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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 20, 2011

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

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN LORING, Pastor of The Baptist Church in the Great Valley, Devon, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the beauty of this State. From the Delaware River to the Ohio, from Lake Erie to Lake Wallenpaupack, this land is blessed with an abundance of beauty and natural resources. We pray that You will guide us so that we may be good stewards of this bounty.

We pray particularly for those whose homes and livelihoods were shattered by the recent flooding along the Susquehanna River. We pray particularly for those who are searching for jobs, for those who are facing the many changes that changing technology is bringing to our State.

Lord, we are thankful for those men and women who have devoted their lives to the development of technology, education, medicine, and industry. Please give us the humility to realize how we are today standing upon the shoulders of giants.

O Lord, throughout the Commonwealth, we see plaques and monuments commemorating those who have served with the military, the police, or with local fire departments. This afternoon, we pray that these elected officials may serve with the awareness that their service is also an honored one. We pray, O Lord, that You would bless them as they do the important, and often difficult, work of building consensus and finding compromise as they govern this State. Please strengthen their integrity. Please preserve them from hubris and the pride that has been the ruin of so many. Please grant them traveling mercies, and protect their families and loved ones while they are away.

This afternoon, we pray particularly for their staff, who do so much of the work of reading, preparing bills, and ferreting out the implications of legislation. Working quietly in the shadows, please guide and empower them in their important work. We pray that a spirit of wisdom, justice, and compassion will pervade this Chamber as the work proceeds, that You may be honored in all that is done. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Loring, who is the guest today of Senator Dinniman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

**MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS
LICENSURE BOARD**

September 19, 2011

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, John R. Hill, AIA, LEED AP, 12 Spring Wood Drive, Allentown 18104, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dennis R. Connell, Bethlehem, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

September 19, 2011

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, Mark H. Dambly, 354 Darlington Road, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

September 19, 2011

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, Peter A. Khoury, 5156 Cassidy Drive, Schnecksville 18078, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rodney P. Hughes, Mayfield, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 20, 2011

Senators BROWNE, WAUGH, VANCE, MENSCH, EARLL, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1207**, 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 county bureau to collect taxes, for system of accounting and distribution, for reimbursement of county and charges and for agent of taxing districts and lien certificates.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 20, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, WAUGH, VANCE, MENSCH, EARLL, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1208**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, changing the date from which, and the rate of which, interest is charged on certain delinquent taxes and other municipal claims; providing for the duties of third-party collectors and for adoption of ordinance for the exclusive collection of taxes; further providing for locality index; modernizing the law relating to collection of such taxes and claims; and providing for severability.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 20, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FERLO, FONTANA and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 1218**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment, implementation and administration of a program for the return of prescription drugs; and imposing additional powers and duties on the State Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, September 20, 2011.

Senators M. WHITE, PICCOLA, VANCE, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, EARLL and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1244**, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of June 2, 1993 (P.L.45, No.15), known as the Public Employee Fair Share Fee Law, relieving certain employee organizations of certain duties and obligations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 20, 2011.

Senators M. WHITE, PICCOLA, VANCE, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, EARLL and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1245**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of Department of Labor and Industry, eliminating authority for the fair share fee for employees of Commonwealth entities; and relieving certain employee organizations of certain duties and obligations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 20, 2011.

Senators M. WHITE, PICCOLA, VANCE, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, EARLL and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1246**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting employers from making employment conditional on certain labor organization status; and providing remedies and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 20, 2011.

Senators M. WHITE, PICCOLA, VANCE, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, EARLL and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1247**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of Department of Labor and Industry, eliminating authority for the fair share fee for employees of school entities; and relieving certain employee organizations of certain duties and obligations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 20, 2011.

Senators FOLMER, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, WAUGH, PICCOLA, BROWNE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1248**, entitled:

An Act establishing the State Apprenticeship and Training Commission; transferring functions of the State Apprenticeship and Training Council; providing for an Executive Director of Apprenticeship and Training and for subjects of transfer; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 20, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, WASHINGTON and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1250**, entitled:

An Act providing for surface owner protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 20, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1251**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 20, 1979 (P.L.183, No.60), entitled "An act regulating the terms and conditions of certain leases regarding natural gas and oil," providing for computation of oil and gas royalties; and further providing for well designations.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 20, 2011.

