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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, April 13, 2010

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend GARY ALBERDING, Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Homer City, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our great God and gracious heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love and mercy in this new day that You have given to us to serve You. Father God, we also thank You for these men and women who have chosen to serve the interests of the people of this great State of Pennsylvania. Lord, we humbly ask that You would grant each one of them the wisdom they need as they endeavor to accomplish the business of our State.

As Your word says, we ask that Thou shalt guide us with Thy counsel. God, we would also pray for the families of these honorable Senators, that You would grant them safety, happiness, and good health, according to Your grace and abundant mercy. Father, we ask that You might help us to serve our fellow man this day. May it be said of this group here that we have made our State, our country, and our world a better place than it was. We ask this in faith, believing in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Alberding, who is the guest today of Senator Don White.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

April 12, 2010

**HB 2290** -- Committee on Finance.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator McILHINNEY, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

**SB 1246 (Pr. No. 1703)**

An Act authorizing Horsham Township, Montgomery County, to convey and transfer a fee interest in certain Project 70 land free of restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act, in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other land to be acquired by the township.

**HB 687 (Pr. No. 760)**

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in guaranteed energy savings contracts, further providing for definitions, for contracting procedures and for contract provisions.

**HB 1187 (Pr. No. 3519) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for duties of State Athletic Commission; in regulation of boxing contests and exhibitions, further providing for age of participants, for gloves and for contracts; in wrestling, further providing for definitions and for physician to be in attendance; and, in registration of athlete agents, further providing for penalties and for bonding requirements.

Senator GORDNER, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

**SB 1249 (Pr. No. 1706)**

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for definitions and for applicability to certain buildings.

**HB 9 (Pr. No. 3517) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act, further providing for supervisors and for expiration.

**HB 1196 (Pr. No. 3518) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for definitions and for administration and enforcement; and providing for applicability.

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

**SB 944 (Pr. No. 1129)**

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively regulating unincorporated nonprofit associations in the areas of organic nature, structure, formation, alteration, management, participation, functions, liability and dissolution.

**SB 1184 (Pr. No. 1595)**

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of dependent child.

**SB 1221 (Pr. No. 1846) (Amended)**

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for modification of existing support orders; and providing for assignment of custody and visitation rights during military deployment.

**SB 1237 (Pr. No. 1847) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Prison Industry Enhancement Authority; providing for employment of prisoners by private industry and for subcontracts with correctional agencies; establishing guidelines for prisoner compensation; and providing for location of private sector prison industry.

**SB 1275 (Pr. No. 1764)**

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for violation of terms of parole.

**SB 1299 (Pr. No. 1848) (Amended)**

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentences for second and subsequent offenses, for sentencing generally, for sentence of county intermediate punishment and for county intermediate punishment programs; in State intermediate punishment, further providing for definitions and for referral to State intermediate punishment program; in recidivism risk reduction incentive, further providing for definitions; and making editorial changes.

**HB 90 (Pr. No. 82)**

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prevention of abduction of children.

Senator BRUBAKER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bill:

**SB 672 (Pr. No. 1845) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.303, No.83), referred to as the Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law, further providing for prohibited means of destroying animals, for exclusions, for use of carbon monoxide systems and for use of drugs by humane societies and animal shelters; providing for enforcement; and further providing for penalties.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED  
FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following resolution:

**SR 288 (Pr. No. 1829)**

A Resolution designating April 16, 2010, as "Healthcare Decisions Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

**SR 253 (Pr. No. 1710)**

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to study the problem of human trafficking and to make a report to the Senate on the issue of human trafficking, including a proposed State plan for the prevention of human trafficking and any recommendations for changes in State law, policies and procedures.

The PRESIDENT. The resolutions 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 Tomlinson.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Boscola, and a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

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

Senator O'Pake requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Boscola, and a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Senator O'PAKE asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator MELLOW, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 10, 2010, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 10, 2010.

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	Mensch	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 SHIRLEY M. KITCHEN**  
**PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator KITCHEN. Mr. President, today we have visiting with us the Saint William Church senior citizen group, accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Ruth McGhee.

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

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL W. BRUBAKER**  
**PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, it is a privilege for me to introduce the 2008 Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America Queen, who is in the gallery today. She is from East Hempfield Township, and her name is Carole Campbell.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Brubaker please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN**  
**PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we have a number of guests here today who are from Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America, and I hope we will recognize them and give them a good welcome. They are from a variety of districts. We have Patricia Kuhn, the 2006 Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America, who is from Senator Waugh's district. We have Shirley Karinch, who is from Senator Folmer's district, here today. And we have Carole Campbell, whom Senator Brubaker already introduced, who was the

2008 queen. Shirley was the 2001 queen. And from my district, the 2009 queen, the most recent queen, is Willetta Silva, from the Phoenixville area.

