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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2015

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the Chair.

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Rabbi SETH PHILLIPS, of Congregation Keneseth Israel, Allentown, offered the following prayer:

Creator and Sustainer of all life, as we turn to our individual sources of strength and honor, of life and love, let the spirit of gratitude unite us. Gratitude for all of those in this building who faithfully serve our Commonwealth and our country. Gratitude for the creativity and ingenuity of Pennsylvania citizens, as exemplified by Benjamin Franklin, who on this day in 1742 invented the Franklin stove. And most profound gratitude for veterans and those now in uniform and for their family, friends, and communities who support them from the home front.

May the efforts of this Senate secure the future of the Eastern Hemlock, the white-tailed deer, the brook trout, and the mountain laurel, that Pennsylvania citizens may forever enjoy the beauty of the Commonwealth. May the State beverage, milk, be plentiful for all infants and children. Remind us to strive to fulfill the hopes of those who came before us. They named their homes Bethel, Salem, Emmaus, Nazareth, Mt. Zion, and Galilee in order that Pennsylvania would be a land flowing with milk and honey for all. May the existence of an official State fossil inspire us to consider our enduring legacy. To quote the anthem, "Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, May your future be, filled with honor everlasting as your history."

Now for this day's deliberations, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be wise and just and earn the trust of our fellow citizens. So say we all, amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Phillips, who is the guest today of Senator Browne.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

**SB 775 (Pr. No. 834)**

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating The Third Class City Code; making revisions concerning records of ordinances maintained by the city clerk, bond, insurance and salary, qualifications for office of city treasurer, committee preparation of uniform financial report forms, observances, celebrations and recognition, selection of appointee from certified list of applicants and support of Pennsylvania National Guard units; making an editorial change; and making a related repeal.

**SB 792 (Pr. No. 953)**

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for powers of the board of township commissioners as to building and housing regulations and inspectors; and providing for Uniform Construction Code, property maintenance code and reserved powers.

**SB 793 (Pr. No. 1031) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for building and housing regulations and repealing provisions relating to building and housing inspectors; and providing for Uniform Construction Code, property maintenance code and reserved powers.

**SB 871 (Pr. No. 1005)**

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for the corporate power of first class townships vested in the board of township commissioners.

**SB 872 (Pr. No. 1006)**

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for observances and celebrations.

**SB 873 (Pr. No. 1007)**

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for specific powers.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Greenleaf, Senator Smucker, and Senator McIlhinney.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Kitchen and Senator Smith.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Greenleaf, Senator Smucker, and Senator McIlhinney.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Kitchen and Senator Smith.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**CALENDAR**

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 145, ADOPTED**

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 7 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 145**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-50**

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Pileggi	Vogel
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Fontana	Sabatina	Wagner
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	White
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
Brewster	Hughes	Smith	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Browne	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw
Corman	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Costa	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Greenleaf has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the district of champions, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, as you know, we have a tradition in the Senate that, athletically, one has to win a State championship for 3 years in order to sit on the floor of the Senate. We have such a gentleman today. I have the distinct pleasure

of introducing a three-time PIAA Track and Field State champion from my district. Zach Brehm is a senior from Carlisle High School. He won the Class AAA Boys' 3,200-meter run with a time of 8 minutes and 55.6 seconds on May 23, 2015. This set a new PIAA Class AAA State record. He also won this race at the District III championship meet earlier in May with a time of 9 minutes and 9.05 seconds. That was a new district record as well. Zach is only the second boy in PIAA Boys' Class AAA Track and Field history to win the 800 meter, the 1600 meter, and the 3,200 meter in his high school career.

In addition to excelling in running, Zach is the valedictorian of Carlisle High School, graduating first in his class earlier this month. At the end of this month, he will leave for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, following his mother, who is a West Point graduate, and his dad, who is a 30-year Army veteran. Zach is seated on the floor with his family and his coach, Ed Boardman, who, I think, is just a little bit proud of him. So, please give him a very special warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Zach, please rise so that the Senate may give you our traditional warm welcome.

The Chair, once again, thanks Senator Vance for presenting the Senate with another champion and another reason why Pennsylvania is such a great State. Zach, it is good to have you here. Good luck at West Point.

