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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2009

The Senate met at 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Rabbi JEFFREY ASTRACHAN, of Temple Beth Israel, York, offered the following prayer:

In these challenging times, we pray, Almighty God. Give to these men and women, our leaders, a measure of wisdom and fortitude, for the task before them is indeed difficult and yet of great importance to the people they serve. Guide these Senators in their tasks as they prepare to guide the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As we are instructed to offer prayer from the heart, so too must we be instructed to lead from the heart. Let our leaders be true to their calling. Let them be honest in their task. Let them be sincere in their effort. Above all, allow them to recognize freely the merit of each other's concerns and to hear graciously the opinions of those with whom they may disagree, that they may benefit from an added measure of wisdom and compassion. May these Senators come to fulfill their tasks in the coming days, and may we all know health and peace. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Astrachan, who is the guest today of Senator Waugh.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

**HB 1768 (Pr. No. 2725) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, further providing for definitions and for recycling fee for municipal waste landfills and resource recovery facilities; providing for used tire pile remediation; and further providing for information provided to host municipalities, for joint inspections with host municipalities, for claims resulting from pollution occurrences, for independent evaluation of permit applications and for host municipality benefit fee.

**HB 1847 (Pr. No. 2428)**

An Act amending the act of September 24, 1968 (P.L.1040, No.318), known as the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, further providing for site selection.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following resolution:

**SR 153 (Pr. No. 1327)**

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass legislation amending the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 to exclude youth all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles from the lead-limit requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator Greenleaf.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator Greenleaf.

Senator Mellow requests a legislative leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of August 3, 2009, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of August 3, 2009.

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

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

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

## YEA-49

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wozniak
Earll	Logan	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

## NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Ward.

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I am so happy today to have here in the Chamber two young girls, Kimberly McDonagh and Rebecca Taylor. These two juniors attend Greater Latrobe High School in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and they did something wonderful last year. They started a Challenger Sports Program with the West Point Little League.

The West Point Little League already has a very strong program, and they are especially known for their girls' softball. But these two young women, on their own, started a Challenger league for kids who are 5 to 18 years of age with special needs. They recruited 30 children in their first year, and they did it by visiting schools and attending the Special Olympics. They not only recruited 30 children to participate in this program; they recruited 30 buddies to help with it. They even recruited their Latrobe football team.

So today, I would like you to join me in welcoming and commending these two young girls visiting here from Greater Latrobe High School.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Ward please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

## RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes, first, of a meeting of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room, 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 Piccola and Senator Greenleaf have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

## LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Yaw.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Yaw. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

## CALENDAR

**GOVERNOR'S ITEM VETO MESSAGE  
OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 850** -- Without objection, the item veto message was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS  
ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 1093 (Pr. No. 1415)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, what we have in front of us are going to be a number of bills called nonpreferreds. I prefer to call them the preferreds, and while I do not disagree that some of the causes are very noble and possibly necessary, I do not think that by picking and choosing various ones -- there are some that are just as important as others. I am going to make only one floor speech, and I am going to pick and choose which nonpreferreds I might support and which ones I might not, but I do not think any of the doors of any of these facilities will be

closed if we do not support their appropriation that down through the years--and God only knows how it was created in this separate provision out there. When I look through them, I find that they are all wonderful, noble causes, but we have a fiscal crisis of the State. These are not our constitutional responsibilities, and we need to take a serious look at where we can save money.

Probably, we are not going to be successful in this effort, because we need a two-thirds vote, and this is the first year that we are going to try to get rid of all of these. We made the attempt last year with the museums, and these are the other nonpreferreds. And they go everywhere from \$49,000 to \$1,563,000. Combined, there is over \$5 million in expenditures right here.

Senate Bill No. 1093 is Drexel University. I have nothing against Drexel University, but there are a lot of private universities throughout Pennsylvania that do not make this list. I do not understand why they are special. I understand the State-relateds, but they are not on this piece of paper right now.

