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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 2018

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend MATTHEW KAMARA, Pastor of Pilgrim Seventh Day Adventist Church, Collingdale, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Dearly divine, I am standing before Your children, leaders of this State, that You selected before they were elected in their various constituency. It is You who appoint leaders to represent You here on this earth. Father, You know how difficult it is to lead in our world today. Therefore, leading without Your supervision would be a disaster or a total failure, but You did not call these Senators and their coworkers to failing. You called them to fulfill Your purpose in solving humanity. You called them from every walk of life. Among them are lawyers, some businessmen and women, some doctors, and some religious leaders. In Your infinite wisdom, You brought them together from various walks of life to make wise and meaningful decisions for the progress and prosperity of Your children in this State and this nation.

Our Father, Creator of heaven and earth, You know we are human with differences in opinion. Please help Your children in this building through the power of Your spirit, to respect one another as children of the Almighty God, to focus their attention on issues and not personality, to understand that together their achievement will be recorded in the history of this State. Create in them clean hearts of love that will foster peace and good relationships among them and their constituencies. Great men and women live in this State. Make these children of Yours great. Let their greatness be influenced by Your wisdom and let it be seen in the way that relates to each other. This is their turn of leadership. Show themselves stronger in their individual life as leaders of this age. Give them the wisdom, courage, and comfort they need to lead.

I pray for their families. Sometimes their engagement in service keeps them away from their loved ones. Father, please be there to succor them in harmony with the task You have bestowed upon them. We pray for the rest of the leaders of this State. Wherever they are, let Your presence be with them, protect and guide them, and grant them the wisdom needed for our time. Finally, I present the leadership of this nation as a whole to You,

O Lord. You know the future. We therefore commit the President and his cabinet in Your care. Guide them in all of their activities to put this nation where it belongs among other nations of the world.

Thank You, Lord, for this opportunity. Give us acknowledgement of Your presence today. In Your mighty and wonderful name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Kamara, who is the guest today of Senator Williams.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILL SIGNED**

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

**HB 1926.**

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SB 945 (Pr. No. 1718) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund.

**SB 1063 (Pr. No. 1516)**

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Corporal Louis R. Tate Memorial Bridge.

**SB 1098 (Pr. No. 1623)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, providing for automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights and establishing the School Bus Safety Grant Program Fund.

**SB 1101 (Pr. No. 1719) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for content and effect of certificate of title and for theft vehicles.

**HB 1964 (Pr. No. 2813)**

An Act designating a portion of State Route 115 in Monroe County as the Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway.

**HB 2067 (Pr. No. 3000)**

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 73 in Philadelphia County as the Police Officer Isabel Nazario Memorial Highway.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Brooks, Senator McIlhinney, Senator Yaw, and Senator Martin, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Reschenthaler, Senator Stefano, Senator Vulakovich, and Senator Ward.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Brooks, Senator McIlhinney, Senator Yaw, and Senator Martin, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Reschenthaler, Senator Stefano, Senator Vulakovich, and Senator Ward.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak.

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 21, 2018, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 21, 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.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am honored to have the Chaplain for today, who is a member of my community. Pastor Matthew Kamara was born in Liberia. He is a husband and father of two sons. He was a pastor in Liberia, but Pastor Kamara said he wanted to upgrade himself to do more and to grow. He attended Babcock University located outside Lagos, Nigeria, a satellite campus of Andrews University located in the United States. Pastor then took an enormous step to attend Andrews University in Michigan to obtain his doctorate. In 2013 while in Michigan, Pastor received a call that brought him to Philadelphia to help start a church. The consequence of heeding that call resulted in today we have a pilgrimage, a Seventh Day Adventist Church in Collingdale. I ask that we warmly greet Pastor Kamara today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Williams, Pastor Kamara, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayers, Pastor.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I have a group of very special guests joining us today, members of the Strong Mom Strong Baby Coalition. Strong Mom Strong Baby is a statewide coalition consisting of moms, families, medical professionals, healthcare providers, insurers, early intervention specialists, United Ways, community foundations, and concerned citizens. All of these individuals and groups are united with a common purpose: to help moms, babies, and families impacted by postpartum depression, and to help end the stigma around a condition that affects 15 percent of Pennsylvania women following the birth of a child.

Joining us in the gallery are Lyn Statler, Crystal O'Neill, and Samantha Nenninger. These brave women have had to overcome not only the disorder itself, but also the stigma many women still face during what is supposed to be the happiest time of their lives. I thank them for their courage and bravery, and most importantly, for being present here today. Also joining us in the

gallery are a group of professionals and providers who have been working tirelessly to support women and families across the State, including Dr. Rhonda Boyd, clinical psychologist, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Jonathan Hood, manager of State and local government affairs at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Dr. Eina Fishman, chief clinical officer at Gateway Health Plan; Jessica Cromer, Medicaid director at Gateway Health Plan; Loretta Adams, vice president, clinical services at Gateway Health Plan; and Charlie Lotz, volunteer of the Strong Mom Strong Baby campaign.

Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to the members of the Strong Mom Strong Baby Coalition.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta from the Strong Mom Strong Baby Coalition, Lyn, Crystal, Samantha, the providers and volunteers, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for carrying an important message.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR LAWRENCE FARNESE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce some guests who have kindly taken time to travel all the way from the O'Higgins Region of Chile. They are members of the Chilean delegation, including the Governor and the Senator from the O'Higgins Region, the Mayor of Rancagua, as well as members of their staff and families. They are accompanied today by Benjamin Leavenworth, the Honorary Consul General of Chile in Philadelphia. During their trade visit, they will be visiting the Chilean-American Chamber of Commerce and our port in the great city of Philadelphia. I ask that we please give them our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Farnese from Chile please rise so that we may welcome you to the Senate, along with Consul General Benjamin Leavenworth. Great to have you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Bienvenido. One of the key trading partners for Pennsylvania is Chile, and we have to continue to build that relationship and increase trade.

#### **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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held immediately in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor 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.

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Baker, Senator Brooks, Senator Yudichak, and Senator Yaw have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

#### **RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, could the Senate be at ease for a moment? I ask the Members of the Senate Republican Caucus to come to the Leader's podium.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask the Members of the Senate Democratic Caucus to come to the Leader's podium as well.

The PRESIDENT. The respective caucuses will meet at their Leader's podium. The Senate will be at ease.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

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

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Vulakovich has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

#### **CALENDAR**

##### **THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

##### **PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMITTED**

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

#### BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 149 (Pr. No. 113)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in obstructing governmental operations, providing for unlawful use of an audio or video device in court.

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

#### HB 149 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 149, Printer's No. 113, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 189** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 384 (Pr. No. 384)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, this bill would bring Philadelphia in line with other counties in the Commonwealth by

requiring our property assessors to be certified by the State. Representative Thomas and I have sponsored this legislation together for years and I thank him for all of his work and effort and that on behalf of his staff as well. I look forward to its consideration in the House.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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	Resenthaler	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 435 (Pr. No. 612)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle.

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 Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I thank the Pennsylvania trucking industry for working with me toward addressing their concerns about this bill. I also thank Senator Rafferty, the chair of the Committee on Transportation, and the Leadership teams on both sides of the aisle for putting this bill up to a vote today.

This legislation is known as Christine's Law in honor of the Lambert family of Palmer Township, who lost a mother and wife in a heartbreaking Christmas Day accident involving dislodged ice from a commercial vehicle, I call it an icy missile, that went through the windshield and killed Christine on Christmas Day immediately. This bill does take some reasonable and proactive

steps toward prevention of accidents, especially with large commercial vehicles that travel on our highways. It gives the State Police the ability to stop drivers who may pose a hazard with accumulated ice or snow on their vehicle, and I am so hopeful that Christine's Law will deter some of the dangerous incidents that occur on our roadways each winter which could lead to tragic deaths, like what happened to the Lambert family.

So, I urge an affirmative vote from my colleagues on this bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes that the Senator has been working on this very important issue for sometime. We appreciate her commitment.

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	Resenthaler	White
Brewster	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Browne	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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Costa	Laughlin	Stefano	
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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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 439** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 478 (Pr. No. 3434)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for outpatient psychiatric oversight.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
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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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 521** and **HB 653** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL RECOMMITTED

**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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1031** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1070 (Pr. No. 1707)** -- 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.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
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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 1071 (Pr. No. 1708)** -- 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.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
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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 1072 (Pr. No. 1650)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for rights, for responsibilities of victims of crime under basic bill of rights, for responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies and for responsibilities of prosecutor's office; in administration, further providing for office, for powers and duties of victim advocate and for powers and duties of Office of Victims' Services; in compensation, further providing for persons eligible for compensation, for filing of claims for compensation, for minimum allowable claim, for determination of claims, for emergency awards, for awards and for confidentiality of records; in services, further providing for eligibility of victims; in financial matters, further providing for costs and for costs for offender supervision programs; and, in enforcement, further providing for subrogation.

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:

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Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
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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 1091 (Pr. No. 1576)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, first, I thank Senator Rafferty, Senator Aument, and Senator Sabatina in working with their staff in helping to bring this bill through.