Senators BLAKE, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, MENSCH, COSTA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, McILHINNEY,

BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, EARLL, YUDICHAK, WAUGH, BROWNE, FARNESE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair SB 1253, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1959 (PL.454, No.86), entitled "An act permitting the recording of leases, subleases and agreements to lease or sublease; permitting the recording of memoranda thereof; prescribing the minimum contents of such memoranda; prescribing the effect of recording such instruments, including provisions thereof for the purchase of or refusal on the demised premises; and specifying that the recording of such a memorandum shall be a sufficient recording of the full lease, sublease, or agreement in connection with the assignment or mortgaging of the lessee's interest therein," providing for requirement for certain leases and imposing a duty of certain lessees relating to the recording of mortgages.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 20, 2011.

Senators ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, HUGHES, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WAUGH, D. WHITE, YUDICHAK, GREENLEAF and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 1255, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enacting the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 20, 2011.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 733 (Pr. No. 746)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for responsibility of parents and guardians and for pre-trial diversion program.

SB 883 (Pr. No. 963)

An Act amending Title 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating provisions on administrative procedure and rulemaking; and making related repeals.

SB 1167 (Pr. No. 1399)

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne, Senator Piccola, and Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 22, 2011, and June 23, 2011, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 22, 2011, and June 23, 2011.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals 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-48

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tartaglione
Argall	Erickson	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	Orie	Vance
Blake	Ferlo	Piccola	Vogel
Boscola	Folmer	Pileggi	Ward
Brewster	Fontana	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Gordner	Rafferty	White Donald
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Robbins	White Mary Jo
Corman	Hughes	Scarnati	Williams
Costa	Kasunic	Schwank	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Solobay	Yaw
Earll	Leach	Stack	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
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 and Members of the Senate, if I may have your attention for a second, it is my pleasure to introduce our pastor to you, Reverend John Loring. He is from a very important church in the history of this Commonwealth. It is The Baptist Church of the Great Valley. This church is over 300 years old. In the graveyard of this church, there are people buried who fought in every war of this nation, going back to the

French and Indian War in the early 18th century. Many Revolutionary War soldiers passed through this area. This church was a center for the patriots in the American Revolution. This church was the center for the abolitionist movement in the Antebellum Period before the Civil War.

We are very blessed in Chester County that the Great Valley is one of the first areas settled out from Philadelphia. There are three churches that are over 300 years old. There is the Great Valley Presbyterian Church, whose pastor had been here earlier this year. There is St. Peter's Episcopal Church in the Great Valley, and The Baptist Church in the Great Valley.

So, Mr. President, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce Pastor Loring. Now, he is the 34th pastor of this church. When pastors come to this church, they stay. In 300 years, there have only been 34 pastors. This is one of the historic and great churches of this nation.

It is my privilege to introduce Pastor Loring, Mr. President. His daughters are here, and two of the senior members of the congregation are here, the Hoovers from Tredyffrin Township. Mr. President, I ask that we give a warm greeting not only to these individuals, but to what this church represents in the history of our nation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Dinniman please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(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 Appropriations 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. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations 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 LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Browne and Senator Yaw 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 a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Orie.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Farnese and Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Orie.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Farnese and Senator Leach.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 9 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 378 (Pr. No. 342) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known as the Civil Service Act, further providing for definitions and for the State Civil Service Commission.

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-48

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tartaglione
Argall	Erickson	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	Orie	Vance
Blake	Ferlo	Piccola	Vogel
Boscola	Folmer	Pileggi	Ward
Brewster	Fontana	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Gordner	Rafferty	White Donald
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Robbins	White Mary Jo
Corman	Hughes	Scarnati	Williams
Costa	Kasunic	Schwank	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Solobay	Yaw
Earl	Leach	Stack	Yudichak

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.