So with Senate Bill No. 1093, I am going to be in the negative. I urge my colleagues to do the same thing, but this will be the end. I am not going to make a speech every time one of these nonpreferreds come up. I think everybody knows my opinion on these. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, although I may share in some of the issues and concerns that the gentleman from Cambria referred to, let me first point out that these have traditionally been funded by the State, but they are taking significant reductions - in many cases, 75-percent reductions; in some cases, 50-percent reductions. And for these institutions that have relied on State dollars, to necessarily give them a 100-percent cut could be more of a difficult transition.

I think that we are seeing this as a beginning of a transition away from nonpreferreds. It has been the wishes of particularly this Chamber, but we have chosen to do it in a little more smoother transition for them. Plus--this probably will not be the last time you will hear me say this between now and the next couple of weeks--these levels of funding are what we agreed to in this budget agreement. And certainly, in this budget agreement, we are going to hear a lot of things plus and minus about it before it is all said and done, but an agreement is an agreement, and we need to finish up our business here as we now approach October 1.

So I think the Senator will get his wish in time. We look forward to working with him to accomplish that. But again, these are drastically reduced from last year, and I believe these are appropriate levels for this point in time. So I encourage a positive vote, Mr. President.

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

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, I would like to join my colleague from Johnstown in his concern that he has addressed in the past, as well as today, in relation to his opposition to and voting "no" on these so-called nonpreferreds. He rightfully points out that, in effect, they are not nonpreferred; they are preferred. They represent many worthy organizations. No dispute whatsoever that some of the larger appropriations--I know that they are

not on the agenda right now--that would go to the State-related colleges and universities are extremely important funding to very vital State institutions.

There are 16 nonpreferreds being voted on presently, Mr. President, beginning with the Trustees of Drexel University all the way down to the Beacon Lodge Camp. I am sure for every one of them, a colleague from the respective district could get up and speak eloquently and appropriately about how important these nonprofit institutions are and the vital services that they provide for constituencies, not only in their respective immediate area, but many of these organizations have a unique service that they perform.

That is not the dispute. My opposition today--I am going to have to respectfully vote "no" on all of these--is because we have not really defined what the final action on the overall budget is going to be. Now, rumors to the contrary, any notion of an approved budget deal, to me, has been greatly exaggerated, and I say that respectfully to the leadership in this Chamber, regardless of party persuasion, as well as the leadership in the House on the Democratic side. But the fact that some grand pronouncement was announced a week or so ago--I have yet to see any finality or agreement on what this budget is going to be.

In fact, the devil is in the details, Mr. President. In relation to the details, it has now come out that there are some provisions in this tentative budget agreement that are less than desirable. I note--and this is directly related to why I am voting "no," Mr. President, on these nonpreferreds, because we are putting the cart before the horse. The horse should be a comprehensive package of what this budget resolution and the Fiscal Code and the appropriations of the State budget are going to be. We have not really concluded that. In fact, judging from the activity, or lack thereof, in the House, we may indeed be quite far away from concluding that. I think it is inappropriate to be moving on these expensive pieces of legislation in appropriations today.

The notion that a sales tax is going to be instituted on cultural arts organizations, which primarily is an expropriation of revenue and capital from the urban communities, not only the cities of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. It is an expropriation of revenue from all the urban areas in smaller counties throughout the Commonwealth, because it is the urban hubs, in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and the other smaller counties, that usually are home to the nonprofit-based theater and cultural arts organizations. We already know that those organizations do not pay, in many times, particularly, local taxes, because they help fuel the economic engine of those small towns and regions in big cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

So I, for one, am not prepared to vote to create a new tax on those cultural arts organizations. The fact that we are now going to allow drilling in the Marcellus Shale, specifically on game lands, as well as in our national forest, I find equally reprehensible, Mr. President. The fact of the matter is that that drilling would happen with significant environmental hazards being posed. It would not be so bad, maybe, if there were at least a justification that there were going to be a tax applied to either the volume of the natural gas removed or at least the quality of the gas, but we do not even have that.

