

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator LEACH, and Senator STACK, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of November 19, 2013, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of November 19, 2013.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

GUEST OF SENATOR ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I have the opportunity today to introduce this body to Miss Philadelphia 2013, Francesca Ruscio. She has an extraordinary story. For those who do not know, Miss Philadelphia is an element or arm of Miss America, and it is a scholarship award program. So, it is not simply a beauty pageant, it is someone who has expressed desire, a commitment to excellence, and has demonstrated what can be achieved beyond expectations. She will be a recipient of \$10,000 for her college education. She is a sophomore at Temple University, majoring in communications. She is also a sophomore at Mississippi State University's distance learning studies. She is a broadcast meteorology major.

She is a 20-year-old young woman who has an exceptional story. There are many, many things I could tell you about her activities as a scholar, her commitment to her community, her giving, her talents, but the one thing that I wanted to make sure folks knew before she stands up and is recognized, she is a person who was diagnosed a few years ago with a particular disease, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. She lost 35 pounds, she developed acne, she lost her hair, and she was not diagnosed for over a year. And when she finally was, of course she worked through it, but she had to change her diet. She is now vegan and quite healthy. So, of all of the things we can certainly say about her, she is certainly a scholastic success, she is a person with style and grace, but she also shows women that with their commitment to all of these things, with challenges put in front of them as they are every day, that they can obtain those goals, they can overcome the obstacles, and they can certainly perform at the level that any man can in America. So, we tip our hats and I ask all of my friends here to greet our special guest with a warm Senate greeting.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Williams please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome. (Applause.)

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 183 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 6 of the Calendar, as a Special Order of Business, **Senate Resolution No. 183**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the economic and trade relationship between Taiwan and Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, today I am supporting Senate Resolution No. 183, recognizing the important economic and trade relationship between Taiwan and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For more than 60 years, Taiwan has worked to establish itself as a strong and successful model of democracy and remains a bright beacon of democracy in Asia and across the world. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established a trade and investment office in Taiwan in 2005, and since that time, we have exported hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of local

products that include chemicals, electronics, and machinery, making them one of the largest foreign markets for our State.

Taiwan is also investing in us. In November, an announcement was made by DCED Secretary Alan Walker that Taiwan's Hon Hai group plans to build a high-end manufacturing base right here in Pennsylvania. The company plans to invest \$40 million over the next 2 years for research and development in manufacturing innovation and automation, as well as expansion of its existing research team in Harrisburg. The venture is expected to create 500 jobs. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has maintained a friendly sister-State relationship with Taiwan for many, many years, and that relationship is clearly getting stronger.

GUESTS OF SENATOR GENE YAW PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, we are honored today to have with us in the Senate gallery several individuals who can attest to this important relationship. From the Taipei Economic Cultural Office in New York we have joining us Deputy Director General, Alex Fan; Director of Political Division, David Chien; Consular Officer, Gloria Shih; Legal and Security Officer, Jason Chen. From the Chinese Benevolent Association of Philadelphia we have joining us board member and member of the Taiwanese Overseas Community Affairs Council, Mabel Chen; chairman Steve Mac; and president Tande Wong. Mr. President, I would also like to introduce to the Senate two of my constituents, Doctors Jason and Grace Shu of Montoursville. Jason is a former member of the State Board of Medicine, and his wife, Grace, serves as commissioner to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs. I would especially like to thank them for being with us today and helping to arrange the delegation's visit.

Mr. President, this resolution is a way for the State Senate to officially recognize our important economic and trade partnership with Taiwan and the potential for many, many more investment opportunities between our two governments. I am asking my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and to give our guests a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Yaw please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.
(Applause.)

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, it is another bittersweet moment for me here today to rise and make a few remarks about a Senate Democratic staff person who will soon be retiring, Cheryl Hicks of Senator Wozniak's staff. While I am happy and wish

Cheryl a wonderful retirement and obviously good luck as she closes this door of her career, I am saddened, however, because we will not have Cheryl available to us to call upon her experience and her expertise or have her available to us as a resource, particularly in the area of transportation.

Cheryl Hicks began her career and service in the State House in 1973. She worked there until 1978, and in January 1979, Cheryl began her work here in the Senate with our former colleague, Senator J. Barry Stout, and has been with the Senate ever since. As many of us in this room and across the Commonwealth know, Senator Stout was a major player and a very powerful voice on transportation issues at the State, the local, and the Federal level. However, what some do not know, but many folks in this room do know, that part of the reason Senator Stout was so influential and successful was because he could rely upon somebody of Cheryl's knowledge, character, expertise, and experience to help him work through problems in the area of transportation.

