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SENATE

MONDAY, April 23, 2018

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend BRIAN KORNER, Pastor of Grace Independent Baptist Church, Mountain Top, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You, Lord, for this day that You have given to us. Thank You for a beautiful day. Thank You, Lord, for this country. You have given to us the freedom and liberty we enjoy not only in this country, but this Commonwealth. We pray, God, that You bless everything that is said and done here today. We pray that You bless our military. We thank them for keeping our country safe. We pray for our law enforcement that You bless them today, keep them safe as they protect and patrol our streets and neighborhoods. We pray that You bless our Senators today and give them wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. We pray, God, that Your will and Your word will be considered in everything that is said and done today. In Jesus name, amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Pastor Korner, who is the guest today of Senator Baker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communications 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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL**

April 20, 2018

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 March 8, 2018, of Ashley Fehr, 115 Molleystown Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathy Glarner, North Warren, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

April 23, 2018

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 12, 2018, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Fean, Milford, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communications 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 PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

April 20, 2018

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, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human

Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Terence Farrell, West Chester, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ERIE COUNTY

April 20, 2018

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, Ann Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Erie County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Robert A. Sambroak, Jr., deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

April 20, 2018

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, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Paul P. Panepinto, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

April 20, 2018

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, Laura Bauer, 9 School Street, Sugar Grove 16350, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathy Glarner, North Warren, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

April 20, 2018

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 Feroz, 193 South Main Street, Seneca 16346, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

April 23, 2018

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, Felicia Brown-Haywood, 7745 Sunset Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Francesca DiSanti, Erie, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

April 23, 2018

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, Tracy Bruno, 1075 Sunset Drive, Milton 17847, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 23, 2018

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, Christopher Delozier, 1331 Sconsett Way, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 23, 2018

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, Richard Long (Public Member), 216 Beaver Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 23, 2018

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 Pizano, 959 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter 18643, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Fean, Milford, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 20, 2018

Senators BROWNE, HUGHES, MARTIN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, TOMLINSON, LANGERHOLC, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, GORDNER, FONTANA, ARGALL, SABATINA, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, RESCHENTHALER, BOSCOLA, BLAKE, LEACH, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, KILLION, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, REGAN, STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA and LAUGHLIN presented to the Chair **SB 1142**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Safe2Say Program; and providing methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe activities in schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 20, 2018.

April 23, 2018

Senators SCAVELLO, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, MENSCH and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1137**, entitled:

An Act providing for the imposition of a Statewide personal income tax; authorizing the imposition of a personal income tax or an earned income tax by a school district subject to voter approval; providing for school property tax exclusion; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 23, 2018.

Senators McILHINNEY, SCHWANK, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, KILLION, LEACH, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, WILLIAMS, FARNESE, BLAKE, STREET and McGARRIGLE presented to the Chair **SB 1140**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for transition to renewable energy; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection and other Commonwealth agencies relating to energy consumption and renewable energy generation; establishing the Clean Energy Transition Task Force, the Clean Energy Center of Excellence, the Council for Clean Energy Workforce Development and the Clean Energy Workforce Development Fund; and providing for interim limits on energy produced from nonrenewable sources.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 23, 2018.

Senators HUGHES, MENSCH, FONTANA, MARTIN, SCHWANK, FOLMER, COSTA, WAGNER, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1143**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, in industry partnerships, further providing for definitions, for industry clusters, for interdepartmental cooperation and for industry and labor market research and providing for dissemination of industry and labor market research to educational institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 23, 2018.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolution numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

April 20, 2018

Senators VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 326**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to adopt the National Park Service's recommendations to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites along the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Eastern Legacy.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 20, 2018.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Mr. Thomas J. Ellis as a member of the State Horse Racing Commission.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Wagner, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary a Capitol leave for Senator Schwank, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Hughes, and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Wagner, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Hughes, and Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator CORMAN asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator STEFANO and Senator WARD, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal of the Session of February 5, 2018, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 5, 2018.

Senator CORMAN. 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 CORMAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-47

Alloway	Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank
Argall	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Aument	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Baker	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Blake	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Boscola	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
Brewster	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brooks	Hughes	Resenthaler	Williams
Browne	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. SABATINA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Sabatina.