HB 712 (Pr. No. 726) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating State Route 997 within the limits of the Borough of Mont Alto, Franklin County, as the Sgt. Edward W. Shaffer Memorial Highway.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tartaglione
Argall	Erickson	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	Orie	Vance
Blake	Ferlo	Piccola	Vogel
Boscola	Folmer	Pileggi	Ward
Brewster	Fontana	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Gordner	Rafferty	White Donald
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Robbins	White Mary Jo
Corman	Hughes	Scarnati	Williams
Costa	Kasunic	Schwank	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Solobay	Yaw
Earl	Leach	Stack	Yudichak

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 162 (Pr. No. 167) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act, further providing for notification of breach.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator PILEGGI offered the following amendment No. A5077:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "breach":
; and providing for investigation of breach involving a county, school district or municipality and for individuals responsible for breach

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "a subsection" and inserting:

subsections

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by striking out "government entity" and inserting:

State agency

Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "or political subdivision"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by striking out "or political subdivi-

sion"

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 3 and 4:

(a.2) Notification by county, school district or municipality.--If a county, school district or municipality is the subject of a breach of security of the system, the county, school district or municipality shall provide notice of the breach of security of the system required under subsection (a) within seven days following discovery of the breach. Notification shall be provided to the district attorney in the county in which the breach occurred within three business days following discovery of the breach. Notification shall occur regardless of the existence of procedures and policies under section 7.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 5, by striking out "a section" and inserting:

sections

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "government" in line 6 and "entity" in line 7 and: inserting

State agency

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 15 and 16:

Section 3.2. Investigation of breach involving a county, school district or municipality.

(a) Investigation --Upon receipt of notification under section 3(a.2), the district attorney shall investigate the breach. The investigation shall include a review of procedures, a determination of the cause of the breach and recommendations to the county, school district or municipality relating to prevention of similar breaches in the future.

(b) Cost --The cost of the investigation under section 3(a.2) shall be paid by the county, school district or municipality where the breach occurred.

(c) Attorney General.--If the district attorney determines that the breach of security of the system warrants an investigation by the Office of Attorney General, the district attorney may request that the Attorney General join or take over the investigation.

Section 3.3. Individuals responsible for breach.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, if a breach of security of the system was caused by an intentional act or misuse of the system or intentional unauthorized access to the system, an individual determined by a court to be responsible for the breach may be ordered by the court to pay for the cost of the investigation and the cost of repairing and restoring the system.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?
It was agreed to.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 361 (Pr. No. 342) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, further providing for disclosure of records.

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

HB 389 (Pr. No. 353) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the Mill Creek Bridge on the new Route 202 Parkway in Warrington Township, Bucks County, as the George W. Niblock Bridge.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 405 and **SB 449** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 725 (Pr. No. 731) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for officers to be elected, for election of assessors, for filling vacancies in elective borough offices, for powers of assessors and for duplicate assessments.

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

SB 726 (Pr. No. 732) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for elected officers enumerated, for vacancies in general, for the corporate power of first class townships being vested in the board of township commissioners, for elected officers in townships of the first class and for additions and revisions to duplicates.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 957 and **SB 967** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1424 (Pr. No. 1852) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the establishment, registration, licensing and use of a Pennsylvania Preferred trademark; establishing the Pennsylvania Preferred Trademark Licensing Fund; and providing for penalties and for enforcement.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 100 (Pr. No. 1329) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Commission on sentencing, further providing for powers and duties and for publication of guidelines; in sentences, further providing for sentences for second and subsequent offenses, for sentencing generally and for sentence of county intermediate punishment; providing for court-imposed sanctions for offenders violating probation; further providing for county intermediate punishment programs; in visitation, further providing for general provisions; in inmate prerelease plans, providing for time eligibility for prerelease; in motivational boot camp, further providing for definitions and for selection of inmate participants; 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; 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.

SB 281 (Pr. No. 1553) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for commissioners sole contractors for county, for contract procedures, terms and bonds and advertising for bids and for evasion of advertising requirements.

SB 282 (Pr. No. 1554) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, further regulating contracts as to purchasing and advertising requirements.

SB 283 (Pr. No. 1555) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for competitive bidding of contracts.

SB 284 (Pr. No. 1556) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for contracts and acquisition of property and for general regulations concerning contracts.