Mr. President, many years ago I was fortunate enough to play in the Arena Football League down in Memphis, Tennessee, and we had developed a partnership called the Miracle Season with St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The kids would come and do the coin flip at our games and we would get to see firsthand a lot of the struggles that the families were dealing with and we would go and spend time throughout the week at St. Jude's. Unfortunately, a lot of those children by the end of our season were no longer with us, after they were with us at the beginning of the year, and that was really my first eye-opener to the battles that a lot of our young people do in dealing with pediatric cancer.

Pediatric cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among U.S. children, and every year 91,250 kids die from pediatric cancer worldwide. That is the equivalent of one-third of the population of Pittsburgh. The lack of research funding for pediatric cancer is the main obstacle to finding a cure. Only 4 percent of all cancer research dollars go to pediatric cancer research. This means that only three drugs have been approved for pediatric cancer in the last 20 years. Seven children today will die in the United States from over 200 types of childhood cancer. One in 285 children will be diagnosed before they turn 18, and the numbers keep rising. It is time for action.

What this does, Mr. President, is it provides an opportunity for Pennsylvania citizens to contribute \$5 to the newly created Pediatric Cancer Research Fund when electronically renewing a driver's license, photo identification card, or a vehicle registration, and these funds will be used for pediatric cancer research approved by the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Prevention and Research Advisory Board. Every day, Mr. President, there are children throughout this Commonwealth and throughout this country fighting the battle of their lives, and I hope that the work we can do here today, with hopefully an affirmative vote, will help make that fight easier. So, I encourage my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

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	Resenthaler	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 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 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
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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.

**HB 1869 (Pr. No. 2592)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Committee and providing for its powers and duties; providing for duties of the Department of Health; and imposing a penalty.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, the health of the mother is a profound and paramount concern we honor in law and policy, but there is something more we should do in daily practice. Despite all the advances in preventive healthcare and all of the precautions advised during pregnancy, there are still instances in which something goes tragically wrong for the mother. Surprisingly, there is a gap in our knowledge and understanding about incidents and causes of maternal mortality. When so much is done through research, intervention, and adaptive treatment to save the lives in so many circumstances, maternal mortality cannot remain a dark mystery. It is past time that we rectify this matter.

This bill is a relatively simple policy approach providing means for preventing the worst sort of pain a family can experience. It would establish a 14-member maternal mortality review committee made up of experts who would obtain accurate information counts of the deaths of women who die within 1 year of the end of a pregnancy, determine their cause, and develop recommendations to prevent such deaths in the future. National maternal mortality rates have seen sharp increases in the United States, and the rate has more than doubled in Pennsylvania since 1994. We need to better identify the cause of pregnancy-related deaths and recommend actions to prevent them. By bringing together the best experts to take a hard look at the circumstances surrounding the cases when a mother loses her life, the purpose of this bill is of great importance. Where possible, analyze and figure out if there is a pattern to these tragedies and see if effective remedies can be devised and implemented. People may be naturally wary of State government given the power to investigate, compile, and disseminate information within healthcare, so it is clearly stated that existing law regarding patient privacy will be respected. We provide for child death review. We should provide for mothers' review as well.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the advocacy of Dr. Lynne Coslett-Charlton of Luzerne County, who is the chair of the Pennsylvania Section of the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology known as ACOG. She has championed the need for this review of the data to better handle how these emergencies are tackled in the hospital. We also must take a moment to recognize the leadership of Representative Mackenzie for bringing this issue to the forefront.

So as we come upon the time and the celebration of Mother's Day, this seems appropriate as a way to honor the hopes and joys intrinsic to the miracle of motherhood. Interestingly, the founder of Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis, who later lived in Philadelphia, 7 of her 11 siblings died in infancy and early childhood. So as we reflect on Anna Jarvis' desire to honor her mother and all of the mothers across the Commonwealth and across our country, I urge an affirmative vote on this important bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I join with my colleague, Senator Baker, who serves as Majority chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services here in the Senate. I serve as Minority chair in wholeheartedly supporting this measure and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. I, too, would like to recognize Representative Mackenzie. We share a portion of our district and I often get the chance to interface with Representative Mackenzie and I am very pleased that he brought this forward.

The rate at which we lose mothers in this country is an affront to the American healthcare system, and to the families who have experienced this kind of loss, it is a devastating tragedy. It is truly unacceptable that a country in the world, a country that the world often turns to for medical advances, is still seeing an increase in the maternal mortality rate. Over the span of 14 years, the United States' maternal mortality rate has increased by 26 percent. It is becoming a well-known statistic that women in the United States are more likely to die from childbirth or pregnancy-related causes than other women in the developed world. Even more disturbing, Mr. President, is the fact that African American women die at three times the rate of Caucasian women in this country. According to the World Health Organization, about half of all these maternal deaths are preventable. Pennsylvania, if you would like to know, ranks 21st out of 50 States in maternal mortality. We can do better. We have to. We have work to do. That is why we need this committee. We need accurate data to find ways to improve the quality of care and to educate health professionals, women, and families about preventing pregnancy-related deaths and complications. This legislation is long overdue, and, again, I encourage my colleagues to vote positively on this so we can send it back to the House and have the Governor sign the bill as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks both Senators for fighting for a very important issue.