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome special guests from my district who are seated in the gallery. These bright young juniors and seniors, chaperones, and their teachers, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Dormer, and Ms. Young, are from Archbishop Ryan High School in northeast Philadelphia. They are here today to visit the Capitol as part of their business law and

Advanced Placement government classes, giving them a chance to observe the legislative process up close and in person while also giving them an opportunity to tour our beautiful State Capitol. It is great to see their ambition and motivation to learn and succeed in life. It is a pleasure hosting them and getting a chance to hear their stories. Who knows, Mr. President, one day we may see one of them here.

So, Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me in offering a warm Senate welcome to our special guests from Archbishop Ryan High School.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Sabatina please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce formally our guest Chaplain, Pastor Brian Korner. Pastor Korner comes to us from Grace Independent Baptist Church in Slocum Township, where he has been serving since 2006. I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with Pastor Korner and his wife, Stacey, and their three children, Khloe, Brian, and Caitlyn. He attended Kyles-Anderson College in Indiana, and he has a passion for serving his community. He is also here with members of his church and homeschool group, consisting of Kristi Kronk and her two children, Jordan and Kaitlyn, and Ronald Naugle, who is also joining them in the Senate gallery. Pastor Korner not only preaches at his church but he also serves at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility every Tuesday, and he serves as chaplain for the Wilkes-Barre Township Police Department.

So, please join me in welcoming Pastor Korner and his family and friends to the Senate today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Baker, the pastor and his family, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is also my privilege today to recognize Mr. David Hage, who is an assistant professor of social work at Misericordia University in Dallas. He is joined today by several students who are here for advocacy day on behalf of social welfare and interests that they have legislatively. The students are Allison Butow, Christine Ward, Jacqueline Tadeo, Deanna Warren, Ashlilyn Steblinski, Brianna Smith, Carly Kandel, Olivia Mayorowski, Julianna Stella, and they are all here with Mr. Hage, with whom I had the privilege of working about 2 months ago in their classroom to talk about legislation that we are working on here on the Senate floor.

So please join me in welcoming our social work students and their professor. These are individuals who want to serve children, juveniles, the elderly, and to work with people throughout our community to make their lives better. We are inspired to have them with us, and I ask that we offer our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Baker, the professor and his students, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA
AND SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce some special guests here in the Senate. We have two trauma registrars from the Lehigh Valley Health Network, and they are joined by several members of the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation. This foundation is the accrediting body for trauma programs throughout the Commonwealth. Through their diligent use of technology, they acquire data to enhance and improve outcomes for all injured patients. This data goes to better support clinical research, to provide quality education to hospitals, and educate the public and legislators on the value of this information. The foundation is committed to working with our health systems, like Lehigh Valley Health Network, and to reduce death and disability caused by trauma by providing evidence-based quality healthcare.

Therefore, Mr. President, I recognize our guests in the gallery today. We have Tammy Shaffer, a trauma registrar at Lehigh Valley Hospital, and Robin Schrader, who is the Lehigh Valley Hospital Trauma Registrar Coordinator. They have traveled here from the Lehigh Valley, and they are good friends with my colleague as well, Senator Browne. In the gallery as well are Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation staff, Lyndsey Diehl, manager of trauma data quality unit; Stephanie Radzevick, trauma data analyst; and Gabrielle Wenger, trauma registry auditor.

I will also be introducing a unanimous consent resolution in the future to designate "Trauma Register Day" in the Commonwealth in 2018. I applaud them for their advocacy in getting such a resolution passed in the House as well. I ask the Senate to recognize the vital role they play and give them our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I, too, rise along with my colleague, Senator Boscola, to recognize two of my constituents who work as trauma registrars at the Lehigh Valley Health Network. Trauma registrars, Mr. President, play a vital role as part of the trauma care team as they are charged with compiling all of the data for an individual being treated at a trauma center and for providing critical information to those who will care for that individual. Trauma registrars are responsible for insuring that the injury is identified correctly, a patient's medical history is analyzed, and proper care and medical treatment are provided.