The notion that we have worked so hard in these Chambers to create a \$25 million fund from the gaming proceeds to assist

small volunteer fire units and the volunteer EMS units and other nonprofit organizations that many of us in our districts have, whether it is the fraternal clubs or veterans' clubs--again, it is directly related to the vote that we are now taking on these so-called nonpreferreds. We do not have a budget. We do not have a serious resolution to what the income and receivable should be. I think it is completely inappropriate to be voting--

POINT OF ORDER

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, point of order.

The PRESIDENT. For what point does the gentleman rise?

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I believe the bill before the Senate is an act making an appropriation to the Trustees of Drexel University. I believe the gentleman is talking about many things other than Drexel University.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman is in order. Please keep comments to the bill that is in front of the Senate.

Senator FERLO. Well, I agree, Mr. President, and the bill that is directly before the Senate is one of the nonpreferred allocations that require tax dollars from our residents being applied to these specific worthy nonprofit organizations. It is directly related to the overall budget deliberations, discussion, and debate. I will respect the criticism from the Majority Leader and move on, but the fact of the matter is we are putting the cart before the horse. We should not be voting today on these nonpreferreds. We are making allocations to various nonprofits, albeit worthy nonprofits, before we have resolved, fundamentally, what the incoming taxation revenue and appropriations are going to be for the overall budget.

So, Mr. President, notwithstanding the fact that these worthy organizations deserve consideration, I will be respectfully voting "no" on Senate Bill No. 1093 and all the subsequent bills, although out of respect to you, Mr. President, I will not get up each time and harbor and harangue you. 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:

YEA-39

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Gordner	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vogel
Browne	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Donald
Costa	Leach	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	Logan	Scarnati	Williams
Earl	McIlhinney	Smucker	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Stack	

NAY-10

Boscola	Folmer	Stout	Wozniak
Eichelberger	Fontana	Vance	
Ferlo	Orie	Ward	

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1094 (Pr. No. 1416)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Musto.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests a legislative leave for Senator Musto. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

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-40

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Gordner	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Hughes	Pileggi	Vogel
Brubaker	Kasunic	Pippy	Washington
Corman	Kitchen	Rafferty	Waugh
Costa	Leach	Robbins	White, Donald
Dinniman	Logan	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Earl	McIlhinney	Smucker	Williams
Erickson	Mellow	Stack	Yaw

NAY-9

Boscola	Folmer	Orie	Ward
Eichelberger	Fontana	Stout	Wozniak
Ferlo			

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1095 (Pr. No. 1417)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie.

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-40

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Gordner	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Hughes	Pileggi	Vogel
Brubaker	Kasunic	Pippy	Washington
Corman	Kitchen	Rafferty	Waugh
Costa	Leach	Robbins	White, Donald
Dinniman	Logan	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Earll	McIlhinney	Smucker	Williams
Erickson	Mellow	Stack	Yaw

NAY-9

Boscola	Folmer	Orie	Ward
Eichelberger	Fontana	Stout	Wozniak
Ferlo			

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1096 (Pr. No. 1418)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to Salus University, Philadelphia.

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-40

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Gordner	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Hughes	Pileggi	Vogel
Brubaker	Kasunic	Pippy	Washington
Corman	Kitchen	Rafferty	Waugh
Costa	Leach	Robbins	White, Donald
Dinniman	Logan	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Earll	McIlhinney	Smucker	Williams
Erickson	Mellow	Stack	Yaw

NAY-9

Boscola	Folmer	Orie	Ward
Eichelberger	Fontana	Stout	Wozniak
Ferlo			

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1097 (Pr. No. 1419)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, for instruction and student aid.

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-37

Alloway	Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Argall	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Robbins	Williams
Costa	Logan	Scarnati	Yaw
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Smucker	
Earll	Mellow	Stack	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	

NAY-12

Boscola	Folmer	Orie	Ward
Eichelberger	Fontana	Stout	White, Mary Jo
Ferlo	Gordner	Vance	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1098 (Pr. No. 1420)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton for operation and maintenance expenses.

