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SENATE

TUESDAY, April 24, 2018

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend TED KEATING, Pastor of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Middletown, offered the following prayer:

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.
Lord, make each one of us an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, may we so love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is darkness, may we sow light. Where there is sadness, may we spread joy. Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Keating, who is the guest today of Senator Folmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

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

April 24, 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, Jarrad Berkihsier, 1078 Williamsburg Road, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial Dis-

trict, 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 Keith Sadler, Lancaster, resigned

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 24, 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, P. Nathaniel Boe, 110 Washington Place, Pittsburgh 15219, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Hawk, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 24, 2018

Senators EICHELBERGER, DINNIMAN, GORDNER, SABATINA, FARNESE, BLAKE, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, LEACH, WARD, REGAN, FOLMER, VOGEL, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1145**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 24, 2018.

Senators FARNESE, FONTANA, HUGHES, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, BREWSTER and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1146**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for definitions, for procedure and for construction and exclusiveness of remedy.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2018.

Senators FONTANA, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, BLAKE, WILLIAMS and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1147**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission; providing for training; and further providing for procedure.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2018.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, FARNESE, HUGHES, SCHWANK, COSTA, BREWSTER and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1148**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful discriminatory practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2018.

Senators WILLIAMS, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COSTA, FARNESE, HUGHES, BREWSTER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1149**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful discriminatory practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2018.

Senators HAYWOOD, FONTANA, FARNESE, HUGHES, SCHWANK, COSTA, BREWSTER and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1150**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for remedies and for enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2018.

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA, FARNESE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1151**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for registration, for prohibited activities and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 24, 2018.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 24, 2018

Senators BLAKE, FONTANA, FARNESE, SABATINA, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, COSTA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, BREWSTER and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SR 327**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution establishing the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 24, 2018.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
State Ethics Commission
Finance Building
613 North Street, Room 309
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400

TO: Director or Administrator
FROM: Robert Caruso, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
DATE: April 6, 2018
RE: Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law, the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

Commission Opinions - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are catalogued by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2018 will begin with the number 18-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

Advice of Counsel - The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

Orders - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was Order No. 1. All orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein. Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936.

For your information, all Commission rulings are available on-line at www.ethics.pa.gov.

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 835 (Pr. No. 1130)

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; in application of act and penalties, further providing for unlawful to conduct business without license or registration certificate, for criminal penalties and for exclusions; in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission in general, further providing for administration and enforcement; adding provisions relating to land agent registration certificates; and, in duties of licensees, further providing for prohibited acts.

SB 930 (Pr. No. 1308)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing for pipeline emergency management information.

SB 931 (Pr. No. 1703) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing for pipeline safety valves.

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

SB 897 (Pr. No. 1199)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of offenders, further providing for restitution for injuries to person or property; and, in sentencing, further providing for victim impact statements.

SB 1036 (Pr. No. 1704) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines, for fine and for failure to pay fine; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

SB 1126 (Pr. No. 1638)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in selection and retention of judicial officers, further providing for continuing education requirement.

SB 1127 (Pr. No. 1643)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in trade and commerce, further providing for fraudulent traffic in food orders; and, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for debarment or suspension.

HB 1979 (Pr. No. 2837)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for twenty year limitation.

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

SB 1006 (Pr. No. 1694) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office.

SB 1007 (Pr. No. 1396)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for chief assessor, for notices, appeals and certification of values, for special provisions relating to countywide revisions of assessments, for board of assessment appeals and board of assessment revision, for regulations of board and for auxiliary appeal boards and alternates; and making editorial changes.

HB 479 (Pr. No. 3425) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intergovernmental cooperation, further providing for ordinance, for content of ordinance, for joint purchases with private educational establishments, for required review of specified agreements and for effect of joint cooperation agreements.

HB 480 (Pr. No. 504)

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 intergovernmental cooperation.

HB 481 (Pr. No. 505)

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for municipal authorities and cooperation with other political subdivisions.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Reschenthaler, and a legislative leave for Senator Ward.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Reschenthaler, and a legislative leave for Senator Ward. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of February 6, 2018, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 6, 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-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, you may recall a short time ago, we had the National Champion Field Hockey team from Penn Manor High School join us on the Senate floor, and it seems that Penn Manor is continuing their tradition of producing exceptional students, athletes, and citizens. In this case, for this young lady, it is the first time in 26 years in Lancaster County. With us today is Lauren Elledge from Lancaster County who is a senior earning straight As at Penn Manor High School. Lauren has been named the 2018 Distinguished Young Woman of Pennsylvania and will represent her home State at the national competition in Mobile, Alabama, in June.

For those who may not be aware, Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program for young women in high school that makes \$1.5 billion in scholarships available annually and encourages them to be their best self. Lauren was chosen for this honor based on her interview, scholarship, talent, fitness, and self-expression. At the statewide competition in Johnstown this past July, Lauren was also the recipient of the Interview Award and the Spirit Award. At 9 years old, she played the role of Helen Keller in a local production of the Miracle Worker, and at age 14, she earned the lead role in Peter Pan. She has been part of 28 different productions thus far, and I know this is the beginning of a long and esteemed career.

Joining Lauren are her parents, Nancy and Curt, who I know are immensely proud of their daughter.

Mr. President, please help me welcome Lauren as she addresses the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Martin, Lauren, please come and address the Senate. She says she is not even nervous. Our Distinguished Young Woman, Lauren Elledge, please address the Pennsylvania Senate.

Ms. ELLEDGE. Good afternoon. Thank you for welcoming me here today, and I am honored to be here. My name is Lauren Elledge. I am a senior at Penn Manor High School, and I am representing Pennsylvania in Alabama in June at the National Distinguished Young Women's Scholarship competition. If I were asked to have a platform, and at 4-foot, 10 1/2-inches tall, I can certainly use one, I would have difficulty in choosing just one. However, having the opportunity to experience arts in school and in my community has been the greatest gift and has had the greatest impact on me. Due to my experiences performing on stage, my personal growth includes confidence, self-reliance, responsibility, awareness, and the opportunity of bringing history and emotions to life. I have been fortunate to make lifelong friendships and professional relationships that will remain with me my entire life.

One particular experience led me to pursue my future career in musical theater and American Sign Language. At the age of 9, I portrayed Helen Keller in the Miracle Worker, and it was life-changing for me in meeting an audience of deaf theatergoers enjoying the performance conveyed by an ASL interpreter and in meeting a gentleman who became deaf and blind as an adult who learned tactile sign language as Helen Keller communicated. During the production, his interpreter signed the entire performance into his hands, doing such a remarkable job translating that he burst into tears at Helen's breakthrough moment at the end of Act Two. It was that moment, and when I signed words into his palms after the performance, that I felt it was my responsibility to help bring live theater to an audience who ordinarily has difficulty fully experiencing it. I intend to blend ASL with musical theater because the language of music allows everyone to share the same vernacular, and it connects us as humans.

Without my exposure to the arts at a young age, I believe the path to my future would be unclear, but, instead, I have firm direction. I am anxious to start working for others to give back, to assist in any way I can, whether it be by providing buoyancy and clarity to audience members from all walks of life, or by being a good leader and positive role model for the up-and-coming generations.