I am proud to have two trauma registrars from my district here today to be recognized for the outstanding work that they do for trauma patients at Lehigh Valley Health Network, Robin Schrader from New Tripoli and Tammy Shaffer from Allentown. Please give them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Boscola and Senator Browne please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Wagner has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUEST OF SENATOR GUY RESCHENTHALER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Reschenthaler.

Senator RESCHENTHALER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to welcome a distinguished constituent of mine to the Senate of Pennsylvania today, Olympic medalist John-Henry Krueger. John-Henry is a short-track speedskater from Peters Township who recently represented our country in the 2018 Winter Olympics. He earned a silver medal in the men's 1,000 meter short-track speedskating event. John-Henry started skating when he was just 5 years old. His mother coached figure skating at a local ice rink in Pittsburgh, where he and his older brother, Cole, started speedskating, and both his mother and brother are here today as well. John-Henry qualified for the 2014 Winter Olympics, but suffered from the swine flu and was unable to compete. In 2015, John-Henry was the 2015 Overall Men's National Champion.

I am incredibly honored to have such a distinguished guest here in Harrisburg today. Through his many years of training and hard work, John-Henry is an inspiring example of what dedication and passion can achieve. John-Henry, on behalf of a grateful community and country, I congratulate you on your silver medal in the 2018 Olympics and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Mr. President, colleagues, please join me in giving Olympic silver medalist John-Henry Krueger a warm welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Reschenthaler, John-Henry, please rise so that the Senate may give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you for making us proud.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate, first, for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Education to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, followed immediately by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask the Senate Democrats to join the meeting of the Committee on Education and then to meet in the Democratic caucus room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Education to be held in the Rules room, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Greenleaf.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator Greenleaf. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Schwank, Senator Hughes, and Senator Tomlinson have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The **PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.**

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Brooks has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

HB 149, SB 435, SB 439 and SB 521 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 595 (Pr. No. 1654) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revised uniform law on notarial acts, further providing for authority to perform notarial act, providing for notarial acts performed by remotely located individuals and further providing for notification regarding performance of notarial act on electronic record and selection of technology.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 653 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1041 (Pr. No. 1484) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, providing for veteran-owned business logotype.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BARTOLOTTA offered the following amendment No. A6900:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

further providing for definitions, repealing provisions relating to definitions, further providing for exemption and providing for veteran-owned business logotype.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 17; page 2, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1. The definition of "veteran" in section 9601 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

§ 9601. Definitions.
Subject to section 9602 (relating to regulations), the following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Business fee." A fee required to be paid to the Commonwealth or a political subdivision for starting or opening a business within this Commonwealth. The term does not include a fee for maintaining licensure or other requirement for continuing to operate a business.

"Veteran." An individual who:

(1) has served in the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component or the National Guard, and who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable[.]; or

(2) is actively serving in the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component or the National Guard.

"Veteran-owned business." As defined in 62 Pa.C.S. § 2201 (relating to definitions).

Section 2. Sections 9610 and 9611(a), (b) and (c) of Title 51 are amended to read:

[§ 9610. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context

clearly indicates otherwise:

"Business fee." A fee required to be paid to the Commonwealth or a political subdivision for starting or opening a business within this Commonwealth. The term does not include a fee for maintaining licensure or other requirement for continuing to operate a business.

"Reservist." A member of a United States Armed Forces reserve component or National Guard.

"Reservist-owned small business." A business owned and controlled by a member of a United States Armed Forces reserve component or National Guard.]

§ 9611. Exemption.

(a) Payment.--A veteran-owned [or reservist-owned] small business shall be exempt from the payment of a business fee.

(b) Proof.--A veteran [or reservist] must provide the department or licensing authority of a political subdivision with proof of the veteran's [or reservist's] status using any of the following with any business application:

- (1) A copy of a Federal DD-214 form.
- (2) A copy of a Federal NGB-22 form.
- (3) A valid Federal Veterans' Administration card.
- (4) A valid Department of Defense-issued military identification card.

(c) Status.--The Department of State or licensing authority of a political subdivision, in consultation with other Commonwealth agencies, may determine an applicant's status as a veteran [or reservist] in accordance with this section.

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Section 3. Chapter 96 of Title 51 is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

SUBCHAPTER D
VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS LOGOTYPE

Sec.