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
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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 LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 1952 (Pr. No. 2820)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for conduct relating to sex offenders and for general rule; in falsification and intimidation, further providing for the offense of failure to comply with registration requirements, defining the offense of failure to comply with 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. I registration requirements and imposing penalties; in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination and for definitions; in domestic and sexual violence victim address confidentiality, further providing for agency use of designated address; in sentencing, extensively revising registration of sexual offenders provisions; and making editorial changes.

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

**HB 1952 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1952, Printer's No. 2820, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 17, HB 26, HB 56, HB 61, HB 63, HB 215, SB 257, SB 299 and SB 390** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 444 (Pr. No. 2818)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in nomination of candidates, further providing for manner of signing nomination petitions and time of circulating, for number of signers required for nomination petitions of candidates at primaries and for nominations by political bodies.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 479** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 480 (Pr. No. 1550)** -- 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 public order and decency, providing for the offense of attack on animal belonging to certain protected persons.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 480, HB 481, HB 544, HB 566 and SB 576** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 735 (Pr. No. 898)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for the title of the act; and, in sale of property, providing for optional county demolition and rehabilitation fund.

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

**SB 780, SB 816, SB 835 and HB 864** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 891 (Pr. No. 1203)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 897 (Pr. No. 1199)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 913, HB 914, HB 915, HB 916, SB 922, SB 930, SB 931, SB 962, SB 963 and HB 1001** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 1003 (Pr. No. 1662)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in quality health care accountability and protection, further providing for emergency services.

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

**SB 1003 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1003, Printer's No. 1662, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 1006 (Pr. No. 1694)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

**SB 1007 (Pr. No. 1396)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

**SB 1021, SB 1024 and SB 1036** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 1038 (Pr. No. 1474)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for residual funds.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1047, SB 1066, SB 1080 and SB 1087** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 1092 (Pr. No. 1710)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act 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.

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.

**SB 1104 (Pr. No. 1625)** -- 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 certification of teachers, further providing for provisional vocational education certificate.

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 1126** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 1127 (Pr. No. 1643)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

**SB 1142 (Pr. No. 1678)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 1232, HB 1233, HB 1979 and HB 2017** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 258, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 14 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 258**, entitled:

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

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, my comments are very brief indeed. It is not so much the substance of the resolution, we have talked about that, we have caucused about that, but more importantly, what most people do not see occurring in Federal, State, and local government anymore is cooperation and compromise. I thank the gentleman who leads that Caucus from the other side for this moment. There were complications, if you will, with any words, and certainly when we involve ourselves in this space it becomes a little bit more complicated because of age, time, where we come from, and so I recognize it was not easy in my Caucus and it could not have been easy in his Caucus, but without that cooperation and compromise we would not have this resolution.

The resolution is significant in its own commentary, but more importantly, I want those who watch us every day to realize there are spaces and times when Republicans and Democrats, people who are black or white, come from other parts of Pennsylvania, rural and urban, actually do find a way to work things out for the betterment of all of us in the Commonwealth. So, I thank him, the Members of that Caucus, and all of us, today, for moving this resolution forward. Thank you.

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

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
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Dinniman	Leach	Street	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**HB 83 (Pr. No. 2769)**

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for bonds, issue of bonds and notes, maturity and interest.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators GORDNER, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, BLAKE, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, McGARRIGLE, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, WARD, AUMENT, YUDICHAK, KILLION, SCAVELLO, BAKER, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WHITE, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, MENSCH, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 344**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 3, 2018, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

Senators SCAVELLO, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, GREENLEAF, AUMENT, BROWNE, KILLION, BREWSTER, WARD, SCHWANK, BAKER, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, FARNESE, COSTA, WHITE and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 345**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 12, 2018, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day" in Pennsylvania and commending the National Association of Letter Carriers for its humanitarian efforts to eliminate hunger.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, thank you for allowing me to speak and to introduce this resolution, along with my colleague, Senator Boscola, on behalf of those joining in the fight to end hunger here in Pennsylvania and across our nation.

According to Feeding America, one in seven people struggles with hunger. Hunger exists in every community in the nation from urban cities, throughout the suburbs, and across rural America. This resolution recognizes May 12, 2018, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day" in Pennsylvania and commends the National Association of Letter Carriers for its humanitarian efforts to eliminate hunger. On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct the 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to combat hunger. This is the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

The summer months are a particularly critical time as donations and supplies are low and school lunch programs are suspended until fall, leaving millions of children's families to search for alternate sources of nutrition. Letter carriers see these families every day and postal patrons are encouraged to participate by leaving donations by their mailboxes on May 12, 2018. On May 12, letter carriers, as well as volunteers, will collect nonperish-

able donations as they deliver mail along their postal routes and donations will be delivered to the food banks, the pantries, and the shelters that serve the area where the donations are collected.