(Applause.)

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Smucker has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

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

The PRESIDENT. We have some extremely special guests here on the Senate floor whom we owe a debt of gratitude. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Vulakovich.

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce Brigadier General Jerry Beck, Jr., who was appointed Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs on July 8, 2013, where he supervises the administration of assistance programs for nearly 1 million veterans and their dependents, as well as the operation of the Commonwealth's six veterans homes.

General Beck began his military career in the 28th Infantry Division, where he enlisted as a private in July of 1977. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1979. He was assigned as Company Commander in 1982. He was assigned as Chief of Staff of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 2000. In 2002, he was deployed with the Headquarters 28th Infantry Division and was assigned as a Deputy Commander, Multi-National Brigade North in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Upon completion of that tour, he performed a follow-on tour as Commanding General of the Multi-National Brigade (East) in Kosovo. During that tour of duty, he provided command and control to approximately 3,500 multinational soldiers. He served as Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver of the 28th Infantry Division from 2004 to 2006, and was subsequently appointed as the Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division from 2006 to 2009. Prior to his retirement in 2011, General Beck served as Deputy Adjutant General for the Army.

General Beck has received numerous awards and military decorations including the Army Distinguished Service Medal. General Beck resides in Hummelstown, PA, with his wife, Gina, and stepson, Jonah. Thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to introduce this very, very good man.

The PRESIDENT. General Beck, will you please rise to be welcomed and please address this Senate.

(Applause.)

General BECK. Thank you all very much. First of all, good luck, Zach, when you go to the U.S. Military Academy. Maybe someday you will be up here wearing a star addressing the Senate as a General as well. How is that?

Thank you all for that welcome, and thank you, Senator, for that introduction. It is a team effort. Everything that we do here in the Commonwealth to take care of our veterans involves not only what happens at the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs but what happens here in your Chamber. I want to recognize three individuals who are also an important part of that team. We have Mr. Kit Watson, who is the State Adjutant for the American Legion; Mr. Jeff White with the Vietnam Veterans of America; and Mr. John Getz, who is the Adjutant for Veterans of Foreign Wars.

(Applause.)

On my right are distinguished members of our Delaware Valley Veterans Home Honor Guard. The four individuals in the front with their assistants behind them are all from the State veterans home in Philadelphia.

(Applause.)

I will just be brief, but the Chaplain mentioned gratitude. I am extremely grateful for the support that the Senate has given to our veterans. With over 950,000 veterans in the Commonwealth, it is not easy to take care of them all, and you have stepped forward and are always there for the support they need. The Committees on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness are always looking out for how they can help. You have always stepped up and given us the Senate's support that we need to get those programs and keep the programs that we have running, and for that, I am extremely grateful. So, thank you all very much for what you do. I appreciate it all. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, General Beck, for your great service and for all of the sacrifices our veterans and our American Legions have made. We really are honored to have you here today.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators VULAKOVICH, ARGALL, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROOKS, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KITCHEN, MENSCH, PILEGGI, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, VOGEL, WARD, WHITE, WOZNIAC, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, COSTA, FOLMER, AUMENT and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 147**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 10, 2015, as "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015" in Pennsylvania to highlight the accomplishments and needs of Pennsylvania's veterans and to raise awareness of the issues veterans face and the benefits they receive while residing in this Commonwealth.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support this resolution designating today, June 10, 2015, as "Veterans Day in the Capitol" in Pennsylvania. From Valley Forge to Put-in-Bay, from Gettysburg to the Argonne, from Normandy to the 38th Parallel, from Saigon to Baghdad, American soldiers have served with honor and distinction over the course of our nation's history. In every war and conflict, Pennsylvania's men and women have answered the call to duty, fighting for our freedoms. Today, we have nearly 1 million veterans, ranking us fourth nationally, only behind California, Texas, and Florida. Our State has many great programs to assist our veterans, including property tax exemptions for 100 percent disabled veterans, six State veterans homes, and the newly created Veterans' Trust Fund.