9621. Veteran-owned business logotype.

§ 9621. Veteran-owned business logotype.

(a) Logotype for veteran-owned businesses.--The department or its designee shall design an official Commonwealth logotype to be used by veteran-owned businesses.

(b) Logotype.--The logotype to be designed and issued shall include the Commonwealth Coat of Arms and the words "Pennsylvania Veteran-owned Business."

(c) Verify.--The department, in consultation with the Department of General Services, shall use the verification process under 62 Pa.C.S. § 2202(a) (relating to woman-owned business, minority-owned business or veteran-owned business) to verify the military service status of business owners seeking a veteran-owned business logotype.

(d) Application and issuance.--The department shall issue a logotype when the veteran-owned business is included on the list compiled and maintained by the Department of General Services under 62 Pa.C.S. § 2202(c) for veteran-owned businesses.

(e) Notice.--The department shall post on the department's publicly accessible Internet website a notice that the Commonwealth logotype is available to businesses provided for under this chapter and shall include the criteria necessary to receive the logotype and allow for access to the application and directions on how to submit the application.

(f) Authority.--Upon application of the business, the department shall have the authority to issue, without additional verification, a logotype under this section to a business that is currently approved by the Department of General Services under 62 Pa.C.S. Ch. 22 (relating to diverse and disadvantaged businesses).

(g) Penalty.--A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if the person fraudulently holds himself out to be a veteran for the purpose of obtaining a logotype.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1070, SB 1071, SB 1072, HB 1869, HB 1926 and HB 1952 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 26, HB 56, HB 61 and HB 63 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 189 (Pr. No. 178) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for rights.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 215, SB 257, SB 299, SB 390, HB 444, SB 480, HB 544 and HB 566 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 576 (Pr. No. 1562) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for reimbursement of patient expenses associated with participation in cancer clinical trials and for duties of the Department of Health; and imposing a penalty.

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 735, SB 780, SB 816, HB 913, HB 914, HB 915, HB 916, SB 922, SB 962, SB 963, HB 1001, SB 1003, SB 1021, SB 1024 and SB 1038 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1073 (Pr. No. 1656) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, further providing for disability benefits.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1080, SB 1087, SB 1092, HB 1233 and HB 2017 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 258, AMENDED

Senator GORDNER, without objection, called up from page 9 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 258**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to amend the Controlled Substances Act to remove marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance and to recognize the proven medical purposes of marijuana.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senator WILLIAMS, offered the following amendment No. A6899:

Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 2 through 4, by striking out "to remove marijuana as a Schedule I controlled" in line 2 and all of lines 3 and 4 and inserting:

by rescheduling marijuana in order to protect the right under the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of participants in a state-sanctioned medical marijuana program to legally own a firearm and further consider whether marijuana has a proven medical purpose.

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 11, by inserting after "a":
legally owned

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 12 and 13, by striking out "marijuana users in states which have legalized its use" and inserting:
participants in state-sanctioned medical marijuana programs

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 14 through 18, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 22, by inserting after "on " where it occurs the second time:

medical

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 23 and 24, by striking out "therefore be it" and inserting:

and

WHEREAS, Rescheduling marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act will protect the right under the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of participants in a state-sanctioned medical marijuana program to own firearms while preserving restrictions on others; therefore be it

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "to remove marijuana as a Schedule I controlled" in line 27 and all of lines 28 and 29 and inserting:

by rescheduling marijuana in order to protect the right under the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of participants in a state-sanctioned medical marijuana program to legally own a firearm and further consider whether marijuana has any proven medical purpose; and be it further

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Dinniman	Leach	Street
Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
Boscola	Gordner	Regan	White
Brewster	Greenleaf	Resenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

Without objection, the resolution, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

HB 17 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 17, Printer's No. 2003, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator EICHELBERGER, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 1136 (Pr. No. 1675)

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 school police officers.

HB 679 (Pr. No. 730)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for supplemental online course initiative; and establishing the Online Course Clearinghouse Restricted Account.

HB 857 (Pr. No. 939)

An Act amending the act of January 28, 1988 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the Private Academic Schools Act, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Private Academic Schools, for powers and duties of board, for application for license, for issuance and renewal of license, for directory of private academic schools, for requirements for licensure and operation, for enforcement, refusal, suspension or revocation of license and for promulgation of rules and regulations.