SB 285 (Pr. No. 1557) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for regulation of contracts, for evasion of advertising requirements and for certain purchase contracts.

SB 286 (Pr. No. 1558) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," further providing for regulation of contracts; providing for adjustment; further providing for evasion of advertising requirements, for contracts between \$750 and \$10,000 and for separate bids for plumbing, heating, ventilating and electrical work.

SB 287 (Pr. No. 1559) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for competitive bidding of contracts by intergovernmental units, by parking authorities, by municipal authorities and by metropolitan transportation authorities.

SB 288 (Pr. No. 1560) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further regulating contracts and purchases.

SB 289 (Pr. No. 1561) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1936 (Sp.Sess., P.L.95, No.38 1/2), entitled "An act to authorize and empower cities, boroughs, towns, and townships, separately or jointly, to provide for protection against floods by erecting and constructing certain works and improvements, located within or without their territorial limits, and within or without the county in which situate; and to expend moneys and incur indebtedness; to assess benefits against property benefited; to issue improvement bonds imposing no municipal liability; and to acquire, take, injure or destroy property for such purposes," further providing for competitive bidding of contracts.

SB 290 (Pr. No. 1562) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 29, 1937 (P.L.526, No.118), referred to as the Political Subdivision Joint Purchases Law, increasing the amount of purchases that may be made subject to certain conditions.

SB 291 (Pr. No. 1563) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 29, 1953 (P.L.1034, No.270), known as the Public Auditorium Authorities Law, increasing the dollar amount of supplies and materials which may be purchased without advertising.

SB 292 (Pr. No. 1564) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of August 7, 1936 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.106, No.46), referred to as the Flood Control Law, further providing for contracts and acquisition of property; and providing for adjustment and for evasion of advertising requirements.

SB 293 (Pr. No. 1565) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 5, 1947 (P.L.1217, No.498), known as the State Public School Building Authority Act, further providing for competitive bidding of contracts; and providing for evasion of advertising requirements.

SB 295 (Pr. No. 1566) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for awards of contracts, completion bond, additional bond for protection of materialmen and others.

SB 296 (Pr. No. 1567) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for adjustments based on Consumer Price Index; and further providing for work to be done under contract let on bids and exception, for purchase of supplies, for contracts for construction, repair, renovation or maintenance, for project contracts and for powers and duties of institution presidents.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 175, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and honoring the life and service of Freemansburg Police Officer Robert A. Lasso and paying tribute to his sacrifice in the line of duty.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise with profound sadness to introduce a resolution that honors the life and sacrifice of Freemansburg Police Officer Robert Lasso. Pennsylvania lost one of its finest when Officer Lasso gave his life on August 11, 2011, in the performance of his duties.

A 9-year Freemansburg Police veteran, Officer Lasso died while responding to a disturbance call, courageously putting his life on the line. While on the call, Officer Lasso was attacked by two dogs owned by the man charged with his death. Upon instructions of his police chief, Officer Lasso attempted to taser the dogs. While trying to defend himself, Officer Lasso was shot and killed. He was only 31 years old.

He was a professional in every sense of the word. He was bold, and he was strong. He demonstrated the finest attributes of a community police officer - steadfast, brave, dependable. Officer Lasso served as a role model for not only all police officers and those in public service, but he was such a loving, loving husband to his wife, Jennifer, and father of his two children, Rose and Frankie.

Mr. President, Officer Lasso was personable and friendly, and everyone in our community loved him. He was viewed by his fellow officers, friends, colleagues, and family as a leader who could be counted on in the most difficult of situations. Officer Lasso's untimely death reminds us all how brave and invaluable our police officers are. He bravely upheld the highest qualities and principles of being a police officer and risked his own life for the citizens he swore to protect.

One of the quotes etched into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., speaks to the life of Officer Lasso, and all others who have lost their lives in public service: "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Mr. President, this resolution is a way for the State Senate to officially pay tribute to Officer Robert Lasso, his sacrifice, his duty, and his courageous example. But more importantly, I hope that each one of us will keep Officer Lasso and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

I urge unanimous adoption of this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. All those in favor will please rise and join with me in a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Police Officer ROBERT A. LASSO.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair declares the resolution unanimously adopted.