Thank you very much for your time.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Lauren. Tremendous.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Lauren, and we are confident that you will make Pennsylvania proud and that you are going to win. Your parents, who had a little bit of a role in this, Nancy and Curt, please rise so that we may welcome you as well. You must be very proud.

(Applause.)

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is a privilege to stand to introduce some additional, impressive young students whom we have here today on the Senate floor. Three young men who are

from my alma mater, Dallas High School, who have been serving as job shadows today, and they are guest Pages on the Senate floor. Noah Delevan is a junior this year and participates in the Dallas lacrosse team as a midfielder. Additionally, he is a member of the Dallas High School Model United Nations Club, and he works part-time at a local business.

Eric Weiss is also a junior and is interested in government and politics. He is a member of the youth group B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. Inside school he has a demanding course load filled with accelerated and advanced placement courses, and he is also a member of the Science Olympiad, the Life Smarts team, and the Model United Nations Club.

Calvin Polachek is a sophomore at Dallas High School. He is a representative on the student council. He is a catcher on the State champion Dallas baseball team. In his free time, he enjoys playing baseball, piano, and saxophone, and hopes to get involved in political science, law, and, perhaps, politics.

I thank Marisa Tosi, who is the district career awareness coordinator who accompanied the students today and helped facilitate their trip to the Capitol. It was filled with meeting three cabinet secretaries - Secretary Miller, Secretary Levine, and Secretary Minnich - along with attending meetings and a public hearing on redistricting reform.

So, as we welcome these fine young men and their sponsor and mentor, let us offer a warm Senate welcome, and it is my hope that one day one of these young men will follow me in my path to public service.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the great guests of Senator Baker, Noah, Eric, and Calvin, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. We all have high hopes for you.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT WAGNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a young man who is currently interning in your office, Thomas Gaudet from Fairfield, Connecticut, who is a senior at York College of Pennsylvania. He is majoring in international relations and political science with a minor in international business. On campus, Thomas is also a member of a fraternity, he is a student ambassador, and notably, he is the student body president. I ask my colleagues to please join me in welcoming Thomas to the Senate today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Wagner, Thomas, you are on the floor, and you are my intern, you are doing a great job. I get the best interns from Senator Wagner. I do not know what is going on there, but Senators, please welcome Thomas to the floor, he is a great intern.

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators MARTIN, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, VULAKOVICH, BROWNE, HUGHES, SABATINA, HUTCHINSON, KILLION,

SCHWANK, MENSCH, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, COSTA and BREWSTER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 336**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2018 as "Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce the family of Davina Shober, who have traveled great distances to be here in support of her memory and their cause to spread awareness of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, otherwise known as EDS. The story of Davina, their gumby girl, as her family lovingly calls her, is heartbreaking, but one that must be shared to move toward quicker diagnosis, better treatments, and ultimately a cure. EDS is a condition caused by a group of genetic disorders that affect connective tissue. It reveals itself in many ways, including stunted growth, joint dislocation, respiratory problems, and causes fragile and hyperelastic skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily.

These symptoms are usually seen as other ailments, as was the case for Davina, who was misdiagnosed for years while her EDS progressed. In fact, the National Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Society often says that EDS is not rare, it is rarely diagnosed. The symptoms of EDS are agonizing and require careful pain management. Despite multiple surgeries, years of physical therapy, and holistic treatments, pain medication was necessary to help Davina live with EDS, but over time as her condition became more complicated and severe, she was treated like a drug addict. She waited hours for relief, often subjected to searches and questioning and even denied medication for her chronic pain.

Davina Shober was an intelligent young woman who graduated high school with honors and received a scholarship to Drexel University for nursing, where she made the dean's list. She was an advocate for not only those diagnosed with EDS, but with other rare diseases as well. Sadly, last summer, at the age of 24, Davina succumbed to complications caused by her lifelong fight with EDS. That is why I stand here today, Mr. President, so that Davina's life can continue to have meaning and continue to provide hope for those diagnosed with EDS.

I ask the Senate to join me in offering a warm welcome to Davina's family and support the resolution designating May as "Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month."

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the very special guests of Senator Martin, the family of Davina Shober, fighting on to find cures for EDS, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for being here folks, God bless you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Now, folks, I want you to know that your presence here is very important, at least I believe it is and Senator Martin does, so why do not we vote this resolution and see if your presence helps us pass it?

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.
The PRESIDENT. Thank you, folks. Unanimously adopted. (Applause.)

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 1136 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1136 (Pr. No. 1675) --Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 11 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1136 (Pr. No. 1675) -- 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 grounds and buildings, further providing for school police officers.

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purposes of a series of off-the-floor meetings to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber starting with the Committee on Aging and Youth, followed by the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, and then to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask Senate Democrats to join those off-the-floor meetings and then to meet in the Democratic caucus room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of several off-the-floor committee meetings to be held in the Rules room starting with the Committee on Aging and Youth, followed by the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, the Committee on Education, and the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, to then be 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. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne and Senator White, and legislative leaves for Senator Stefano and Senator Martin.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne and Senator White, and legislative leaves for Senator Stefano and Senator Martin.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Schwank.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 149, SB 189, SB 384, SB 435 and SB 439 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 478 (Pr. No. 2699) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for outpatient psychiatric oversight.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator CORMAN offered the following amendment No. A6936:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:
"Interactive audio and video." Real-time two-way or multiple-way communication between a psychiatrist and an individual.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 23 and 24, by striking out "TWO-WAY REAL-TIME"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 24, by striking out "TRANSMISSION"
Amend Bill, page 3, line 28, by striking out "TELEPHONE CON-

VERSATION" and inserting:
Interactive audio without video

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 CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 521 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 627 (Pr. No. 700) -- 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, in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 627 amends the Tax Reform Code. Under current law, the United Parcel Service, UPS, is at a competitive disadvantage to Pennsylvania compared to other carriers. Senate Bill No. 627 is a simple, common-sense approach to remedy this issue. It will level the playing field for all carriers regarding how they are taxed. Specifically, the bill adds qualified air freight forwarding companies to the type of transportation companies that allocate non-business income as provided under existing rules. It is important to note that UPS is the third-largest employer in Pennsylvania with over 19,000 employees, 200 facilities, and 2,000 retirees. This bill passed unanimously out of the Senate Committee on Finance about 1 year ago. I thank Senator Blake for his hard work and all who worked with me on this bill, as well as the staff who worked on this bill over the past 2 years. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I commend Senator Killion for his vigilance on this matter. This is a legislative remedy that has been long in coming and it is one that is necessary to really omit the necessity for a contentious relationship between our Department of Revenue and a particular tax entity. As the Senator mentioned, it identifies and defines a qualified air freight forwarding company. I really think it is important for the Members to know that the methodology of taxation suggested in Senate Bill No. 627 is currently in place in New Jersey, New York State, New York City, Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, California, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kentucky, Texas, and Illinois.

It is time that Pennsylvania got it right, Mr. President. I seek an affirmative vote, and again, I commend Senator Killion.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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

HB 653 and **SB 1031** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1041 (Pr. No. 1683) -- 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, further providing for definitions, repealing provisions relating to definitions, further providing for exemption and providing for veteran-owned business logotype.