Senator BROWNE, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 384 (Pr. No. 384) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, repealing provisions relating to nonapplicability; and providing for assessors in counties of the first class.

SB 627 (Pr. No. 700) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions.

SB 995 (Pr. No. 1505)

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1449) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in examinations, further providing for purpose and providing for scheduling conference, for budget estimate and revisions, for billing invoices and for annual examination and analysis report.

SB 1056 (Pr. No. 1657) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further defining taxable income.

SB 1091 (Pr. No. 1576) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions for pediatric cancer research and establishing the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

SB 1117 (Pr. No. 1685) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund, from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund and from the State Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1627)

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

SB 1119 (Pr. No. 1628)

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

SB 1120 (Pr. No. 1629)

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

SB 1121 (Pr. No. 1630)

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

SB 1122 (Pr. No. 1631)

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

SB 1124 (Pr. No. 1633)

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

SB 1125 (Pr. No. 1634)

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

HB 478 (Pr. No. 2699) (Rereported)

An Act providing for outpatient psychiatric oversight.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators SABATINA, FARNESE, FONTANA, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, BROWNE, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, COSTA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE and KILLION, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 328**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 23 through 27, 2018, as "Every Kid Healthy Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Sabatina.

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating the week of April 23 through April 27 as "Every Kid Healthy Week" in Pennsylvania. This year marks the third annual Every Kid Healthy Week, demonstrating Pennsylvania's increased understanding of how important the well-being of today's youth can be for the future of the Commonwealth. Data shows that there are a number of benefits for kids who increase the amount of physical activity in their daily lives, such as improving academic performance, reducing the risk of developing obesity, and reducing other chronic health conditions as an adult such as heart disease and bone and joint problems.

Achieving this is possible thanks to increased awareness and access to a healthy living style, which is often achieved by our community recreation centers who have helped promote access

to community spaces for family recreational activity. With nearly 1,345 member facilities across Pennsylvania, the International Health Racquet Sportsclub Association has played a huge part in providing a safe and welcoming atmosphere for families to engage in consistent physical activity together. When children are taught to eat right and stay fit early in life, they are more likely to be healthy adults, which is why I am encouraging the legislature to recognize the importance of a physically active lifestyle and the role it plays in the physical, psychological, and academic well-being of Pennsylvania's children.

By supporting this resolution designating April 23 through April 27 as Every Kid Healthy Week, it helps draw attention to this important issue. 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.

Senator YAW, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 329**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 28, 2018, as "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to offer this resolution recognizing Saturday, April 28, 2018, as "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" in Pennsylvania. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day began in 2010 by the Drug Enforcement Administration as a way to provide safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unused and unwanted prescription drugs while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. We all know that the heroin and opioid overdose epidemic is the worst public health crisis in Pennsylvania and the nation in a generation. This epidemic has claimed more lives than that of the Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars combined. Nationwide, Drug Take Back Day has proven over the years to be a successful event. Since 2010, the DEA and local law enforcement partners have collected more than 9 million pounds of prescription drugs. During last year's Drug Take Back Day events in April and October in Pennsylvania, 2,011 law enforcement agencies collected over 74,000 pounds of prescription drugs. Mr. President, this initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Unwanted, unused, or expired medications that languish in a home medicine cabinet or medications that are not disposed of properly are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Please join me in recognizing Saturday, April 28, 2018, as National Prescription Drug Take Back 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 WAGNER, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, GREEN-LEAF, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, COSTA, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, FOLMER, STREET, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, BAKER, BLAKE, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, HUGHES and REGAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 330**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, in July 1868, a convention of dentists was held in Lititz Springs, sparking the idea of forming a State organization. Subsequently, in December 1868, a convention of delegates met in Philadelphia establishing the Pennsylvania State Dental Society. While the name has since changed, their purpose has remained consistent: to serve the public, improve their health, promote the art and science of dentistry, and represent the interests of its members and the people they serve. This week the Pennsylvania Dental Association will convene in Hershey, 150 years after the first convention held at Lititz Springs to celebrate this extraordinary milestone. Therefore, Mr. President, the resolution I offer today commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Dental Association and recognizes the organization's long history of serving the residents of Pennsylvania.