Since the inception of the food drive in 1993, local letter carriers have delivered more than 2.1 million pounds of food to Second Harvest and its network of members. The National Association of Letter Carriers and its cosponsors should be commended for their humanitarian efforts to Stamp Out Hunger, and I encourage the residents of this Commonwealth to continue to join the effort by generously contributing to this year's food drive to feed the hungry.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, MENSCH, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, BREWSTER, FARNESE, AUMENT, SABATINA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 346**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 22, 2018, as "Cellicon Valley Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we often hear about the Silicon Valley in California, in terms of information technology and what they are doing. Well, I am here and this resolution proclaims the Cellicon Valley in Pennsylvania. There is no region of this nation, and, in fact, in the world, that is doing as much research in the newest frontier of medicine, which involves looking at our cells and looking at our genetic makeup and our DNA to both cure medical diseases and prevent them. This is the future. This is the hope for so many people who have these types of conditions. Medicine is going from a standardized approach to what we call customized or personalized medicine, where we will understand the makeup of your cells, we will understand the DNA that is crucial to you, and we will design the products and the medications that will be for you and solve so many of the issues.

We are very fortunate, especially in the Philadelphia region, our combination of hospitals, universities, and entrepreneurs have put together an amazing coalition of intellectual talent and are doing this research now that is going to change the face of medicine. As you know, Senator Mensch and I are the co-chairs for the Senate of the biopharma caucus. This is the future of biopharma. To make matters not too complicated, but traditionally, medicine has used a chemical approach, what is called the small molecular structure approach. We are now into what we call a large molecular cell approach. We are now into what we call biologics, and with this will come two wonderful aspects, Mr. President. One will be to prevent and cure diseases, and the second, if we start to talk and proclaim what is happening al-

ready, that Cellicon Valley is here in Pennsylvania, we will bring tremendous prosperity and economic reward. We here in the legislature need to review our tax policies and our other ways we go about business to encourage, especially our R&D tax breaks, to encourage what has all ready begun. And not just in the Philadelphia suburbs, it is also in the Pittsburgh area and in places like Hershey where Penn State is. But it is the Philadelphia area, which is now, we can proclaim, world class. It is in the forefront of this cell movement of genetic and cell research of medicine.

So, Mr. President, let us pass this resolution, and let us all proclaim and speak about the Cellicon Valley in Pennsylvania. Thank you so much.

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

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

Senators BARTOLOTTA, LEACH, BROOKS, BLAKE, FARNESE, GREENLEAF, McGARRIGLE, FONTANA, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, WARD, AUMENT, KILLION, SCAVELLO, BAKER, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BREWSTER, HUGHES, MENSCH, VOGEL, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 347**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Postpartum Depression Awareness 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, following the birth of a child, many new mothers experience postpartum baby blues. However, one in seven women experiences a more severe, long-lasting form of depression known as postpartum depression. Symptoms of postpartum depression vary and can range from mild to severe but typically include depressed mood or severe mood swings, excessive crying, irritability, anger, difficulty bonding with the infant, withdrawing from family and friends, appetite problems, feelings of worthlessness, shame, guilt, inadequacy, and recurrent thoughts of death, or even suicide. Postpartum depression can eventually interfere with a mother's ability to care for her baby and handle other daily tasks.

Research by the American Psychological Association indicates that 15 percent of new mothers suffer from postpartum depression. In Pennsylvania, this means about 21,000 babies and their mothers are annually affected by this illness. Unfortunately, many women do not seek professional treatment because of the stigma associated with postpartum depression. Only 15 percent of women with postpartum depression ever receive professional treatment, which means many women across the country each year are not getting the support that they need. Help is available in the form of support groups for mothers and their families, as well as many options for therapy. Prompt treatment can help a woman manage her symptoms and allow her to enjoy her new baby. The best way to combat this illness is to educate the community, raise awareness, and provide screenings to identify those

who may be at a higher risk. That is why I ask my colleagues to join me in this effort and recognize May 2018 as "Postpartum Depression Awareness Month" 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 GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, BLAKE, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, RESCHENTHALER, KILLION, AUMENT, FOLMER, WHITE, VOGEL, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON and LEACH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 348**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2018 as "Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, the resolution I offer designates May 2018 as "Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Crohn's and colitis are chronic diseases that cause inflammation of the digestive and gastrointestinal tract. Crohn's and colitis are incurable conditions but are often controllable with the right treatment, diet, regimen, and careful monitoring. These conditions affect Americans and Pennsylvanians of all ages and from all walks of life. More than 1.6 million Americans suffer from these diseases. Ten percent of those afflicted by Crohn's and colitis are children under the age of 18, and up to 75 percent of the people with Crohn's disease and about 23 percent to 45 percent of people with ulcerative colitis will eventually require surgery.