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 PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, throughout our nation's history, service and sacrifice have been the hallmarks of our veterans. These brave men and women who choose to serve in the United States Armed Forces deserve our full support and assistance, particularly when they return home. Senate Bill No. 1041 shows our commitment to the entrepreneurial efforts of veterans throughout Pennsylvania with the goal of increasing the awareness and success of their businesses. This legislation directs the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to create special logos to promote veteran-owned businesses.

Supporting the entrepreneurial spirit of our veterans not only shows our thanks to the brave individuals who served our Commonwealth and our nation, but it also helps the economy by supporting new job options and business opportunities in communities throughout the Commonwealth. Many military veterans have the drive, the discipline, and the leadership to be successful business owners, and we should support those who take the leap into owning their own businesses. Developing a special logo to draw attention to their service to our country is one simple way that we can support their dream. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1041.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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 1056 (Pr. No. 1657) -- 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, in corporate net income tax, further defining taxable income.

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-44

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

NAY-5

Costa	Schwank	Street	Tartaglione
Hughes			

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS AMENDED

SB 1070 (Pr. No. 1554) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, providing for County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee, for justice reinvestment grants, phase 2 and for continuing county probation and parole grants; making an appropriation; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator COSTA offered the following amendment No. A6903:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out "and" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by inserting after "(7)":
and (10)

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 CORMAN.

SB 1071 (Pr. No. 1555) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial boards and commissions, further providing for powers and duties, for adoption of guidelines for sentencing, for adoption of guidelines for county intermediate punishment, for adoption of guidelines for State intermediate punishment and for adoption of risk assessment instrument; in sentencing, further providing for sentencing generally, for order of probation, for sentence of partial confinement, for sentence of total confinement, for sentence of county intermediate punishment, for information required upon commitment and subsequent disposition, for modification or revocation of order of probation, for court-imposed sanctions for offenders violating probation, for modification or revocation of county intermediate punishment sentence and for revocation of State intermediate punishment sentence; in county intermediate punishment, further providing for county intermediate punishment programs and for continued eligibility; in motivational boot camp, further providing for definitions, for selection of inmate participants and for motivational boot camp program; in State intermediate punishment, further providing scope of chapter, for definitions, for referral to State intermediate punishment program, for drug offender treatment program and for reports; in recidivism risk reduction incentive, further providing for definitions, for evaluation and for reports; in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for definitions, for advisory committee, for general powers of board, for probation services, for parole power, providing for short sentence parole, further providing for violation of terms of parole and for parole procedure; and making conforming amendments.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A6927:

Amend Bill, page 50, line 10, by inserting after "crime":
, or any criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit a personal injury crime,

Amend Bill, page 50, line 16, by striking out "or" and inserting:

(3) persons committed for or with an aggregate sentence containing an enhancement for the use of a deadly weapon as defined under law or the sentencing guidelines promulgated by the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing or where the attorney for the Commonwealth has demonstrated that the defendant has been found guilty of or was convicted of an offense involving a deadly weapon or offense under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to firearms and other dangerous articles) or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation;

(4) persons committed for or with an aggregate sentence containing a violation of any of the following provisions or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation:

18 Pa.C.S. § 4302(a) (relating to incest).

18 Pa.C.S. § 5901 (relating to open lewdness).

18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 76 Subch. C (relating to Internet child pornography).

A criminal sentence pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 9712.1 (relating to sentences for certain drug offenses committed with firearms).

An offense for which registration is required under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders).

An offense for which registration is required under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. I (relating to continued registration of sexual offenders).

(5) persons committed for or with an aggregate sentence containing an offense under section 13(a)(14), (30) or (37) of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, where the sentence was imposed upon a finding of an amount or aggregate weight under 18 Pa.C.S. § 7508(a)(1)(iii), (2)(iii), (3)(iii), (4)(iii), (7)(iii) or (8)(iii) (relating to drug trafficking sentencing and penalties);

(6) persons awaiting trial or sentencing for additional criminal charges, if a conviction or sentence on the additional charges would cause the person to become ineligible under this subsection; or

Amend Bill, page 50, line 17, by striking out "(3)" and inserting:
(7)

Amend Bill, page 51, by inserting between lines 9 and 10:

(e) Applicability.--This section shall only apply to individuals sentenced after the effective date of this section.

(f) Reports.--The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing shall provide a report to the General Assembly on cost savings and recidivism attributed to this section as follows:

(1) No later than two years after the effective date of this section.

(2) No later than two years after the report issued under paragraph (1).

Amend Bill, page 51, line 10, by striking out "(e)" and inserting:
(g)

Amend Bill, page 51, line 12, by striking out "(f)" and inserting:
(h)

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, first, I thank my colleague, Senator Greenleaf, as well as his staff for working together with me on this amendment, it being an agreed-to amendment. It clarifies some of the concerns that I had speaking on this matter last week, and what it would do will add certain additional exemptions to the provision adding inchoate crimes to personal injury crimes, also any crime that may be committed with a deadly weapon enhancement, and also adding some other classifications and further changing the eligibility for short-sentence parole to mirror the eligibility of the Recidivism Risk Reduction Incentive, commonly known as RRRI.

Further, Mr. President, this will make an effective date which eliminates any retroactivity with this provision, thereby reducing any possibility that there would be any rush to the floodgates to allowing those who are currently incarcerated to be automatically paroled. The effective date would be 120 days, and it would apply to anyone sentenced after the effective date. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

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 CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1072, SB 1091 and HB 1869 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1926 (Pr. No. 2793) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2022, also known as Fort Washington Avenue, in Montgomery County as the SPC5 George W. Charters, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1952 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1117 (Pr. No. 1685) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1627) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1119 (Pr. No. 1628) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1120 (Pr. No. 1629) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1121 (Pr. No. 1630) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1122 (Pr. No. 1631) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1124 (Pr. No. 1633) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1125 (Pr. No. 1634) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 17, HB 26, HB 56, HB 61, HB 63, 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 CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 679 (Pr. No. 730) -- 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, providing for supplemental online course initiative; and establishing the Online Course Clearinghouse Restricted Account.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 735 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 780 (Pr. No. 1448) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for telemedicine and for insurance coverage.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator VOGEL offered the following amendment No. A6924:

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

Relating to telemedicine; authorizing the practice of telemedicine by

health care providers; and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 4 through 16; pages 2 through 8, lines 1 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 7; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Telemedicine Act.
Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Audio-only medium." A prerecorded audio presentation or recording.

"Consultation." The act of seeking assistance from another health care provider for diagnostic studies, therapeutic interventions or other services that may benefit the patient of a health care provider who has an ongoing provider-patient relationship with the individual.

"Health care provider" or "provider." Any of the following:

(1) A health care practitioner as defined in section 103 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act.

(2) A federally qualified health center as defined in section 1861(aa)(4) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(4)).

(3) A rural health clinic as defined in section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2)).

(4) A pharmacist licensed under the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act.

(5) An occupational therapist licensed under the act of June 15, 1982 (P.L.502, No.140), known as the Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

(6) A speech-language pathologist licensed under the act of December 21, 1984 (P.L.1253, No.238), known as the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensure Act.

(7) An audiologist licensed under the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensure Act.

(8) A dental hygienist licensed under the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law.

(9) A social worker, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or professional counselor licensed under the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act.

(10) A registered nurse licensed under the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law.

"Health care services." Services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure or relief of a health condition, injury, disease or illness.