Of course, Mr. President, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the sudden and tragic death of an active life member of the Pennsylvania Dental Association. Dr. Stephen Grady, a longtime Camp Hill dentist, along with Lancaster County businessman Jim Durkin, were killed last week when the small plane they were flying in crashed in Blair County. As the Pennsylvania Dental Association convenes in celebration of their anniversary, there will be, no doubt, heavy hearts as they mourn the loss of Dr. Grady.

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 SCHWANK, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, GREEN-LEAF, FONTANA, MARTIN, FARNESE, BARTOLOTTA, HUGHES, BROWNE, BREWSTER, FOLMER, KILLION, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, BAKER, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, VOGEL and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 331**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2018 as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, most of us in this Chamber are very familiar with the disease of cystic fibrosis. It is a genetic disease that affects approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States, about 1,500 of whom live here in this Commonwealth. It is caused by a defective gene that causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections and obstructions to the pancreas that prevent digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down food. More than 10 million Americans are actually symptomless carriers of this gene, and it occurs in 1 out of 3,500 births. But what has changed, Mr. President, in the years since we have recognized this, is that people are surviving longer and longer with cystic fibrosis. I recall, Mr. President, having students when I was a teacher who had cystic fibrosis and know now that they are still leading productive lives.

Since approximately 50 percent of the population with CF is at least 18 years of age and they have a variety of symptoms, we know that early diagnosis of CF permits the kind of treatment that makes a difference in people's lives. We can even screen infants at birth to detect those genetic defects so that we can begin the kind of treatment that these children will need to survive. We are fortunate, Mr. President, there are 12 world-class treatment centers in this Commonwealth that specialize in the diagnosis and care of individuals with cystic fibrosis. What is most critical, though, with this month, Mr. President, is for everybody to be aware of it and to recognize that this disease is still there, people are surviving longer, medical miracles are occurring, but we need to continually be aware of this and let the residents of the Commonwealth know that we all have a part to play in ending this disease.

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, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, BROWNE, SABATINA, COSTA, BLAKE, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, AUMENT, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, BAKER and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 332**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Health Care Information Technology Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I recognize May 1, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Health Care Information Technology Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. The United States spends more than \$3 trillion on healthcare each year, representing 17.8 percent of the gross national product. Spending on healthcare has increased 40 percent from just a decade ago. However, the healthcare industry

invests only 5 percent of its revenue on information technology and information systems. I hope the Senate will recognize the importance of raising awareness of healthcare information technology and the advancement of health information exchanges to help improve the quality of care and reduce the cost of healthcare. The intent of this resolution is to continue promoting better healthcare through broader adoption of advanced healthcare information technology and management systems throughout expanded use of tele-health.

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 VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, WARD, WHITE, YUDICHAK, VOGEL and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 333**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2018, as "Loyalty Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Vulakovich.

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, we are designating May 1, 2018, as "Loyalty Day" in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars is conducting its annual Loyalty Day program on the grounds of the State Capitol on May 1, 2018. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the act of July 18, 1958, which designates the first day in May of each year as Loyalty Day. Loyalty Day is set aside as a special day for reaffirming loyalty to the United States and recognizing American freedom. The President of the United States annually issues a proclamation calling on officials to proudly display the flag of the United States at all government buildings on this special day. Citizens and elected officials are encouraged to observe Loyalty Day in schools and other appropriate places.

In the post-9/11 world, it is only fitting that the residents of this Commonwealth pause on Loyalty Day to reflect on the privileges and freedoms of democracy and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States. Therefore, as the Senate we are asking to designate May 1, 2018, as Loyalty Day in Pennsylvania to proudly join Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars in its observance and commend the organization for its continued service to our nation and this Commonwealth.

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 VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCHWANK, WARD, WHITE, YAW, YUDICHAK, VOGEL, BOSCOLA and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 334**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2018, as "Silver Star Families of America Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Vulakovich.