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-35

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Greenleaf	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Hughes	Piccola	Vogel
Browne	Kasunic	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Kitchen	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Leach	Rafferty	White, Donald
Costa	Logan	Scarnati	Williams
Earll	McIlhinney	Smucker	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Stack	

NAY-14

Boscola	Folmer	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	Fontana	Stout	Wozniak
Eichelberger	Gordner	Vance	
Ferlo	Orie	Ward	

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1099 (Pr. No. 1421)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Delaware County for operation and maintenance expenses.

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-35

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Greenleaf	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Hughes	Piccola	Vogel
Browne	Kasunic	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Kitchen	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Leach	Rafferty	White, Donald
Costa	Logan	Scarnati	Williams
Earl	McIlhinney	Smucker	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Stack	

NAY-14

Boscola	Folmer	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	Fontana	Stout	Wozniak
Eichelberger	Gordner	Vance	
Ferlo	Orie	Ward	

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1100 (Pr. No. 1422)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, for the operation and maintenance of the cancer research program.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earl	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1101 (Pr. No. 1423)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, for operation and maintenance expenses and for AIDS research.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earl	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1102 (Pr. No. 1424)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Central Penn Oncology Group.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1103 (Pr. No. 1425)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to Lancaster Cleft Palate for outpatient-inpatient treatment.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1104 (Pr. No. 1426)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Burn Foundation, Philadelphia, for outpatient and inpatient treatment.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1105 (Pr. No. 1427)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to The Children's Institute, Pittsburgh, for treatment and rehabilitation of certain persons with disabling diseases.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1106 (Pr. No. 1428)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for comprehensive patient care and general maintenance and operation of the hospital.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1107 (Pr. No. 1429)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation for the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health Professions for continuation of pediatric services.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	

NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 1108 (Pr. No. 1430)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Beacon Lodge Camp.

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-41

Alloway	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Argall	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Hughes	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Rafferty	Waugh
Brubaker	Kitchen	Robbins	White, Donald
Corman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Earll	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	
Farnese	O'Pake	Tomlinson	



## NAY-8

Boscola	Ferlo	Fontana	Ward
Eichelberger	Folmer	Orie	Wozniak

A constitutional two-thirds 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 211** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 746 (Pr. No. 1209)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for physician immunity for disclosure on controlled substances; and further providing for actions on insurance policies.

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

## SB 746 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 746, Printer's No. 1209, 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 1042** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## BILL AMENDED

**HB 1468 (Pr. No. 2402)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

Designating a portion of PA Route 378 in Bethlehem, Northampton County, as the Fred B. Rooney Highway.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A3889:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Highway"; and designating the bridge that carries State Route 1008, known as Henry Road, over Bushkill Creek in Bushkill Township, Northampton County, as the William Henry Atherton Bridge

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2:

Section 1.1. William Henry Atherton Bridge.

(a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) William Henry Atherton is a direct descendant of the his-

torically significant family of Henry gun makers. The Henry family represents five generations of early American gun makers commencing with William Henry of Lancaster in 1729 to Granville Henry in 1912. The Henry Gun Works was located on the Boulton Plantation near Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

(2) William Henry Atherton retired from a long and successful career in the aerospace industry and has returned to reside at the John Joseph Henry House on the Boulton Plantation, which is now home to the Jacobsburg Historical Society and the Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum.

(3) William Henry Atherton has assumed a leadership position on the Board of Directors for the Jacobsburg Historical Society and has dedicated himself to preserving the Henry family legacy well into the future.

(b) Designation.--The bridge that carries State Route 1008, known as Henry Road, over Bushkill Creek in Bushkill Township, Northampton County, is hereby designated and shall be known as the William Henry Atherton Bridge.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs at each end of the bridge to indicate the designation under subsection (b).

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 PILEGGI.

## BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1801** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

## BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 212** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 458 (Pr. No. 1377)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

Designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 522 over the Aughwick Creek in Shirley Township, Huntingdon County, as the Queen Aliquippa Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1300** and **HB 1779** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

## RECONSIDERATION OF SB 1097

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL  
ON FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1097 (Pr. No. 1419)** -- Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 1097, Printer's No. 1419, passed finally.