"Health insurance policy." As follows:

(1) An individual or group health insurance policy, contract or plan that provides coverage for services provided by a health care facility or health care provider that is offered by a health insurer.

(2) The term includes an individual or group health insurance policy, contract or plan that provides dental or vision coverage through a provider network.

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the term does not include accident only, fixed indemnity, limited benefit, credit, dental, vision, specified disease, Medicare supplement, Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) supplement, long-term care or disability income, workers' compensation or automobile medical payment insurance.

"Health insurer." An entity licensed by the Insurance Department with accident and health authority to issue a health insurance policy and governed under any of the following:

(1) The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, including section 630 and Article XXIV.

(2) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act.

(3) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan corporations).

(4) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to professional health services plan corporations).

"Interactive audio and video." Real-time two-way or multiple-way communication between a health care provider and a patient.

"Licensure board." Each licensing board within the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs of the Department of State with

jurisdiction over a professional licensee identified as a health care provider under this act.

"Medical emergency." A condition wherein an individual is unconscious or the probability of harm to an individual because of failure to treat is great and surpasses any threatened harm from the treatment itself.

"On-call or cross-coverage services." The provision of telemedicine by a health care provider designated by another provider with a provider-patient relationship to deliver services so long as the designated provider is in the same group or health system, has access to the patient's prior medical records and is in a position to coordinate care.

"Store-and-forward." Technology that stores and transmits or grants access to a patient's clinical information for review by a health care provider who is at a different location.

"Telemedicine." The delivery of health care services provided through technology, including, but not limited to, interactive audio or video, store-and-forward and remote patient monitoring, to a patient by a health care provider who is at a different location. The term does not include the use of audio-only medium, voicemail, facsimile, e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging, online questionnaire or any combination thereof.

Section 3. Practice of telemedicine by health care providers.

(a) Requirements.--

(1) A health care provider licensed, certified or registered by a Commonwealth professional licensure board shall be authorized to practice telemedicine in accordance with this act and the corresponding licensure board regulations.

(2) A health care provider who engages in telemedicine in a manner that does not comply with the standards of care or rules of practice shall be subject to discipline by the appropriate licensure board, as provided by law.

(b) Regulations.--Each licensure board shall within 24 months of the effective date of this section promulgate regulations consistent with this act to provide for and regulate telemedicine within the scope of practice and standard of care regulated by the board. The regulations shall:

(1) Consider model policies for the appropriate use of telemedicine technologies.

(2) Include patient privacy and data security standards that are in compliance with the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 226-279 and 467-496).

(c) Temporary regulations.--In order to facilitate the prompt implementation of this act, the licensure boards shall publish temporary regulations regarding implementation of this act in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 60 days of the effective date of this section. Temporary regulations are not subject to:

(1) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law.

(2) Sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

(3) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act.

(4) Section 612 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

(d) Expiration.--Temporary regulations shall expire no later than 24 months following publication of temporary regulations. Regulations adopted after this period shall be promulgated as provided by law.

(e) Construction.--The provisions of this act shall be in full force and effect even if the licensure boards have not yet published temporary regulations or implemented the regulations required under this section.

Section 4. Compliance.

A health care provider engaging in telemedicine shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

Section 5. Evaluation and treatment.

(a) Requirements.--Except as provided in subsection (c), a health care provider who provides telemedicine to an individual located in this Commonwealth shall, prior to treatment of the individual, establish a provider-patient relationship with the individual that includes the following:

(1) Verifying the location and identity of the individual receiv-

ing care each time telemedicine is provided.

(2) Disclosing the health care provider's identity, geographic location and medical specialty or applicable credentials.

(3) Obtaining informed consent regarding the use of telemedicine technologies from the individual or other person acting in a health care decision-making capacity for the individual. The individual or other person acting in a health care decision-making capacity, including the parent or legal guardian of a child in accordance with the act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under certain circumstances," has the right to choose the form of service delivery, which includes the right to refuse telemedicine services without jeopardizing the individual's access to other available services.

(4) Providing an appropriate virtual examination or assessment using telemedicine technologies and any peripherals and diagnostic tests necessary for an accurate diagnosis or care management if the examination or assessment would otherwise be medically appropriate in an in-person encounter. The health care provider may utilize interactive audio without the requirement of interactive video if, after access and review of the patient's medical records, the provider determines that the provider is able to meet the same standards of care as if the health care services were provided in person. The provider shall inform the patient that the patient has the option to request interactive audio and video.

(5) Establishing a diagnosis and treatment plan or executing a treatment plan.

(6) Creating and maintaining an electronic medical record or updating an existing electronic medical record for the patient within 24 hours. An electronic medical record shall be maintained in accordance with electronic medical records privacy rules under the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936).

(7) Providing a visit summary to the individual if requested.

(8) Having an emergency action plan in place for medical and behavioral health emergencies and referrals.

(b) Disclosures.--Providers offering online refractive services shall inform patients that the service is not an ocular health exam. This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit online refractive services if the information notice is clearly and conspicuously communicated to the patient prior to the online refractive service.

(c) Exceptions to provider-patient relationship requirements.--Subsection (a) does not apply to the following:

(1) Consultations.

(2) On-call or cross-coverage services.

(3) Medical emergency.

Section 6. Insurance coverage of telemedicine.

(a) Insurance coverage and reimbursement.--

(1) A health insurance policy issued, delivered, executed or renewed in this Commonwealth after the effective date of this section shall provide coverage for telemedicine delivered by a participating network provider consistent with the insurer's medical policies. A health insurance policy may not exclude a health care service for coverage solely because the service is provided through telemedicine with the same provider.

(2) A health insurer shall reimburse a health care provider that is a participating provider in its network for telemedicine if the health insurer reimburses the same participating provider for the same service through an in-person encounter. The standard of care and rules of practice applicable to an in-person encounter shall apply to a telemedicine encounter. Payment for telemedicine encounters shall be established between the health care provider and health insurer.

(b) Applicability.--This section applies as follows:

(1) Subsection (a)(2) does not apply if the telemedicine-enabling device, technology or service fails to comply with applicable law and regulatory guidance regarding the secure transmission and maintenance of patient information.

(2) For a health insurance policy for which either rates or forms are required to be filed with the Federal Government or the Insurance Department, this section shall apply to a policy for which a form or rate is first filed on or after the effective date of this section.

(3) For a health insurance policy for which neither rates nor forms are required to be filed with the Federal Government or the Insurance Department, this section shall apply to a policy issued or renewed on or after 180 days after the effective date of this section.

(c) Construction.--Nothing in this act shall prohibit a health insurer from providing reimbursement for telemedicine where the same or similar service is not otherwise eligible for reimbursement when provided through an in-person encounter or other contact between a health care provider and an individual.

Section 7. Medicaid program reimbursement.

The Department of Human Services shall provide medical assistance coverage and payment for telemedicine in accordance with this act. Nothing in this act shall require the Department of Human Services to provide coverage for services that would not be covered if delivered through an in-person encounter or for services that are inconsistent with Federal financial participation requirements for the specific service or for telemedicine.

Section 8. Effective date.

This act shall take effect as follows:

- (1) The following provisions shall take effect in 90 days:
 - (i) Section 6.
 - (ii) Section 7.
- (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, Pennsylvania is one of a handful of States without a statutory definition for telemedicine. Healthcare practitioners here in Pennsylvania face increasing pressure to expand access to care while improving efficiency and quality in the face of limited resources. I believe the proliferation of telemedicine can help meet those demands. It is incumbent upon us as policymakers to strive to find new and innovative ways to improve healthcare.