So far this Session, we have confirmed James Joseph as Adjutant General. We held a hearing with the PA War Veterans Council, and are ready to pass House Bill No. 157, which requires Commonwealth agencies to consider a veteran's military education, training, and experience for possible waivers from requirements for professional credentials. The truth is, many of these services came about as a result of the work of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and their partnership with the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission. Today, we heard from Deputy Adjutant General Jerry Beck regarding the administration's efforts to assist veterans. Their top goal is to identify those 1 million veterans and to make sure that they are aware of all of the services that the State provides to the veterans. I am looking forward to working with the department on this endeavor.

As I said, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has partnered with the State's Veterans Commission. For those who are not aware, the State Veterans Commission is comprised of 16 statewide veterans organizations, and some of the people who represent those organizations are sitting to the left and the right of the President's podium.

The truth is, many of these services came about as a result of the work of the Department of Military and their partnership with these groups. The Veterans Commission meets regularly and provides advice to the Pennsylvania Adjutant General, investigates work of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, makes recommendation on the State Military Cemetery, markings and graves, makes recommendations on legislation, oversees veterans' emergency assistance payments, certifies educational gratuity payments for eligible children, and determines veterans' eligibility for property tax exemptions.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the State Veterans Commission, and its member organizations are the backbone of our effort in the Commonwealth, and they are here with us today. I urge Members to stop by their booths today in the East Wing Rotunda, listen to their concerns and recommendations, and, most importantly, thank them for their past service and for their service to our veterans' communities.

Mr. President, I ask Members to join me in supporting this resolution designating today as Veterans Day in the Capitol.

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.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS  
 PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman  
 from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, today I have the pleasure  
 of introducing Ryan Thomas, who is serving as a guest Page in  
 the Senate. Ryan is the son of Dr. Walter and Denise Thomas of  
 Conneaut Lake and has just completed his junior year at  
 Conneaut Area Senior High School. Ryan is a member of the  
 varsity golf and baseball team, and has participated in the CASH  
 academic games and CASH mock trial. He has been a peer tutor  
 at Catholic HEART Workcamp and an altar server at Our Lady  
 Queen of the Americas Catholic Church. Ryan is accompanied  
 today by his mother, who is seated in the gallery. Mr. President  
 and fellow colleagues, please join me in welcoming Ryan and his  
 mother to the Senate of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT  
 PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from  
 Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to  
 introduce my guests: John Myers, Anh Bui, Hank Herrmann,  
 Diane Herrmann, Kevin Smith, and 9 youths from the Corner-  
 stone Youth Center. Cornerstone Youth Center, which is located  
 in Elizabethtown, PA, welcomes youths in grades 6 through 12.  
 The center's afternoon and Friday evening programming provides  
 a safe, fun place for youths to enjoy friends and gain supportive  
 relationships with nearly 40 volunteers and staff. The center has  
 grown from its beginnings in 1998 to now include an indoor  
 skate park, basketball, pool, video games, various clubs, and  
 afterschool homework assistance. Cornerstone is 100-percent  
 community supported by individuals, churches, and area busi-  
 nesses. We thank them and their colleagues for the great service  
 that they provide to our youths in Pennsylvania each and every  
 day. Please join me in offering my guests from Cornerstone  
 Youth Center our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Aument from  
 Cornerstone please rise so that we may welcome you to the  
 Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from  
 Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the  
 Senate for a brief caucus amongst Senate Republicans in the  
 Rules room in the back of the Chamber.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request that Senate Demo-  
 crats join me around the podium here for a brief caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of brief 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.

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 157** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its  
 order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
 AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 188 (Pr. No. 1757)** -- The Senate proceeded to consider-  
 ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known  
 as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for definitions  
 and for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as  
 required by the Constitution,

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-50**

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Pileggi	Vogel
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Fontana	Sabatina	Wagner
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	White
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
Brewster	Hughes	Smith	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Browne	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw
Corman	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Costa	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Dinniman	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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 352 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 479 (Pr. No. 437) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Resource Management Center, located in Conyngham Township, Columbia County, as the Edward W. Helfrick Resource Management Center.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Eichelberger, Mensch, Vance; Argall, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Aument, Folmer, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Fontana, Sabatina, Wagner; Bartolotta, Gordner, Scarnati, Ward; Blake, Greenleaf, Scavello, White; Boscola, Haywood, Schwank, Wiley; Brewster, Hughes, Smith, Williams; Brooks, Hutchinson, Smucker, Wozniak; Browne, Kitchen, Stefano, Yaw; Corman, Leach, Tartaglione, Yudichak; Costa, McGarrigle, Teplitz; Dinniman, 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.