Adoption of this resolution will increase public awareness of Crohn's and colitis sufferers' circumstances, acknowledge the impact these diseases have on patients and families, and recognize the need for research, treatment, and cure of these conditions. The resolution also urges all Pennsylvanians to learn more about these diseases. I have offered this resolution for a number of years now at the request of a constituent whose son was diagnosed with Crohn's at age 10. Unfortunately, he contracted it at an early age but fortunately, in this case, the disease has been controlled through medication and without surgery, but this is not always the case. That being said, I ask for your support for the adoption of this resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators GREENLEAF, REGAN, BROOKS, BREWSTER, MARTIN, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, BLAKE, BAKER, BROWNE, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO,

KILLION, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, COSTA, WHITE, VOGEL, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 349**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2018 as "Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, this resolution designates May 2018 as "Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, and I rise to ask for unanimous support for the adoption of the resolution. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted primarily by ticks. Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, pose a serious threat to the health and quality of life of many Pennsylvanians. In fact, Lyme disease was really thought to be more prevalent in the New England States. That is not the case anymore. Actually, Pennsylvania is the State that leads the nation, unfortunately, in the contraction of this disease. The frequency of diagnosis and reported Lyme disease cases increased dramatically over the past several years, and the severity continues to increase, evidenced by multiple deaths attributable to tick-borne diseases in youth and young adults reported in 2017.

As I indicated, in the last 6 years, Pennsylvania ranked highest in the country in the number of confirmed cases of Lyme disease. In 2016, Pennsylvania confirmed 11,443 cases, accounting for 38 percent of the nation's cases of Lyme disease. In 2015, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection published findings that Lyme disease is now present in all 67 counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are dealing with a statewide plague, if you want to call it that, of this disease. As I said, we are number one in the nation in regard to this. We need to address this. We need to make sure it is adequately funded. It is in the budget and we advocate for continued funding for this disease. The most common way that people acquire Lyme disease is to be bitten by a tick that carries the spirochete. Lyme disease can cause severe early symptoms such as rash or flu-like symptoms, fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue that can easily be misdiagnosed. If not caught early, Lyme disease can lead to chronic diseases that are difficult to eradicate.

Individuals can greatly reduce their chances of a tick bite and transmission this spring season if they take proper precautions while engaged in outdoor activities. Make frequent tick checks and remove and dispose of ticks promptly and properly. Individuals should be aware of early dissemination and late stages of symptoms, and that a negative Lyme test cannot rule out Lyme disease, as testing may miss approximately 50 percent of actual cases. It is important for us to be aware of this issue, and we are asking that Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month provide an opportunity for us to focus on this issue. That being said, I ask for your support for the adoption of this resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators BOSCOLA, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, COSTA, FONTANA, AUMENT, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, VULAKOVICH and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 350**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 15, 2018, as "Trauma Registrars Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, several members of the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation visited the Capitol this week along with healthcare professionals from the Lehigh Valley Health Network. They met with legislative offices to further raise awareness and education about the role of technology and data collection to their field. The foundation is the accrediting body for trauma programs throughout this Commonwealth, and through their diligent use of technology, they acquire data to enhance and improve outcomes for all injured patients. This data goes to better support clinical research, to provide quality education to hospitals, and to educate the public on their vital role. The foundation is committed to working with health systems across the Commonwealth, such as the Lehigh Valley Health Network, to reduce death and disability caused by trauma by providing evidence-based quality healthcare. So, I applaud their advocacy and I ask for the Senate to support this resolution to recognize the vital role trauma registrars play in our healthcare system.

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

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

Senators BAKER, DINNIMAN, BROOKS, MARTIN, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, SCHWANK, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, LANGERHOLC, RESCHENTHALER, BREWSTER, BROWNE, GORDNER, FOLMER, FARNESE, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, HUGHES, COSTA, RAFFERTY, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, WARD, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, BLAKE and VOGEL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 351**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania and urging members of the Senate to visit hospitals in their communities to learn about the innovative, quality care and services that are improving the health and quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, in many of our strong and livable communities, the hospital is the cornerstone institution on par with schools, firehouses, libraries, and places of worship.