In addition to them, we have a number of people who accompany the Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America pageant in terms of hair and clothing, photography, and other aspects of the pageant, including Sarah Bauers from Shillington, which I believe is in Senator O'Pake's district; Joseph Gassanja from Norristown, which is in Senator Leach's district; Al Fonda from King of Prussia, which is also in Senator Leach's district; and Gerald Hottinger from Mechanicsburg, which is in Senator Vance's district.

Mr. President, this is a wonderful contest. I am very proud that the queen is from my district, and I know all the other Senators are proud of their representatives here. I ask the Senate to give a warm welcome to our queens here in Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Dinniman and the other Senators please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY**  
**PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator McIlhinney.

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce a few of my constituents, who have joined me in Harrisburg for the day. Elizabeth Sigety is here, along with her family, and they are lifelong constituents of Bucks County. Elizabeth won a day at the Capitol through a benefit silent auction. She is an attorney and partner with Fox Rothschild, and she is also a managing director of an investors group in Bucks County which invests in fast-growth companies in this region. Elizabeth and her family live on an operating farm in Bedminster. So please join me in giving the Sigety family a warm welcome to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE**  
**PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, also in the gallery is a group of fourth-grade students from La Salle Academy in Shillington. They are here with their teacher, Susan Teskey, and several parents and chaperones. They visited the State Museum and are here to watch the Senate in action. It is an excellent school, Mr. President, one of our finest, and we are glad we had the opportunity. I ask the Chair to extend its warm welcome to the students from La Salle Academy in Shillington, Berks County.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator O'Pake please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER**  
**PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, Senator Dinniman wants to apologize for missing a very important person here. This is Mrs. Doris Ulrich, who happens to also be the director of Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America. So let us give her a warm welcome to the Senate, also. Sorry about that, Doris.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Folmer 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 of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I ask Democrats to report to our caucus room after the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately in the Rules room, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Boscola has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**CALENDAR**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 485 (Pr. No. 3361)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of illegal dumping of methamphetamine waste; imposing a penalty; and providing for the offense of operation of methamphetamine laboratory.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 485?

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 485.

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
Earl	Logan	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	
Erickson	Mensch	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 Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 126 (Pr. No. 1740)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties, for liquefied ammonia gas, precursors and chemicals, for methamphetamine production, for operating a methamphetamine laboratory and illegal dumping of methamphetamine waste and for environmental costs.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 126?

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 126.

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	Mensch	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 Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 464, HB 602, SB 1023, SB 1024, SB 1072, SB 1157, SB 1180 and HB 1300** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS  
AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

**SB 629, SB 1026 and SB 1186** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 67, SB 85, HB 117, SB 174, SB 214, SB 351, HB 422, SB 771, SB 918, SB 964, HB 975, SB 1144, SB 1147 and SB 1155** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

**SB 1198 (Pr. No. 1603)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Safe Community Reentry Program; and providing for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and the Department of Corrections.

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

**SB 1202 (Pr. No. 1772)** -- 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, further providing for school district payments.

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

**SB 1238 (Pr. No. 1713)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in county jail oversight board in counties of the second class and second class A, further providing for scope of subchapter, for definitions and for county jail oversight board; and making an editorial change.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1245, SB 1252, HB 1720, HB 2003 and HB 2070** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES  
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator PILEGGI, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

SECRETARY OF CONSERVATION  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

November 19, 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, The Honorable *[sic]* John H. Quigley, 527 Colony Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Michael F. DiBerardinis, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

October 21, 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, Eugene B. Chaiken, 1141 Springmont Circle, Bryn Mawr 19010, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

October 21, 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, Alvin H. Clemens, 500 Huston Road, St. David's 19087, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2012, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

SECRETARY OF REVENUE

December 15, 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, The Honorable [*sic*] C. Daniel Hassell, 4285 Beaufort Hunt Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Revenue, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Stephen H. Stetler, York, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE**

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator PILEGGI, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

**SR 286 (Pr. No. 1819)**

A Resolution recognizing May 6, 2010, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, STACK, FONTANA, MUSTO, ORIE, STOUT, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, SMUCKER, KITCHEN, FERLO, LOGAN, PIPPY, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, WAUGH, KASUNIC, EARLL, TARTAGLIONE and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 293**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2010 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators TARTAGLIONE, STACK, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, FERLO, ERICKSON, LOGAN, WILLIAMS, EARLL, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, ALLOWAY, TOMLINSON, BAKER, PIPPY, COSTA, ORIE, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, FARNESE, WARD, D. WHITE and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 294**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2010 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes April 2010 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. We make this designation in an attempt to raise awareness of the impact that sexual violence has on our society. Sexual assault can affect people of any gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or ability. Sexual assault takes on many forms. It is any unwanted sexual contact, which includes rape, attempted rape, and child abuse. Perpetrators of sexual assault can be friends, acquaintances, family members, or strangers.