Thank you for your support of the amendment, and I look forward to continued discussions on the bill as it is further reviewed and discussed.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to speak on this amendment. This amendment moves us in a direction that we need to go on this bill. I think it improves the quality of the bill. Telemedicine is an important measure which will help home-bound folks, folks in rural communities who may live far away from healthcare facilities, and it will help, in some cases, bring down the cost of providing care for folks who can receive care at home or in ancillary facilities as opposed to going into a medical facility.

That being said, there are still concerns about the bill. There are concerns that the industry has that we need to make sure that cost-control measures are put in place so that provider relationships in the telemedicine space can be negotiated as a part of networks in the same manner that we do to in-person networks, with the understanding that not every provider who is an in-person provider can be a telemedicine provider. That being said, I think this is a positive step, and therefore I urge the Members to vote "yes" on the amendment, with the caveat that as Senator Vogel mentioned, we need to continue to work on this bill.

And the question recurring,
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 CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 816 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 857 (Pr. No. 939) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 913, HB 914, HB 915, HB 916, SB 922, SB 962 and SB 963 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 995 (Pr. No. 1505) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1001, SB 1003, SB 1021, SB 1024, SB 1038, SB 1080 and SB 1087 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1092 (Pr. No. 1577) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family, further providing for the offense of endangering welfare of children.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator MENSCH offered the following amendment No. A6931:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:
Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for offenses involving domestic violence in the presence of a minor.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 19; page 2, lines 1 through 22; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 9720.8. Sentencing for offenses involving domestic violence in the presence of a minor.

(a) Sentencing enhancement.--The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, in accordance with section 2154 (relating to adoption of guidelines for sentencing), shall provide for a sentence enhancement within its guidelines for an offense under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2701 (relating to simple assault) or 2702 (relating to aggravated assault), specifying variations from the range of sentences applicable based on such aggravating circumstances as the assault was committed against a family or household member and the defendant knew the crime was witnessed, either through sight or sound, by a minor who is also a family or household member of the defendant or the victim.

(b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Family or household member." The term shall have the same meaning as "family or household members" under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions).

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

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, in its current form, Senate Bill No. 1092 amends the Crimes Code to create an offense for committing a personal injury crime, including acts of domestic violence in front of children. This legislation came about through the joint efforts of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association and Cabrini College's Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence Education. The amendment that we are considering today, A6931, will alter the legislation to make occurrences of domestic violence in front of children a sentencing enhancement for the offenses of simple and aggravated assault. Simple and aggravated assault are the two most commonly charged offenses for acts of domestic violence. This amendment is supported by the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Center for Children's Justice.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
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 CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1233 and **HB 2107** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

RECONSIDERATION OF SB 1056

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1056 (Pr. No. 1657) -- Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 1056, Printer's No. 1657, passed finally.

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise for two purposes. One, to provide some very brief remarks about why it is that I had the opportunity to vote and why I will vote in the negative on that particular measure. Secondly, to address some votes that some Members would like to change.

At the end of the day, Mr. President, I voted "no" because I mentioned both in the Committee on Finance on two occasions, and in the Committee on Appropriations more recently, the concern that I have about what I believe to be the lost revenue to the Commonwealth, whether it be \$27 million this year and \$120-some million next year, as it was relayed to us by the administration and others. Secondly, this is a matter, I believe, because of its tax consequences, something that should, in my view, be done as part of our budget process. It has not been done that way in the past. I know we have addressed bills in the past, for example, last year when we did net operating loss carryforward provisions, we did incorporate that into a final budget document that occurred as part of our budget process, and I believe a measure of this significance that would be removing from our General Fund budget a sizable portion of tax revenue is something that I think should be part of that conversation, and that is the reason why I voted in the negative. Regarding that, Mr. President, that concludes my comments. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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

NAY-7

Costa	Hughes	Schwank	Tartaglione
Farnese	Leach	Street	

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator BROOKS, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following bills:

SB 891 (Pr. No. 1203)

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in pharmaceutical assistance for the elderly, further providing for income verification.

HB 1232 (Pr. No. 3432) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for establishment of Statewide toll-free telephone number, for disposition and expunction of unfounded reports and general protective services reports, for employees having contact with children and adoptive and foster parents, for volunteers having contact with children and for mandatory reporting of children under one year of age.

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

SB 576 (Pr. No. 1562) (Rereported)

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.

SB 1136 (Pr. No. 1675) (Rereported)

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.

Senator SCAVELLO, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bills:

SB 1047 (Pr. No. 1485)

An Act amending the act of February 12, 2004 (P.L.73, No.11), known as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority Act for Cities of the Second Class, in Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Cities of the Second Class, further providing for term of existence.

HB 864 (Pr. No. 3433) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for legislative intent and for definitions; in games of chance, further providing for prize limits and for major league sports drawing, providing for airport 50/50 drawing and further providing for licensing of eligible organizations; in club licensees, further providing for club licensee and for distribution of proceeds; and, in enforcement, further providing for enforcement.

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

SB 1104 (Pr. No. 1625)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for provisional vocational education certificate.

SB 1142 (Pr. No. 1678)

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

Senator McGARRIGLE, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bill:

SB 1066 (Pr. No. 1706) (Amended)

An Act providing for the establishment of first-time home buyer savings accounts for first-time home buyers in this Commonwealth.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, BROWNE, SABATINA, FARNESE, SCARNATI, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, FOLMER, AUMENT, HUGHES, WAGNER, RAFFERTY, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, WARD, YUDICHAK, BAKER, MENSCH, BLAKE and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 337**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2018 as "Junior Achievement Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce development, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. These programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Thanks to Junior Achievement, over 6,000 businesses, community, and parent volunteers currently touch the lives of more than 200,000 students in kindergarten through grade 12 in public and private schools in Pennsylvania. By the end of this school year, Junior Achievement is expected to reach more than 60,000 students in western Pennsylvania, and a total of 200,000 students across the Commonwealth. Also by the end of this school year, Junior Achievement hopes to impact 42,000 students with blended, online programs which have been approved for funding through the Department of Education job training educational program line item.

As a proud alumna of Junior Achievement, I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution which acknowledges the organization's efforts and commemorates the 79th anniversary of its founding 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 KILLION, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MENSCH, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, WARD and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 338**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Lupus Awareness Month" and May 10, 2018, as "World Lupus Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to offer this resolution recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Lupus Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, and May 10, 2018, as "World Lupus Day" in Pennsylvania. Nationally, there are more than 1.5 million people and more 65,000 Pennsylvanians who struggle with the debilitating consequences of lupus, a potentially fatal autoimmune disease that can cause damage to any part of a lupus patient's body.