In January, later this month, Cheryl plans to retire with more than 41 years of service to this great Commonwealth. In her time working on transportation issues in the Senate, she has been involved in multiple toll road expansion legislation, transportation funding initiatives, new commercial driver's license regulations, and highway and bridge bills. After Senator Stout's retirement, Cheryl remained on staff and has worked for the past several years with Senator Wozniak and his office, helping Senator Wozniak and all of us navigate through these important transportation issues. In fact, just recently, we saw Cheryl's expertise in action as she helped draft language, answer many, many questions to our Members, and help guide the discussion on new transportation legislation that recently passed this Chamber and the House. Mr. President, there are very few people inside and outside of government who know transportation issues as well as Cheryl Hicks. Her expertise is legendary and she has been able to dive into the depths of her knowledge and experience to help individuals and communities solve problems and devise solutions.

Beyond Cheryl's expertise on issues, she is well thought of as a caring, friendly person who is widely respected. The Senate today and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, particularly as it relates to our transportation issues, is in a better place today because of Cheryl Hicks' service to this Commonwealth. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in her retirement. On behalf of our Senate Democratic Caucus, I want to congratulate her and thank her for a job well done and wish her good luck in her future endeavors and other challenges.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I join my friend and colleague, Senator Costa from Allegheny County, and my friend and colleague, Senator Wozniak from the UPJ area. I know the gentleman is going to speak very shortly. Today, at the meeting of the Senate Committee on Transportation, we did recognize Cheryl. I want to take a moment to say how much she will be missed here in the Senate of Pennsylvania. Cheryl is one of those folks you can go to who retains the institutional knowledge and history of all the transportation legislation that she has witnessed and worked on pass this Chamber, go to the House and to the Governor's Office. She actually knows the insights of many of the statutes that we have on our books. She was very helpful to

us with the Senate transportation issues, with the P3 legislation, and working with Senator Stout and Senator Wozniak, and with this latest transportation bill as well. Cheryl will be dearly missed. Nate Spade, the executive director of the Senate Committee on Transportation, has told her that she is on his speed dial so we can go to her for research on the history of many of the transportation issues here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. So, I join my colleagues in wishing Cheryl well, Godspeed in her retirement, and we thank her for years of service to the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, Cheryl, I have to tell you, I want to thank you very much for not retiring 2 years ago. There is probably nobody on this Capitol hill who has more knowledge and understanding about the complexities of our transportation system, whether it be the roads and bridges that we spoke about ad nauseam over the past 2 years, or our ports, railways, and even those walkways and bikeways. She was of immense help in trying to negotiate the windy road that we just went through for this transportation financial package, probably the most important decision we will have made in the first quarter of the 21st century.

I am not going to talk about when Cheryl came because, my goodness gracious, you start looking at the years and how quickly they come. But, with Senator Stout, who is a very good friend of mine and could not make it today because of his health, her mom and sister are up in the balcony and long supporters, but she was really able to help me, as chairman of the Committee on Transportation, help guide, cajole, negotiate that bill. The knowledge that she has is legend and legion. And I know that the people watching this really do not understand a lot of the machination of what goes on, but when they sit down, the four Caucuses, the staff of those Caucuses who work on the nuts and bolts of legislation, they have to go through it page by page, word by word. Cheryl knew where the land mines were at, the parts that could be supported by different groups, and the parts that would be opposed. It is those unique attributes that made her an asset to the Committee on Transportation.

I want to congratulate her on her stellar career, and I assume that she now knows what the word "bittersweet" means. She is ready to retire, but it does hurt a little bit, it is a change of life. I wish you Godspeed, long life, and an opportunity to come back and visit anytime you would like. Thank you, Cheryl.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus room immediately.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, the Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of 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.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 89 (Pr. No. 744) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for DARE plate and for payments to special funds.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

HB 89 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 89, Printer's No. 744, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 261, HB 431 and HB 436 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 707 (Pr. No. 712) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for funds of volunteer firefighters' relief associations.

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-47

Alloway	Erickson	Mensch	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Blake	Folmer	Robbins	Ward
Boscola	Fontana	Scarnati	Washington
Brewster	Gordner	Schwank	White
Browne	Greenleaf	Smith	Wiley
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	Williams
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Wozniak

Costa	Kasunic	Tartaglione	Yaw
Dinniman	Kitchen	Teplitz	Yudichak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	

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.

HB 807 (Pr. No. 918) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for funds.