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating May 1, 2018, as "Silver Star Families of America Day" in Pennsylvania. The Silver Star Families of America was formed in 2005 to make sure we remember the sacrifice of our wounded warriors by giving out thousands of silver star banners and flags to the wounded and their families. The Silver Star Families of America's mission is to insure that every time someone sees a silver star banner or flag that they remember, honor, and thank those who have sacrificed for our State and country. All military personnel who were wounded by enemy action, friendly fire, or contracted a serious illness while serving in a war zone are eligible to receive the silver star banner and flag. I encourage everyone wanting more information about this fine organization or how to support this important mission to visit its Web site at silverstarfamilies.org.

Mr. President, it is imperative that the people in Pennsylvania never forget the sacrifice of so many service persons, and I ask that the Senate adopt this resolution designating May 1, 2018, as Silver Star Families of America Day in Pennsylvania to honor our commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members.

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 BOSCOLA, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 335**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 23, 2018, as "Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am very impressed with how the Clerk pronounced that. Today, I offer this resolution

designating April 23, 2018, as the official day and awareness in Pennsylvania for a rare disease known as Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, which is commonly referred to as FOP--not the same F.O.P. that you usually advocate for, Mr. President, it is a little different. FOP is a rare orphan disease of which only several hundred cases are diagnosed worldwide. Thirteen of those cases are confirmed to be within our Commonwealth by the International FOP Organization. This is a disease whereby if a child were to come across some type of trauma to their muscle, tendon, or ligament, known as a flare-up, instead of it healing like it would in you and me, it hardens and fuses with existing bone. These flare-ups are very painful, extremely painful, and this resolution aims to bring attention, research, and education surrounding FOP.

I first came to know about this disease through the story of the Scoble family of Emmaus, and their 11-year-old son and nephew, Joshua. Joshua's family have set up a really great non-profit organization on behalf of Joshua to increase awareness and offer needed support for other families affected by this disease. The Scobles are working tirelessly to ensure that a cure is within reach. So, therefore, Mr. President, I ask for the Senate's full support in declaring today "Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Awareness Day." 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.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator REGAN. 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 995, SB 1117, SB 1118, SB 1119, SB 1120, SB 1121, SB 1122, SB 1124, SB 1125, SB 1136, HB 679 and HB 857.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1006 and 1007; and House Bills No. 479, 480 and 481)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (second public hearing on redistricting legislation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 897, 1036, 1126 and 1127; and House Bill No. 1979)	Room 8E-B East Wing

12:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 835, 930 and 931)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bill No. 891; and House Bill No. 1232)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 576 and 1136)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 1047; and House Bill No. 864)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1104 and 1142)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bill No. 1066)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018</u>		
9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on flooding and emergency response)	Room 8E-B East Wing
<u>MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018</u>		
11:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (H) and EDUCATION (S) (joint public hearing on RAND Corporation study of the PASSHE system)	Room 8E-A East Wing

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise and take a few moments to cover a subject that I think is important for all of us in this Chamber, and certainly I know it is important to the people of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, again, yesterday folks woke up and had the opportunity to review the news to see that there was another tragic shooting that took place with an individual who took the lives of four individuals in Nashville, Tennessee. My recollection is that there was another college campus incident that occurred as well in the past week or so. Mr. President, it seems like every week we come to the Senate floor and we see these types of things occurring across our country. I believe that it is time for us to begin to have a conversation on addressing some of the reasonable and responsible things we can do here in Pennsylvania along those lines as it relates to how we manage the gun control conversation here in Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, let me be clear, I am not looking to take anyone's guns away or violate their Second Amendment right, but I do think there are some things that we can do in this General Assembly that allow us the opportunity to be thoughtful, as I mentioned, responsible, and reasonable in our approach. Earlier today Governor Wolf called upon the legislature to look at addressing the issue of background checks, eliminating the gun show loophole, and things of that nature. I believe that is a really good place to start. I would say, Mr. President, that this Chamber has already started down that path in a very thoughtful way when we passed unanimously, working in a bipartisan way, Senate Bill

No. 501, and I applaud my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the Leadership on the other side of the aisle for working to advance those measures. Our goal now is, and should be, to move that process forward through the House and, hopefully, the House will take it up when they return next week and we will have the opportunity to get it to the Governor's desk. That supplemented the work that was done on Senate Bill No. 449, Senator Bartolotta's legislation, which was very important as it moved through this process and the whole series of domestic violence bills that we talked about. I believe, Mr. President, that really set the template for what we need to do on this subject matter of how we address weapons in this Commonwealth.