Recently, I was contacted by a constituent of mine who lives in Bethel Township, Delaware County. She was diagnosed with lupus nearly 25 years ago and is hopeful to take a more active role in her community in Delaware County to help educate and advocate on behalf of other individuals who are living with lupus. Senator Rafferty introduced this resolution in 2015 and 2016 and actively co-chairs the General Assembly's lupus caucus with Representative Readshaw. To date, we have joined together to work collaboratively with the Lupus Foundation of America, the Philadelphia Tri-State Chapter, and the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania. Please join me in recognizing the month of May 2018 as Lupus Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, and May 10, 2018, as World Lupus 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 McGARRIGLE, KILLION, BROOKS, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, DINNIMAN, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, BROWNE, FOLMER, FARNESE, AUMENT, HUGHES, COSTA, WHITE, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, WARD, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, BAKER and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 339**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator McGARRIGLE. Mr. President, this Senate resolution recognizes May 2018 as "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania. The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was founded in 1942 as a patriotic service organization. It is comprised of mothers and stepmothers who have sons or daughters currently serving in the United States military or who are honorably discharged veterans. Mr. President, it is important to recognize this organization on their ongoing dedication, sacrifice, and hard work on behalf of the many active-duty service personnel and their families.

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.

Senator DINNIMAN, on behalf of Senators SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, SABATINA, BROWNE, ARGALL, KILLION, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, WHITE, WAGNER VULAKOVICH, BAKER, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, HUGHES, COSTA and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 340**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 14, 2018, or 29th of Iyar, 5778, as the 70th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is a privilege for me, for Senator Schwank, and for Senator Leach to offer this resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel. Israel has been a strong ally of the United States. In fact, the first country to recognize Israel was the United States when Harry Truman recognized Israel almost immediately after the U.N. resolution that established the Jewish State. Israel remains a close ally of the United States. It is a vibrant democracy in the Middle East, and it has a strong military presence in part as an ally of the U.S. in that region, and a very strong economy. In fact, much of the high technology and much of the new innovations in biopharma comes from both Israel and the United States, who have worked in unison together on new types of technology and change.

So, Mr. President, I rise and ask the Senate to adopt, as they have in the past, and I believe, Mr. President, you yourself in the past have presented this resolution that we approve and joyously celebrate the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel this year, and the Jewish Calendar will be the year 5778, and that we recognize and work together with our strongest ally in the Middle East, the State of Israel.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Also, a very important trading partner of the State of Pennsylvania is the State of Israel. I will make another trip there soon, Senator Dinniman. I have been there five or six times, and maybe you will go with me on my next trip.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I hope to do so immediately after your election.

The PRESIDENT. Sounds great, Senator.

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, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, WAGNER, WARD, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 341**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 11, 2018, as "Military Spouse Day" in Pennsylvania.

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 offer this resolution designating May 11, 2018, as "Military Spouse Day" in Pennsylvania. Military Spouse Appreciation is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day each year. This special observation was created by President Reagan in 1984 as a way for a grateful nation to recognize the contributions made by military spouses and their role in supporting our men and women in uniform. Today's military spouses, both men and women, are often called upon to endure long separations from their loved ones. Many times these husbands and wives must single-handedly take care of their children, homes, and their own careers.

When our military deploys overseas into hostile environments, those men and women know they carry the thoughts and prayers of their families and friends. That care and concern provides our soldiers with the strength they need to face the dangers involved in the military duty that they are required to do. Today, we say thanks to all of the military spouses past and present for keeping the home fires burning bright, warm, and comforting for our men and women in uniform.

Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators SCAVELLO, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, BAKER, FONTANA, MARTIN, GREENLEAF, RESCHENTHALER, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION, BROWNE,

AUMENT, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, WARD, TARTAGLIONE and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 342**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as "National Travel and Tourism Week" and May 7, 2018, as "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I am honored, again, to join my colleague, Senator Farnese, in offering this resolution recognizing May 6 through 12, 2018, as "National Travel and Tourism Week," and May 7, 2018, as "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania. National Travel and Tourism Week and Tourism Day are designed to draw attention and recognize the economic, social, and cultural impacts of travel and tourism in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States.

Tourism in Pennsylvania is our second-largest industry supporting over 489,000 jobs and generating \$41 billion in total economic impact from 193 million visits by leisure and business travelers. Many small businesses are involved in the tourism industry, the hotels, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and the attractions that are run by these small businesses constitute an important and vital segment of local economies across the Commonwealth. Travel and tourism provide an opportunity for Pennsylvania to showcase its spectacular natural scenery and culture to all travelers.

Therefore, we are pleased to be able to offer this resolution in recognition and celebration of the importance of travel and tourism in the lives of Pennsylvanians, and I ask for a unanimous vote, Mr. President, on this resolution.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I offer remarks for the record.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator FARNESE:)

Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator Scavello in designating a tourism day and week in Pennsylvania. The travel and tourism sector of our economy is critically important to Pennsylvania and its residents.

Pennsylvania has one of the largest tourism economies in the U.S., which supports 6.5 percent of jobs in the State, including almost 319,700 direct jobs and nearly \$4.1 billion of State and local taxes.

As we get into budget season, I want to remind the folks in this building that despite having one of the largest State tourism economies, Pennsylvania's State tourism budget ranks 36th. An investment in tourism returns \$3.43 for every dollar appropriated, so I hope we can recognize the importance of investments in tourism as part of recognizing this day and week in Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair also joins in the chorus of how important tourism is and what a wonderful State we have to offer tourists, and it is a great growth area for young people to work in the field of tourism.

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

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

Senators RAFFERTY, COSTA, BROOKS, MARTIN, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, SABATINA, BAKER, BARLOTTA, KILLION, GORDNER, RESCHENTHALER, STREET, BROWNE, FARNESE, ARGALL, BLAKE, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON, HUGHES, WARD, WHITE, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, YAW, AUMENT, SCAVELLO, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, SCARNATI and REGAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 343**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 13 through 19, 2018, as "National Police Week" and designating May 7, 2018, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, it is that time of the year where all of us have heavy hearts. On May 7, 2018, I, along with my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Allegheny County, Senator Costa, will once again represent the Senate, which you used to do, Mr. President, when you were a Member of the Senate, for the "Police Officers' Memorial Day." It is a very somber day where names are added to the fallen police officers' memorial, those men and women who day in and day out put their lives on the line protecting our property and our lives and securing our constitutional rights as guaranteed in both the Federal and State Constitutions. Mr. President, we are a country that enjoys many freedoms. Unfortunately, there are some people who want to carry those freedoms too far, so we are governed by a rule of law, and our first line of defense in the rule of law are our police officers.

Mr. President, we are adding four names this year to the memorial, and it is a very sad occasion. Police Officer Brian David Shaw, New Kensington Police Department, was shot and killed while making a traffic stop of a vehicle. The driver fled on foot during the stop and opened fire on Officer Shaw as he pursued him. Officer Shaw was fatally wounded in the chest during the foot pursuit. The subject continued to flee and today remains at-large for a traffic stop.

Mr. President, Trooper Michael Paul Stewart III was killed in a vehicle crash on the Route 711 and Route 271 split. He was traveling southbound when a garbage truck attempted to turn left onto the roadway in front of him, causing a collision. Trooper Stewart suffered fatal injuries in the crash and his partner suffered minor injuries. He was a State Trooper for 3 years.

Mr. President, there will be two more names added as well to the memorial, officers who have died because of their service duty and had died previous to 2017. One is officer Shawn D. Rager, who was a member of the original SERT team in Cambria County and part of the Drug Task Force in Cambria County. Deputy Sheriff Scot Alan Moyer suffered a fatal heart attack shortly after apprehending a man during a warrant service. He suffered chest pains, he was taken to the hospital and unfortunately, the deputy sheriff did not recover.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues before the vote to consider the importance of this resolution and the importance of May 7 in honoring our fallen heroes.