SB 513 (Pr. No. 463) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, in residual waste, further providing for transportation of residual waste; and abrogating a regulation.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Eichelberger, Mensch, Vance; Argall, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Aument, Folmer, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Fontana, Sabatina, Wagner; Bartolotta, Gordner, Scarnati, Ward; Blake, Greenleaf, Scavello, White; Boscola, Haywood, Schwank, Wiley; Brewster, Hughes, Smith, Williams; Brooks, Hutchinson, Smucker, Wozniak; Browne, Kitchen, Stefano, Yaw; Corman, Leach, Tartaglione, Yudichak; Costa, McGarrigle, Teplitz; Dinniman, 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.

SB 620 (Pr. No. 617) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain land owned by the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County, in return for the development of park and open- space lands within the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Eichelberger, Mensch, Vance; Argall, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Aument, Folmer, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Fontana, Sabatina, Wagner; Bartolotta, Gordner, Scarnati, Ward; Blake, Greenleaf, Scavello, White; Boscola, Haywood, Schwank, Wiley; Brewster, Hughes, Smith, Williams; Brooks, Hutchinson, Smucker, Wozniak; Browne, Kitchen, Stefano, Yaw; Corman, Leach, Tartaglione, Yudichak; Costa, McGarrigle, Teplitz; Dinniman, 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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 643, SB 687 and SB 688** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 6, HB 57, HB 89, HB 90, SB 95, HB 131, HB 140 and HB 182** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL REREFERRED

**SB 282 (Pr. No. 1008)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 waterfront development tax credit.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 356, HB 363, SB 388, SB 398, HB 400 and HB 475** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 501 (Pr. No. 497)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers, for the collection of membership dues and political contributions; and repealing certain provisions of The Administrative Code of 1929 and the Public Employee Fair Share Fee Law.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 590 (Pr. No. 566)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.1102, No.132), known as the State System of Higher Education Intellectual Property Act, further providing for title of act, for short title, for definitions and for repeal.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 640, SB 652, SB 663, SB 683, SB 694, SB 747, SB 751, HB 753, SB 756, HB 762, SB 772 and SB 798** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 861 (Pr. No. 978)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for coverage obligations of loaner vehicles.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**HB 863 (Pr. No. 1047)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3006 over Spring Creek, Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, as the Bellefonte Veterans Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**SB 880 (Pr. No. 1024)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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, further providing for Keystone Exams.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

**HB 911 (Pr. No. 1756)** -- 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 emergency telephone service; and establishing the 911 Fund.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Senator MENSCH offered the following amendment No. A2041:

Amend Bill, page 34, lines 23 and 24, by striking out "PARAGRAPH (1) or (2). THE FOLLOWING" in line 23 and all of line 24 and inserting:  
this section. The fee shall consist of:  
Amend Bill, page 34, line 25, by striking out "A FEE" and inserting:  
an amount

Amend Bill, page 34, line 25, by striking out "MAY BE"  
Amend Bill, page 34, line 26, by striking out the period after "AD-DRESS" and inserting:

: and

Amend Bill, page 34, line 27, by striking out "A" and inserting:  
an amount imposed on each

Amend Bill, page 34, line 27, by striking out "FEE MAY BE CHARGED"

Amend Bill, page 36, line 5, by striking out "A" and inserting:  
the

Amend Bill, page 36, line 24, by striking out "ANY" and inserting:  
The

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?  
It was agreed to.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

Senator VULAKOVICH offered the following amendment No. A2053:

Amend Bill, page 36, line 26, by inserting after "SURCHARGE":  
Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a county to impose any other fee or surcharge to support 911 communication services.