The statistics are staggering. One in four girls and one in six boys in the United States will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18. One in five college women in the United States will be victims of sexual assault by the time they graduate. In 2008, there were 3,440 forcible rape offenses reported to police departments in this Commonwealth.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing April 2010 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" to encourage all Pennsylvanians to put an end to sexual violence, to take steps toward preventing it, and to help survivors find ways to deal with their victimization through counseling and support services. Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

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

Senators STACK, ORIE, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BAKER, STOUT, MUSTO, PIPPY, FERLO, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, LOGAN, WILLIAMS, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY, VOGEL, LEACH, WASHINGTON, FARNESE, WARD and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 295**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2010 as "Autism Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I join with my colleague, Senator Orié--and also, Senator Rafferty has worked with us on this issue--seeking unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the resolution declaring April 2010 as "Autism Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Autism spectrum disorders are developmental disabilities that affect a person's ability to communicate and relate to others. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one of every 110 American children have some kind of autism. There are more than 20,000 individuals with autism here in Pennsylvania, and that number, troublingly, continues to rise.

Unfortunately, doctors are still trying to find out what causes autism and why the rates are so high in our children. We do, however, know that the symptoms appear in the first 2 or 3 years of a child's life. And we know that early intervention therapy is crucial to helping children improve their developmental and social skills. But therapy is not the only answer, Mr. President. Children and adults with autism, and their families, need support services in their communities. Thankfully, the Department of Public Welfare's Bureau of Autism Services offers families a chance to apply for mini-grants that can be used for childcare, summer camp programs, special events at educational venues, conferences, training opportunities, community programs, or safety modifications for homes or communities.

We, as a Commonwealth, must provide individuals living with autism with every opportunity possible so that they can enjoy a greater quality of life. Mr. President, autism spectrum disorders touch many lives. That is why I ask my colleagues to join me and Senator Orié in declaring April 2010 as "Autism 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.

### 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 Eric T. Ritchey, Mrs. T's Pierogies of Shenandoah, D.G. Yuengling and Son, Inc., of Pottsville, Quandel Enterprises, Inc., of Minersville, Solar Innovations, Inc., of Pine Grove, and to Full Service Foods Group of McAdoo by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frank Godino by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gary R. Green, John Amole, Alex Draper, Diana Neatrou, Analytical Graphics, Inc., of Exton, Chester County African American Health and Awareness Expo, Spring City Elementary School and to the members and coach of the Phoenixville Area High School Robotics Club by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dan M. Boda, John Hill, George Mack, Sean Jones, Zak Shuttleworth and to John E. Marino by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gladys Bruce and to John Drebot by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Narberth Community Theatre by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosenberg by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Todd Herzog, Lee Todora, Terry Daubert, Edward Ferraro and to Samuel Burgio by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jean Connolly by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Bingaman and to the members of the American-Japanese Alumni of West Lawn by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Luther H. Route by Senators O'Pake and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the North Hills Senior High School Drive Safe PA Team of Pittsburgh by Senator Orié.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Glowacki by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Winfield Schafer by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Woodings, Amelia Forte, Emily Buckley, Keenan Turns, Steven Von Neida and to Christopher Wiederhoeft by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven Fly-In by Senator Wozniak.

### POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

Posthumous citations honoring the late Mr. and Mrs. Amelio Scott and the late Charles Merolla were extended to the families by Senator Boscola.

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator FOLMER. 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 672, SB 944, SB 1184, SB 1221, SB 1237, SB 1246, SB 1249, SB 1275, SB 1299, HB 9, HB 90, HB 687, HB 1187 and HB 1196.**

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

9:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to discuss the privatization of weights and measures enforcement in the Commonwealth)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing to consider the nominations of Col. Michael R. Evans, Col. Timothy J. Hilty, Col. Jeffrey R. Elliott and Col. Andrew P. Schafer as Brigadier General in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (joint public hearing with House Liquor Control Committee on Liquor Control Board issues and budget)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 507)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 982)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010

9:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to receive testimony regarding Philadelphia criminal justice system)	Phila. Bar Assn., 1101 Market St. 11th Floor Phila., PA
11:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE and TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on Statewide Radio Network)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing to consider the nomination of Harriet Dichter as Secretary of Public Welfare)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing on veteran homes and other veteran issues)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bill No. 699; and a public hearing on the Department of Aging's Integrated Care Option)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

11:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Senate Bills No. 201, 684 and 1160, reducing size of the legislature)	Penn St. Beaver Student Union Auditorium 100 Univ. Dr. Monaca, PA
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## RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.