There are a number of things that we can look at that I know Members on both sides of the aisle put forth that we should talk about. Certainly, Mr. President, we need to look at the issue of bump stocks, the horrific mechanism or machinery that was used through the process by the Las Vegas gunman who killed in excess of 50 folks, the most horrific incident that occurred in this country. Mr. President, there are a number of other measures that are reasonable and responsible that we should be looking at. We should be looking at a bill that has been around for quite a while, one gun a month. Look at whether there is a reasonable balance that we can strike along those lines. It may not need to be one gun a month but it could be something that provides limitations on what is taking place to keep weapons out of the hands of those individuals who should not possess them. There are a number of other things, Mr. President. The issue of straw purchasers. I know we tried to address this issue in the past, but we did not go far enough, in my view, and there is more we can do to limit the ability in making certain that those individuals who are purchasing weapons for other individuals that they be incarcerated, or they be punished appropriately through that process, particularly if those weapons are used in some type of incident that results in the death of another.

We should also be looking, Mr. President, as to how we fund our schools. I believe that it is essential, particularly in light of what we saw take place in Parkland, Florida, recently, the need for more mental health counselors in our school districts and making certain they are in schools having conversations with students, not just at the high school level, but at the level before that, at junior high and the like. Legislation I have introduced along those lines to provide for sufficient funding, and I would add, Mr. President, it is an important subject matter that it should rise and fall on its own merits as relates to how we come up with the money. I do not think it is appropriate that we take money from some other agency in order to fund mental health counselors in our school districts.

Similarly, I think we need to look at what steps we can take to put more resources in our schools to allow them to appropriate a level of security in our schools. In addition to the support that would be provided for professionals along those lines, there are other steps that can be taken to make these buildings more secure. We need to look at resources along those lines, and I know my colleague, Senator Brewster, has introduced legislation. Those are important conversations that we need to have. There are certainly others, Mr. President, that we can be looking at. There is certainly something along the lines of mandatory reporting of lost and stolen weapons that is something that I think, again, has been around for a little while but we have not had the courage at this point to address it.

These are some of the responsible, in my view, and reasonable steps that we can take along those lines. And there are more conversations that could take place. To give one example would be the assault weapon ban as well as limitations on the number of bullets in a magazine, how many there would be. I know that stirs up a lot of concern by a lot of people, but other States have addressed and have tackled it. It is my understanding that Connecticut, while it maintains assault weapons in that State, they do so by registering and requiring background checks, and by requiring a review and showing a proficiency of the ability to use that weapon, is my understanding. Maybe that is where we end up here in Pennsylvania, but at the end of the day, the conversation is important to have. These are measures that I think the public wants us to take a look at. I recognize some are controversial, but many are not, and it is those reasonable ones that I think, at a minimum, we should continue to address. Address in the same manner that we dealt with the issue of domestic violence, by working together, having conversations, and putting together a package of bills that allow us to have an impact on things that are taking place in this Commonwealth. There is no question that the young folks in this Commonwealth and this country have stood up and provided multiple opportunities in terms of speaking out and looking to their respective legislatures and looking to Washington, D.C., to take steps to try to help and move and advance measures that protect our students, protect our families, and protect our loved ones. That is what we should be talking about.

So my hope, Mr. President, as we move forward over the next couple of weeks, when we have some down time between now and the election, that when we come back on May 21 that we begin at that point to have serious conversation about advancing some of these reasonable and responsible measures that we could be looking at and, hopefully, stand one day with the Governor signing measures that allow the things that need to be done to take place. So, Mr. President, I am asking my colleagues to join me in looking and pushing our respective Leaders on both sides of the House, and both sides of this General Assembly, looking to make certain that we have the very, very important dialogue and conversation about crafting measures that are fair, that are balanced, that are reasonable and responsible, and address the concerns that many Pennsylvanians have about what needs to be done.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate:

HB 595 and **HB 866**.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 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 3:46 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.