Mr. President, I yield the floor to my friend and colleague from Allegheny County, Senator Costa.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I certainly appreciate my good friend and colleague, and I am honored to join Senator Rafferty in offering this resolution recognizing "National Police Week" and Police Officers' Memorial Day in May. That is always a very moving ceremony, Mr. President, that we have always participated in, and you have participated in for a number of years, and we certainly appreciate the role that you have played and will continue to play.

Mr. President, we recognize National Police Week each year, and as a former deputy sheriff in Allegheny County, this event, this week, and the memorial serves a very special meaning to me. National Police Week is all about honoring and remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. As Mr. Rogers used to call them the helpers, Mr. President, these brave men and women who serve in our police forces around the Commonwealth, they know that they are putting their lives on the line each and every single day and it is a risk that they are willing to take for our safety.

National Police Week is important to remember that, Mr. President, and it is also important to remember that some of those brave police officers, those men and women sometimes do not come home at the end of their shift. Each one of those officers was more than an individual in a uniform and more than a badge number. Those were the sons and daughters, the husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and friends of so many folks in this Commonwealth. Their loss creates a significant void for their families and for their communities as well that can never be filled. Each and every loss is tragic and unexpected. Our police officers are the best among us, our bravest among us, and our strongest and most self-sacrificing, and we cannot forget them once they are no longer with us.

So, let us commit to joining with the families in celebration of the lives well lived and service that is so deserving of our respect and admiration. We should use National Police Week, and in particular, Police Officers' Memorial Day, to celebrate their lives and honor their memories and their sacrifices and to support them and their families as well. I believe it is what we should do on a regular basis, and that is why this resolution offered by my friend and colleague, Senator Rafferty, is so very important, but more significantly, is the fact that we are remembering and honoring these individuals with National Police Week as well as Police Officers' Memorial Day. So, my thanks to each of them for their service, and most importantly, to their sacrifice, and wish them godspeed.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks both Senator Rafferty and Senator Costa for an extremely important resolution. We will always be there for those who have been there for us. The guys in blue who protect and keep us all safe and their families, bless them all.

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 FARNESE. 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 835, SB 891, SB 897, SB 930, SB 931, SB 1006, SB 1007, SB 1036, SB 1047, SB 1066, SB 1104, SB 1126, SB 1127, SB 1142, HB 479, HB 480, HB 481, HB 864, HB 1232 and HB 1979.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

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
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 945, 1063, 1098 and 1101; and House Bills No. 1964 and 2067)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 83)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018

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
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. What could make me more happy than the sight of my friend from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, the practice of red-lining has segregated communities and is preventing black and brown families from achieving homeownership as their version of the American dream appears to be alive and well in Philadelphia and in many other communities across Pennsylvania and across the nation. The Fair Housing Act of 1968 should have eliminated these discriminatory lending practices, but the Center for Investigative Reporting pointed to Philadelphia as a case study for unfair practices in modern-day red-lining. The most damning example of the inequality is the fact that roughly the same population

of African Americans and non-Hispanic whites live in the city, but African Americans were 10 times less likely to receive a conventional mortgage loan in 2015 and 2016. I want to say that again, Mr. President. The most damning example of the inequality is the fact that roughly the same population of African Americans and non-Hispanic whites live in the city, but African Americans were 10 times less likely to receive a conventional mortgage loan in 2015 and 2016.

The Center for Investigative Reporting also found that banks place nearly three-quarters of their branches in majority white neighborhoods. Again, I need to repeat that, Mr. President. The Center for Investigative Reporting also found that banks place nearly three-quarters of their branches in majority white neighborhoods. African American and Latino loan applications were more likely to be denied than white loan applications in the same neighborhoods even when income and other factors were considered. The long and ugly history of housing discrimination must end. Everyone deserves a fair shot to own a home and accumulate personal wealth. To do that will take a team effort. I need to thank, Mr. President, Senator Casey, Attorney General Shapiro, Treasurer Torsella, Secretary Robin Wiessmann, Councilman Kenyatta Johnson for their commitment to ending red-lining in Pennsylvania. We have all worked very closely to coordinate strategies, to share information, and to press forward on this very important issue. And be clear, Mr. President, the fight will continue.

So, in the meantime, Mr. President, no matter where you are in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, no matter what community you may live in, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, from Erie to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, to Harrisburg, to any community in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if you believe you have been a victim of mortgage discrimination, call 1-800-441-2555, which is the phone number that the attorney general has established to receive complaints, or file a complaint at www.attorneygeneral.gov/discrimination. It is important to repeat that again, Mr. President. If you believe, in this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that you have been discriminated in terms of mortgage lending in securing a loan, a mortgage, call the Attorney General's number that he has established to receive complaints, and that number is 1-800-441-2555, or you can file a complaint directly at www.attorneygeneral.gov/discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about an issue that--unfortunately, I have spoken about this topic so many times now and the fact that I continue to speak about it and that we really have not done anything about it is extremely troubling. I am here again today to talk about ending legalized discrimination in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Specifically, I have introduced a bill here, Senate Bill No. 613, which would do exactly that. Many times I have had the opportunity to talk about this bill and talk about, I guess, the human side of it, the human side of inequality and about treating citizens in this Commonwealth equally and making sure, like the last speaker noted, that people have the same opportunities that everyone else has and the same dignities and the same rights and that people are not treated differently for any reason, specifically treated differently because they choose to love someone that you may not agree with.

In addition to the human side of this, there is also an economic side to it, and that is the financial impacts of what we as Pennsylvanians are enduring and will endure because we are not providing protections to the LGBTQ community. It paints us in a very unfavorable light for the purposes of economic development and opportunities coming to the Commonwealth. For example, we have been talking, again, I have been talking about civil rights and the moral issues and the constitutionality of what we are trying to achieve, but the truth is we have a very real opportunity right now in Pennsylvania to show our commitment to, if nothing less, expanding our tax base and business acumen by passing nondiscrimination laws right now.

We have heard the talk about the potential of Amazon coming to possibly two cities within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and we are all well aware of what this could mean to the Commonwealth, to have the next Amazon headquarters somewhere here in Pennsylvania. HQ2 could bring 50,000 jobs to Pennsylvania and economic growth and potential for our families and our State as it churns a vital and strong economy. The company has estimated it would make \$5 billion in capital investments, \$5 billion in capital investments, and fill 8 million square feet of office space. They have already invested \$3.7 billion and paid more than \$25 billion in salaries in Seattle, according to a *Washington Post* article that was published today. Think about those economic opportunities. Think about that. And while you are thinking about that, let me tell you that Amazon, like many, many other Fortune 500 companies, has and have had an active nondiscrimination policy in effect within their own workplace throughout their headquarters.

Fortune 500 companies that we try to attract here to do business, to talk about the one thing that is discussed in this Chamber and the other almost on a daily basis, economic development. We search out these companies because we know it is a good thing, the right thing, and the smart thing to do for Pennsylvania. But we come with a disadvantage. We come with a very strong disadvantage, because unlike those companies that we are trying to court, they already have accepted and understand the importance of treating people equally, of giving people the same opportunities and the same rights that everybody else gets. They already see clearly where our vision here, for whatever reason, has remained clouded year after year after year.