Pennsylvania is home to a wide range of facilities, including multifaceted and far-reaching health systems, small critical-access hospitals, academic medical centers, teaching hospitals, and trauma and burn centers. Across these institutions we see continuing investment in acquiring lifesaving technologies and techniques, in improving the outcomes of procedures intricate and simple alike, and in preventing medical mistakes or adverse outcomes such as facility-acquired infections.

An important reason for celebrating "National Hospital Week" is to acknowledge and express gratitude for the wide range of skilled professionals and dedicated volunteers who make up the community that is our modern hospital. We measure many things, but it is impossible to quantify all of the commitment, compassion, and caring found throughout our array of medical facilities. It also provides an opportunity for us to recommit to helping fulfill the potential and meet the challenges confronting healthcare providers. The circumstances differ according to whether the location is urban, suburban, or rural. There is a great deal of debate about quality, access, and the cost of healthcare. Too often, left out of the calculations of the impact are the considerable economic and employment benefits produced for communities, regions, and our State as a whole. When hospitals and health systems are healthy, they are powerful economic engines.

As policymakers, we should interact with hospitals and others, whether we are a patient or a visitor. We receive valuable advocacy material from the representatives of hospitals and health systems. We receive essential accountability information from the Health Care Cost Containment Council. Yet, it is our conversations with people who run, staff, and serve in the hospitals that provide the best insight as to what takes place on a daily basis. It is in practice that hospitals show their indispensable nature. So, by shining the spotlight on the strengths and benefits of these vital institutions, a more thorough and accurate understanding and appreciation of these cornerstone facilities will be achieved.

So, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 6 through 12 as National Hospital Week here in the Commonwealth of 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 VULAKOVICH, COSTA, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCHWANK, VOGEL, WAGNER, WARD, WHITE, YAW, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 352**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 9 through 13, 2018, as "The Wall That Heals Days" at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, today, I am very pleased to offer this resolution designating May 9 through 13, 2018, as "The Wall That Heals Days" at the Pennsylvania State Capitol. The Wall That Heals is a mobile replica of the Vietnam Memorial located at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The replica is a 375-foot, chevron-shaped structure that, like the original, lists all 58,202 American casualties of the Vietnam War, including 3,142 Pennsylvanians.

As many of you know, we are in the midst of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, a tumultuous period not just nationally, but internationally. These were our grandfathers, fathers, relatives, neighbors, and friends who went to Vietnam, many of whom paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. The Wall That Heals and its mobile education center tells the story of the Vietnam War and the era surrounding the conflict, as well as to put the American experience in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context. As its name implies, the Vietnam Memorial and The Wall That Heals have helped many of thousands of Vietnam veterans and their families heal from the mental scars that they carry from this war.

I am pleased that our Leadership in the Senate, Senator Scarnati and Senator Costa, and in the House, Speaker Turzai and Minority Leader Dermody, and our staff have worked together to bring The Wall That Heals to the State Capitol. It will be located on the South Lawn in front of the K. Leroy Irvis Office Building from Wednesday, May 9 through 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2018. On May 9 there will be an opening ceremony starting at 7 p.m. Our keynote speaker will be former Governor and Vietnam veteran Tom Ridge. This event will be free and open to the public. The Wall That Heals will be open to the public day and night until May 13, 2018. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution today, and to visit The Wall That Heals.

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 BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, BROOKS, SABATINA, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, STREET, FARNESE, AUMENT, SCHWANK, VOGEL, KILLION, WARD, FOLMER, SCAVELLO, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, GREENLEAF and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 353**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I ask for the Members' favorable consideration of this resolution. Skin cancer is the most

common form of cancer in the United States, with current estimates that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. It is estimated that 91,000 new cases of melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer, will be diagnosed in 2018. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults between 25 and 29, and the second-most common form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and 24. While the rates of melanoma have increased over the last 30 years, the one thing that is important to keep in mind is that melanoma and other forms of skin cancer are highly preventable and highly treatable. Sun exposure is the most preventable factor for all cancers. Simple steps like avoiding the sun as much as possible, using protective sunscreen, and wearing a hat will help protect the skin from any preventable, treatable melanoma and skin cancer.

Please join me in adopting this resolution to raise awareness about skin cancer and increasing the chances of early detection. It is vital, Mr. President, that skin cancers, and especially melanoma, are treated early. Thank you very much.