Amend Bill, page 51, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

subscriber's prior assessments shall be increased to 23 surcharges per transmission link.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?  
It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS 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 Jadyn M. Anczarski, Dave Williams and to Strausstown Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Usner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Nissley, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hutchinson, Stanley R. Kershner, John David Kilmer, K. Pauline Staab, Mildred H. Jones, Sandra Celli, Janice Schubauer, Joyce Nauss, Diane Bosley and to Michele Henry by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wayne Gavin by Senators Baker and Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wilfred Fritz and to Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Howard H. Master, Lee Creyer, Jason Gregory Moreira and to Jonathan E. Young by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to RichMar Florist by Senators Browne and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christa Duelberg-Kraftician, Eric Boyle, Nina Tulio, Susan Bella Jewellery, LLC, and to Communication Systems, Inc., by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Kurt D. Zwinkl by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Foltz, Dr. Roger L. Williams, Charlotte Gill, Catherine A. Stenson, Jacob John Rovanssek, Amber N. Kustaborder, Zacheus Kye Stager, Lindsey M. Bell and to First United Methodist Church of Lewistown by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Duca and to Nave Newell, Inc., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard McIlvaine, Sharyn Flaherty and to Benchmark Federal Credit Union by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Transportation Management Association of Chester County by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Doreen Taylor by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pennsylvania State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kyle Seelig by Senators McIlhinney and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John H. Greenwald by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mitchell Ingram, John Seitz, Jr., and to Donna Royer by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rodney James Arrington and to William L. Heitzman, Jr., by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dickinson by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gianna Gaul by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Health Partners Plans by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mariesa K. Beneventano, Vicki L. Elter, Julianne Carr-Phillips, Colette O. Robinson, Esther Kauffman, Perry County Bicentennial Committee and to Upper Dauphin Area School District by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to citizens of the Village of Linglestown by Senator Teplitz and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Dockery by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. James S. Withers, Jimmy Krenn, Jamie Dixon, John Nites and to Debra Oberle by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alicia A. Danner and to Christian Senft by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paulette Blackson-Royster by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tanya Shaffer by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Persun, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Walker, Sr., Mr. and

Mrs. Raymond E. Myers and to William Michael Bagwell by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief William Shultz and to John P. McArdle by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Thomas M. Leighton, Lori Nocito and to John Maday by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

**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 LaVenia Lorraine Britt by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Rudy S. Ackerman by Senator Browne.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Justin D. Borrell, Jr., to the family of the late Adrian Lynn Robinson, Jr., and to the family of the late Donald E. Carns by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Reverend Dr. Jay Frank Walters by Senator Vance.

**POSTHUMOUS CITATION**

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Private First Class Robert A. Davis was extended to the family by Senator Dinniman.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator SCHWANK. 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 775, SB 792, SB 793, SB 871, SB 872 and SB 873.**

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

11:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to consider issues directly affecting Pennsylvania's anthracite coal industry and coal-refuse fired alternative energy plants)	City Cncl. Chambers Pottsville
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MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 129, 202, 299, 307, 370 and 862)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

9:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing to collect testimony from the PA Turnpike Commission on their budget and program priorities; and committee meeting to consider Senate Bills No. 474, 748 and 868 and House Bills No. 501 and 866)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 148; and House Bill No. 175)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 859 and 860; and House Bills No. 73, 164 and 229; a public hearing to consider the nomination of Lydia Kirkland and Leo Dunn as members of the Board of Probation and Parole; and a public hearing to examine the disposition of digital assets - Senate Bill No. 518)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 189)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:30 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 77 and 737; and House Bills No. 263 and 455)	Room 8E-A East Wing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to consider PA Gaming and Control Board and Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Programs: gaming, internet gaming and related issues and Title 4 (Amusements) legislation (i.e., Senate Bills No. 700 and 900, etc.))	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Resolution No. 138; House Bills No. 14 and 664; and a public hearing on the Wolf Administration's GO-TIME initiative pertaining to procurement)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on municipal pension legislation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on the nomination of Timothy Reese for Treasurer; and to consider House Bills No. 239 and 683)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I appreciate this opportunity to speak about an issue that has been in the news, one that certainly we have talked about, however, we have not made any movement in Pennsylvania on this. I, for one, want to be sure that as we consider the budget, as we consider all kinds of legislation in this body, that we do not forget about the importance of looking at raising the minimum wage here in Pennsylvania.