The two cities right now in our State, Mr. President, that are in the running are, thankfully, as we know, LGBTQ-friendly cities. Philadelphia is one of them. Many places in Pennsylvania are accepting and are not part of the rest of Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination policy. I applaud them. I know they have worked very closely with their human rights and LGBTQ offices on these and many, many issues that face that community. But the reality is this, Mr. President, and the numbers do not lie. These are the numbers that when you hear them you should begin to wonder why Amazon and other companies like them have to make a decision that they are not exactly sure why Philadelphia or anywhere else in Pennsylvania is not the place to be.

As of November 2017, Mr. President, 46 out of 2,562 Pennsylvania municipalities have passed local nondiscrimination ordinances. Since 1982, only 46 municipalities out of 2,562 recognize equality and recognize fairness in a way that a company like Amazon does. The rest, they do not see things the way Amazon does and they do not see things the way that other Fortune 500 companies do. When you look at those numbers across

Pennsylvania, it adds up to about 33 percent of our population since 1982 has been treated equally; 33 percent of our population since 1982 has had the ability, the right, so to speak, if you want to call it that, to be treated like everybody else, fairly and given the same opportunities. I do not know how you feel about that. Those numbers are certainly not something that Pennsylvania should be proud of.

Amazon has been a proud LGBTQ committed company. Their CEO has financially supported, listen to this, same-sex marriage campaigns and the company has internal procedures covering transgender and transition healthcare and has been outwardly opposed to bathroom bill legislation in Washington State. The company that we are trying to bring here to boost this economy, to move us into the next generation, to insure that we have a workforce that is well-paid and well-suited for the future, that company has come out against bathroom bill legislation in Washington State because they see the ridiculousness of those who use such bills as propaganda, who use that type of legislation to make political points. Of the 20 States that are under consideration right now for HQ2, 9 of them do not have comprehensive LGBTQ nondiscrimination policies.

We talk about where Pennsylvania ranks - where we rank on the personal income tax, where we rank in terms of unemployment, where we rank in terms of job development and opportunities. We like to pat ourselves on the back sometimes, and sometimes we know we need to do better. But the truth is that Pennsylvania is grouped in with the likes of Florida, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. We all share that dubious honor of not believing that our citizens should be treated equally. Is that something you are proud of? Take that back to your districts. Go back after we leave here tomorrow and say, you know what, we are one of nine, we are one of nine that insures that people in this State will not be treated equally. There are only nine of us. Wow, we have really accomplished something. Is that a point you are going to put on your newsletters? You are going to underscore that, talk about it in your community groups? You should. Everyone here, and mostly over there, who has done something to stop this type of legislation, they should go back to their communities and tell them how proud they are that they have allowed discrimination, legalized discrimination, to continue for yet another legislative Session here in the good Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and give yourself a pat on the back.

We do this knowing that we are surrounded by other States - New Jersey, New York, and Maryland - who, unlike us, do not believe in legalized discrimination. We wonder why the ability to attract entrepreneurs, workforce, and why we have difficulty at times, and why we are having difficulty right now. Why would Amazon not want to come to Pennsylvania? It is an amazing State with incredible assets, natural and otherwise. But last week an article, today an article, that lack of a nondiscrimination policy is becoming more and more problematic. We are running out of excuses here. We are running out of the excuse that there is a Member on the other side of this building who has made it his business through threats and attacks, a Republican who says he will block all substantive Democratic legislation and only pass good Republican legislation. Well, if you connect those dots logically and you want to try to make an argument of something that this gentleman said, then you would have to come to the conclusion that good Republicans, like this gentleman on the

other side of the building, do not believe in economic fairness. Republicans do not believe in equality. Republicans do not believe in giving Pennsylvania the best possible opportunities and tools to create a workforce that is not only ready now, but ready in the future, because if you believe that one person can allow legalized discrimination to continue in this State year after year, a person who calls himself a good Republican and will only move good Republican legislation, then you have to also follow that logic that good Republicans do not believe in fairness and opportunity. They do not believe in giving each and every Pennsylvanian the same opportunities that they get.

I do not believe that because I know there are many, many Republicans in this building who will vote for Senate Bill No. 613 because they believe, like we do, that this is not a Democratic or Republican issue. No matter how hard some people try to make it or how many campaign commercials, asinine campaign commercials, try to blow up and try to underscore what this is about, this is not political. It is about coming to the realization that what we are doing here in Pennsylvania is wrong, that we allow legalized discrimination to exist, and that we have to come to our senses and say enough is enough. One person in a democracy is not supposed to stop the process, to hold up an otherwise good and responsible piece of legislation. That is not how the system is supposed to work. At a time, Mr. President, when we look everywhere around us - social media, TV, our papers, our President - the specter of inequality and discrimination is all around us. We do not have to look far to know that it is still there. But at least in Pennsylvania we have the opportunity to make a choice. We have an opportunity to say no, we will not be one of those nine that supports legalized discrimination. We have that opportunity, we have that chance, and we have the legislation that would do that.

So I hope, Mr. President, over the next several weeks that leadership on both sides of this building will finally come to their senses and show us what I believe to know already, that equality, fair treatment, opportunities, and economic development are not issues that are owned by one party or another, but rather they are shared values that each and every one of us does everything we possibly can to foster each and every day. I hope, Mr. President, I really hope that when this legislative term wraps up, Pennsylvania will no longer be one of those nine that allows legalized discrimination to continue. I hope.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate a constituent of mine, Mr. Robert Rihmeek Williams, on his release from prison and his victory in the criminal justice system, and to congratulate and encourage all of those young people, and some of those not so young people, who because of awareness about his plight became engaged in criminal justice reform. I congratulate all of those who are engaged and who became awakened and who are now woke, as they would say, to all of the plights of all the people who are in need of criminal justice reform. But I ask those people who became engaged in this new civil rights movement for criminal justice reform to remain committed. Committed to passing legislation like Senate Bill No. 1067, which Senator Williams and I cosponsored, which would address probation and parole reform and cases like Mr. Williams', a.k.a., Meek Mill's case. Bills like Senate Bill No. 942 would offer the possi-

bility of parole for those serving life without the possibility of parole now, and so many more criminal justice reforms, like ending the cash bail system and providing indigent defense.

You see, for all of those who are engaged see that organizing and the legal system can in fact work for the causes that we believe in. We need those people, particularly young people, to remain engaged and involved in the process. Today was a great victory for Meek Mill, but there are so many similarly situated people who still need us to become engaged, who still need us to be involved, and who still need us to continue the fight. So for all of those out there who have been engaged, who have come to rallies, who have shown up at the criminal justice center, who have written letters, who have written social media posts, we want you to continue to be engaged, continue to be woke, as young people would say, continue to be motivated and committed to this new generation's criminal justice and civil rights movement. We want you to stay engaged, we need your support, and we need you to keep fighting.

So congratulations to Meek Mill and to all of his supporters and for all of those who have been engaged, including the corporate partners who have been involved, have become aware of the challenges around civil rights and criminal justice reform, we need you to become just as engaged for every other citizen from north Philadelphia like Meek Mill and from all of the other places around this great Commonwealth and this country who are in need of reform.

Mr. President, I thank you for this time and these remarks.

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:28 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.