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

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-36**

Alloway	Erickson	Mellow	Stack
Argall	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Baker	Greenleaf	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Browne	Hughes	Piccola	Vogel
Brubaker	Kasunic	Pileggi	Washington
Corman	Kitchen	Pippy	Waugh
Costa	Leach	Rafferty	White, Donald
Dinniman	Logan	Scarnati	Williams
Earll	McIlhinney	Smucker	Yaw

**NAY-13**

Boscola	Fontana	Stout	Wozniak
Eichelberger	Gordner	Vance	
Ferlo	Orie	Ward	
Folmer	Robbins	White, Mary Jo	

A constitutional two-thirds 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.

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

**NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION**

August 28, 2009

To the Honorable, the Senate  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph A. Dworetzsky, 7801 Huron Street, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James P. Gallagher, Ph.D., Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

On the question,  
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

**YEA-49**

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wozniak
Earll	Logan	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

**NAY-0**

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

**NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION**

August 28, 2009

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, Ambassador David F. Girard-diCarlo, Ret., 210 West Rittenhouse Square, Apartment 1006, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Heidi A. Ramirez, PhD, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

On the question,  
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise at this time to lodge my vote as a "no" for the nomination of Ambassador David Girard-diCarlo as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission.

Mr. President, this decision is based on an issue of transparency. For as I have said publicly and privately, I believe the am-

bassador is an admirable person, a man who is actually fit, in my opinion, for service on the Philadelphia School Reform Commission board. I think his previous service to the city of Philadelphia and to his country establish that he is a man of honor and a man of respect. But as I have also repeatedly stated--both to Ambassador Girard-diCarlo in person and throughout the nomination hearing in the Committee on Education just a few weeks ago--I do not take, in any way, shape, or form, this vote lightly.

Rather, I have had numerous e-mails, phone calls, and letters of concern from the people in my district regarding not only Ambassador Girard-diCarlo's nomination, but just as importantly, the resignation of Heidi Ramirez from the board and how important it is that we, both as citizens of the city of Philadelphia and as Senators in this body, make a determination based upon what is in the best interest of the schoolchildren of Philadelphia.

I have also noted during my remarks to the ambassador, and of course during the hearing, that we are at a critical point with the education of our children in the city of Philadelphia. And especially with the very strong position taken by Superintendent Arlene Ackerman and the ambitious educational proposal in Imagine 2014, I believe that we should be appointing individuals to the SRC who will help carry out that mission.

When I first heard and sat down and talked with the ambassador, I made it clear to him that I did have some concerns. Many of those concerns mirrored those of my grandfather, Andrew Farnese, when he appeared on and actually served as president of the Board of Education. But I was ready, a few weeks ago, to put those concerns aside and support the nomination, because I believed, like everyone did back in 1996, that everyone deserves an opportunity to lead and that there was an opportunity for Ambassador Girard-diCarlo to take his position on the commission and actually show that leadership.

I listened to my colleagues at the hearing who questioned Ambassador Girard-diCarlo, on topics ranging from his experience and views on education to thoughts on the superintendent and her proposed Imagine 2014 plan. However, there was one question that sticks out to me today and has stuck in my mind from that first hearing a few weeks ago, which is the premise of why I am voting "no" today. It was at that time that my colleague, Senator Williams, asked the ambassador what conflicts of interest he may have with serving on the SRC. I reread his testimony again and again and again, and his response was, "none."

Well, in my mind, things have changed a little since we held that hearing a little over 2 weeks ago. Last week, it was announced that the firm of Cozen O'Connor, the firm the ambassador works for now, was starting a government practices group that he was going to chair. I am very disappointed that the ambassador did not disclose this development as part of the education vetting process, as this announcement came literally 10 days after his hearing. Moreover, I am disappointed that he has not personally reached out to me or any of my colleagues to discuss this new development with regard to his law firm, the law firm in which, as we know now, he is going to be serving as a lobbyist.

In an era of openness and transparency--and I know that we talk about openness and transparency and reform in this Chamber. I realize that. Sometimes we use it as a buzzword. But I believe that--when I took this job and I ran for this office, I told the

people of Philadelphia who voted for me that I would put ethics and transparency as my number-one priority. In an era of openness and transparency, Mr. President, I honestly believe that this communication is critical to the process and that this information, approximately a few weeks ago, should have been disclosed to the Committee on Education.