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-47

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1045, SB 1085, SB 1189, SB 1195, HB 1341, HB 1424 and HB 1584 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 384, SB 411, SB 873, SB 901, SB 902, SB 903, SB 904, SB 968 and SB 1000 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1055 (Pr. No. 1337) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sale of tobacco by including alternative nicotine products; and making a conforming amendment to Title 53.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 1056 (Pr. No. 1284) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (PL.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, providing for temporary volunteer dental licenses.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1118, SB 1191, SB 1205, HB 1559 and HB 1617 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators KITCHEN, COSTA, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, STACK, WOZNIAK, FERLO, ERICKSON, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, WILLIAMS, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, HUGHES, TOMLINSON, PILEGGI, SMITH, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, BAKER and SOLOBAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 280**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 20 through 26, 2014, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WASHINGTON. Mr. President, I would like to submit Senator Kitchen's remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator WASHINGTON, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator KITCHEN:)

Mr. President, Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Doctor King followed in his father's and grandfather's foot steps by becoming a Baptist minister. He also earned a doctorate degree from Boston University.

In 1954, he led the boycott of Montgomery, Alabama's segregated busing system which led to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to desegregate buses. It was a major step toward improving the quality of life for African Americans throughout America. Mr. President, Dr. King embodied nonviolent passive resistance and civil disobedience. He was passionate about equality for all individuals. Dr. King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech still echoes across the land. For that, we can be grateful. We all must keep the dream alive.

During "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week," I encourage all Pennsylvanians to be mindful of the spirit and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. That is why I urge my colleagues to support this resolution honoring the week of January 16 to 26, 2014, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week 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 DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, FERLO, ERICKSON, WOZNIAK, STACK, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, COSTA and ALLOWAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 281**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the month of January 2014 as "Pennsylvania Thrift Month," observing the week of January 17 through 23, 2014, as "National Thrift Week" and calling on individuals, families and government at all levels to exercise thrift and fiscal responsibility.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, very briefly, what "Pennsylvania Thrift Month" and "National Thrift Week" are about, which are observed throughout the United States, is to try to encourage young people to save some money. When I went to school we all had these little bank books--you remember them as well, Mr. President--where we would put in our nickels and our quarters and it would add up. We were taught the value of thrift. We did not spend our whole lives simply using credit cards and accumulating debt. Now, as you know, this problem of debt is one not only with individuals in our country, but we here in government seem to accumulate debt as well. So, we are simply suggesting in this resolution, Mr. President, that we try to inculcate the notion of thrift in the young people of this Commonwealth as part of a national week and month of trying to urge people to be more thrifty, to save and not just spend. In so doing, maybe we can also increase our own awareness in government that we need to have less debt and we need to control our spending as well.

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 the Malik family and to Libario Obeid by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Ravindra R. Kandula, Dr. John J. Ryan, Dr. Ralph L. Shields and to Dr. Jay Berger by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Kenneth Webb by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of the Borough of Mountville by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Berich and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Kenepp by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the York County Special Olympics by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Richard Lukowski, Jr., Angela Cai, Nicholas Love, Gawthrop Greenwood, PC, and to DePuy Synthes, Inc., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathleen L. Foster by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Bashore by Senators Folmer and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Irving W. Simmons and to Beatrice A. Pappas by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., by Senators Pileggi and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eleanor M. Orouke by Senators Pileggi and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey R. Stump by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Grand View Hospital by Senators Mensch and McIlhinney

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler Scardecchio by Senators Mensch and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barry Boettlin and to the Lower Providence Warriors Football Team by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Yanos by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable and Mrs. Harold F. Mowery, Jr., by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mike Cangilla, Bobby Pierson, Brad Kaiser, Steve Wehrspann, Matt Wagner and to Tony Tieppo by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Arthur A. Bilesimo, Jr., Michael F. Fenton and to Don W. Jackson by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to citizens of Clinton County by Senators Wozniak and Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Unangst by Senator Yaw.

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 Mabel Latta Thompson by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Dodson E. Dreisbach by Senator Schwank.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 149, SB 908, SB 1158, SB 1167, SB 1186, SB 1199, HB 1599 and HB 1707.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

10:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 999)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

9:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE and ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (joint public hearing on flood insurance)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 1036)	Room 8E-A East Wing

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Governor's Office/Governor's Budget Office/Executive Offices)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judiciary)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office - Economic Outlook & Revenue Overview)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Attorney General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Treasury Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Auditor General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Insurance)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Military and Veteran Affairs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - SERS/PSERS)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Gaming Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Liquor Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections/Office of Probation and Parole)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PASSHE)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PEMA)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Public Welfare)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Community & Economic Development)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PHEAA)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor & Industry)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police/Homeland Security)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Banking & Securities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

HOUSE MESSAGE**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 29**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 29.**RECESS**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:37 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.