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, SABATINA, REGAN, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, BROOKS, SCHWANK, GORDNER, FARNESE, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, WARD, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, BAKER, MENSCH, HUGHES, COSTA and HUTCHINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 354**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2018 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" 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, I offer this resolution along with my friends and colleagues, Senator Sabatina from Philadelphia County, and Senator Regan from York County. This is a very important resolution because it talks about motorcycle safety awareness, especially as the warm months are coming upon us. I do acknowledge and thank for their support and input on this resolution PennDOT, A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania, represented by Charles Umbenhauer, and Pennsylvania Motorcycle Dealers Association represented by Hank Butler. We all know Charles, he is very much a fixture here in the Commonwealth lobbying on behalf of motorcycles and doing a great job here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, there were 5,286 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes in 2016 in the United States, a 5-percent increase from 2015, which accounted for 14 percent of the total highway fatalities of that year. There were 192 motorcycle fatalities in 2016 in our Commonwealth, a 7-percent increase from 2015. The total number of motorcycle crashes increased from 3,413 in 2015 to 3,454 in 2016 in the Commonwealth. Motorcyclists should please take advantage of ways to enhance motorcycle safety on

their part such as attending a free training by the Department of Transportation's Motorcycle Safety Program, wearing reflective clothing, always riding sober, and obeying all speed limits. Motorists sharing the roadway with motorcyclists should consider better ways to enhance motorcycle safety, such as not driving distracted, checking mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes, and at intersections, allowing more following distances, and respecting a motorcycle as a full-sized vehicle. The Senate encourages motorcyclists and motorists alike, particularly in May but all throughout the year, to share the road to reduce motorcyclists' deaths and injuries.

Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote, and once again I thank my colleagues and friends, Senator Sabatina and Senator Regan, for cosponsoring this resolution with me.

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

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senator YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 355**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT**

The PRESIDENT. We welcome our guests who are in the gallery. It looks like we have some young students. We are delighted to have you here. We are sorry most of the Senators are gone, but the good ones are still here.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator COSTA. 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 945, SB 1063, SB 1098, SB 1101, HB 83, HB 1964 and HB 2067.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 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

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018

10:30 A.M. EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 1032; and Senate Resolution No. 322) Room 8E-A East Wing

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, briefly, I want to provide some remarks about a disturbing article I read recently from the *Washington Post* with respect to the issue of campaign financing. Mr. President, Mick Mulvaney, who serves as the Trump Administration's Officer of Management and Budget and also the appointee to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has recently advised the banking industry that pay-to-play politicking is alive and well in the United States Congress, and it is certainly relevant to the work that we do here in Pennsylvania. Speaking to banking lobbyists and executives, Mr. Mulvaney was reported to have said that trying to sway legislators with campaign contributions was one of the fundamental underpinnings of our representative democracy. Now, Mr. President, it is important to know that the CFPB was created by the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, otherwise known as the Dodd-Frank Act, to oversee and monitor the banking industry, pay day lenders, credit unions, and home foreclosures.

As disturbing as the language was that we heard from him, today I want to talk a little bit about the comments and what they mean with respect to tying into legislation which we have pending here in Pennsylvania, specifically campaign finance reform legislation. Mr. Mulvaney, who is a former House member, is quoted as saying, "We had a hierarchy in my office in Congress. If you're a lobbyist who never gave us money, I didn't talk to you. If you're a lobbyist who gave us money, I might talk to you." Those remarks were delivered to 1,300 banking industry leaders. Mr. President, there is no question that those remarks are inappropriate and not the way we should be conducting business, certainly in Congress, but also as we know in Pennsylvania as well. Perhaps he was stating the obvious, but it certainly contradicts the many public statements I have heard used as an argument against adopting campaign finance reform here in Pennsylvania.

Here in Pennsylvania, as many of us know, we all know, we have uncapped donations, unfettered use of the dark money, and extremely poor rules for requiring transparency. We can do better, as was evidenced by a *PennLive* editorial this week that discussed Senate Bill No. 11, which they describe as a good start to address this very important issue. This legislation imposes reasonable limits on individual contributions, political action committee and party contributions, and aggregate donations, but it also requires independent expenditures and advertisements to disclose their donors. It also requires our public corporations that are making campaign donations, in whatever form, to bring the discussion and decisionmaking for those donations to their corporate boards and to their shareholders to allow that to take place.

Now, I know there is more that can be done. Mr. Mulvaney was being honest in his comments to the 1,300 bankers that he is appointed to oversee, but he is laying bare the corruption that is undermining the decisionmaking process in the Capitol in Washington, D.C., and certainly what we must avoid here in

Pennsylvania. Meaningful reform is necessary here in Pennsylvania, and my hope is that we can continue to move forward on having a conversation along the lines of what needs to be done as it relates to campaign finance reform. Certainly, those are issues that, I think, the Members of this General Assembly would like to see us address. I know the people of Pennsylvania and around this country have recognized and looked at that issue of how absurd our Pennsylvania campaign finance laws are with respect to contributions. But the goal is, we have to have greater public disclosure about how resources are being spent and how they are being accumulated, and that is one of the things that Senate Bill No. 11 does try to achieve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### **BILL SIGNED**

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

**HB 1869.**

### **RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, May 21, 2018, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:06 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.