As an attorney, I think there are ethical walls that could be put up by firms when conflicts arise. I believe those walls become more difficult to maintain when the government relations practice group at a firm is involved, particularly when, as chair, you need to know everything that is going on within that practice group. I would have liked the opportunity to discuss this with the ambassador personally. But due to his decision not to disclose this information before the Senate Committee on Education, nor follow up with me personally over the last several weeks, I have to vote "no" on his nomination.

I will note, Mr. President, that the leader of the Senate has openly had discussions with me on this and has given me every opportunity to have my concerns voiced in a very open and transparent way, and I appreciate those efforts, and I have much respect for the leader and, of course, his staff, too.

Again, this is an issue of openness and transparency. I, today, in good conscience, cannot support Ambassador Girard-diCarlo's nomination, despite the fact that he is from my legislative district.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vance
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Leach	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Logan	Smucker	Wozniak
Earll	McIlhinney	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	Mellow	Stout	
Erickson	Musto	Tartaglione	

NAY-3

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES**

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator EARLL, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bill:

#### SB 1033 (Pr. No. 1326)

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board established, for general and specific powers of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, for licensed gaming entity application appeals from board, for regulatory authority of board, for collection of fees and fines, for reports of board, for authorized slot machine licenses, for additional Category 1 slot machine license requirements, for applications for license or permit, for supplier licenses, for manufacturer licenses, for occupation permit applications, for alternative manufacturer licensing standards and for additional licenses and permits and approval of agreement; providing for table games; and further providing for slot machine licensee deposits, for transfers from State Gaming Fund, for responsibility and authority of Department of Revenue, for wagering on credit, for no eminent domain authority, for compulsive and problem gambling program, for political influence, for investigations and enforcement, for prohibited acts and penalties and for interception of oral communications.

### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EARLL, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LEACH, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, SMUCKER, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, D. WHITE, YAW and STACK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 185**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2009 as "Pennsylvania Fire Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania, observing the week of October 4 through 10, 2009, as "National Fire Prevention Week" and urging Pennsylvanians to heed fire safety messages.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise in support of designating October as "Pennsylvania Fire Prevention Month." In addition, we will observe the week of October 4 through 10 as "National Fire Prevention Week." This is an opportunity for us to urge those in Pennsylvania to heed fire safety messages. And as we look to turn our clocks back in the coming month, it is a reminder to all of us to change the batteries in our smoke detectors. So, Mr. President, we take a moment to remind our citizens about the importance of fire safety, and we also take a moment to pay tribute to the men and women who keep us safe. 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 KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, M. WHITE, WASHINGTON, SCARNATI, FONTANA, PILEGGI, HUGHES, BAKER, O'PAKE, FERLO, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, LOGAN, WAUGH, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, MUSTO, ORIE, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, EARLL, LEACH, WARD, PIPPY, KASUNIC, STACK, COSTA and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 186**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2009 as "American Pharmacists Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KITCHEN. Mr. President, this year's theme is "Know Your Medicine, Know Your Pharmacist." It is a good opportunity to recognize the significant contributions to healthcare and the commitment to patient care by pharmacists all across Pennsylvania.

Pharmacists play an important role in healthcare. They are the ones we trust to provide us with the medication that we are prescribed. We rely on them when we need relief or when we have a question about our medication. Pharmacists are a valuable source of information and an integral part of the healthcare system. Their expertise in medication use is extremely valuable as healthcare professionals continue to study medicine and how it is dispensed.

American Pharmacists Month also reminds us to thank our local pharmacists for assisting us and providing us with good guidance for getting and staying well. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to support this resolution honoring October as "American Pharmacists 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.

### CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy Forgang by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jack Muehlhan by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Southerton by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Souderton Area High School Committee by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the South District of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Autumn J. Adkins and to Our Lady of Hope of Philadelphia by Senator Kitchen.