I had an interesting experience this weekend. I was in a walk for mental wellness. While I was circling First Energy Stadium in the city of Reading, a beautiful stadium, a young man, actually a middle-aged man, sidled up to me and said, you are Senator Schwank, right? And I said, yes, and we introduced ourselves. This gentleman, Steve, told me that he wanted to ask me about the minimum wage. He wanted to know where are we, Senator, on getting this raised? I explained to him that, although we have been talking about it a lot, there really has not been much movement on it. This is what he said to me, Mr. President. He said, Senator, I work three jobs, I have my own apartment, and I am living well. That is what he said, but then he explained to me what those three jobs are. One, he works for a big box store; two, he works for another entity that is similar to a big box store; and he does odd jobs for two people, one he said was a doctor's wife, which I think he meant to assume she was really helping him in terms of what he was earning and helping to supplement his income.

When I said, how do you do three jobs? He said they are all minimum-wage jobs. I said, how do you do that? He said, well, I am working third shift on one, I serve in security in one position, and in the other position I am also stocking shelves. So in other words, this guy is racing in order to sustain a minimum lifestyle for himself. He said, Senator, if you would raise that minimum wage, that would help me a lot. That would help a lot of people, he indicated, a lot of the people who work in a big box store. Although many of them are above minimum wage, if we would raise the minimum wage, he said--and I think he is correct on this--that would induce some pressure on some of those lower-wage jobs that are \$9.25, or even \$10, or \$11, some of those would rise as well. That conversation struck me, Mr. President, because they are real people. It is not just numbers, it is not just graphs like I can hold up here. They are real people who are trying to make ends meet on less than a living wage.

In my county, Mr. President, in Berks County, the living wage for a single adult working full time with one child is \$17.76 an hour. With two children it is \$22.87 an hour. That is not close to the \$7.25 that is currently our minimum wage. We have to do something to help people who are barely making it. It has been well reported, there has been a lot of news about Berks County and the city of Reading and our status as a very impoverished city. I can see true benefits. I can see people who are trying to work, who are truly trying to get ahead in life if they were given the opportunity through raising the minimum wage in Pennsylvania. Which, by the way, all the States around us have already done this. When is Pennsylvania going to also make that move to help our own constituents, to help people who are really struggling to try to make it?

As you know, Mr. President, I also serve as co-chair of the women's health caucus, and I want to talk to you a little bit about the role of women in minimum wage. While I talk about Steve, of course, but women in particular find themselves in a bad position in terms of minimum wage. Women are nearly two-thirds of

minimum wage workers and two-thirds of tipped workers. Women of color are 23 percent of minimum wage workers, a quarter of minimum wage workers, compared to 16 percent of all other workers. Nearly one-third of working women and nearly 40 percent of working women of color would get a raise. That is one-third and 40 percent of working women of color would get a raise if the minimum wage increased to \$12 per hour by 2020.

The proposal before us, Mr. President, is to raise the minimum wage on a fairly balanced schedule and to tie it to the cost of living so that the General Assembly does not have to continuously address this and people will not be left behind in terms of getting a living wage. It is time that we move on this. You and I both go to the grocery store. We know what things cost. In fact, when I spoke on this last summer, I went to the store and bought a few things to try to equal \$7.25. Mr. President, I could not even purchase enough food with \$7.25 for breakfast, let alone lunch or for dinner. In reality, we all know that this does not work when a loaf of bread is about \$4, when milk is anywhere between \$2 and \$3, depending upon what you buy and, of course, the amount. A dozen eggs right now is over \$2 a dozen. For a number of reasons, but you and I can weather those kinds of changes; people who earn \$7.25 cannot.

Let us move on this, Mr. President, and I urge my colleagues, they are not here right now, but I am certainly urging them to start working on this legislation. I will be right with them in helping to make that happen.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Schwank, and the Chair recognizes that you speak the truth and that other States have also had job growth with an increase in minimum wage.

### BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

#### HB 341.

### RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, June 15, 2015, 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 12:22 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.