Senators FONTANA, COSTA, ORIE, FERLO, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY and PIPPY, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 176, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the Duquesne University School of Law on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, on Tuesday, September 25, 1911, the Duquesne University School of Law opened its doors, holding its first classes in the George Building on Fourth Avenue in the city of Pittsburgh. In December 1913, Oscar G. Meyer became the first Duquesne University School of Law student to pass the State bar exam. One hundred years later, Mr. President, Duquesne's law school is respected regionally and has gained increasing national notice, with its rank among the nation's top 100 by Super Lawyers and as a "Best Value" by National Jurist.

Thousands of men and women have passed through the doors of the law school en route to distinguished careers. Over 7,200 graduates are practicing in every field of law. That list, Mr. President, includes two of our own colleagues, Senator Jay Costa, Jr., and Senator Jane Clare Orié, both of whom boast a JD from the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Duquesne University School of Law will hold its black-tie centennial gala on Saturday, September 24, to celebrate its past, present, and future. I wish it the very best on this milestone and congratulate the Duquesne University School of Law on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

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 PIPPY, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, FONTANA, STACK, BROWNE, COSTA, KASUNIC, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, WAUGH, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 177**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 19 through 25, 2011, as "Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encouraging public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and the impact the disease has on patients.

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

Senators BRUBAKER, MENSCH, STACK, FARNESE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, COSTA, BAKER, PIPPY, TOMLINSON, WARD, SCHWANK, YAW, PILEGGI, HUGHES, D. WHITE, VOGEL, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, FERLO and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 178**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 2011 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, every day across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1 in 5 citizens are faced with hunger or food insecurity. With the continued economic challenges to both the State and the country as a whole, we are seeing an extreme rise in the use of our food pantries and soup kitchens across the Commonwealth. As co-chair of the Legislative Hunger Caucus, I have worked closely with my co-chair, Representative John Myers in the House, to bring the first-ever Capitol Hunger Garden to the Pennsylvania Capitol grounds.

The garden has now produced over 1,000 pounds of fresh vegetables for local soup kitchens and food pantries over the past two growing seasons. But it has also brought to light the larger issue of food insecurity in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Hopefully, our collective garden has inspired communities to start their own vegetable gardens in order to be able to give back to their communities. Today, I ask my colleagues in the Senate for an affirmative vote to recognize this month, the month of September, as "Hunger Action Month" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I just wanted to thank Senator Brubaker for his leadership. This question of hunger is a very serious one in this Commonwealth. I represent the same county that Senator Brubaker represents part of, which is considered to be the wealthiest county in Pennsylvania, but we have 70,000 people in food need within our county. Fifteen years ago, I started a gleaning program similar to the hunger garden that was established here. We recently picked our one-millionth pound of crops to distribute to those in need.

I rise because Senator Brubaker has stated a real problem in the Commonwealth now, especially in this economy. There are people who are hungry. There are people eating only one meal a day. There are people eating cereal and potatoes three times a day. Some are elderly, some are young, and many are in between. And we need to come together as a Commonwealth. We are not going to solve this through government action. We are going to solve it when the good people come together, when people of faith step into the breach of need and solve it. Hunger is solvable, and it just takes the will of the good people of this Commonwealth to solve it.

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 FARNESE, DINNIMAN, STACK, BROWNE, FONTANA, FERLO, BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY and WASHINGTON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 179**, entitled:

A Resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Day, which is being observed on September 21, 2011, throughout the world.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I offer remarks for the record on behalf of Senator Farnese.

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

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

Mr. President, today I introduce the following resolution honoring September 21, 2011, known as the U.N. "International Day of Peace." William Penn founded Pennsylvania on the principle of brotherly love, peace, and equality. The very basis of our rights in this country was given birth here. Yet today, we see violence, war, and inequality everywhere we turn, both here at home and elsewhere around the world.

In 1981, the United Nations declared an International Day of Peace be observed, a day for nonviolence and strengthening the ideals of peace. In 2001, September 21st was designated as the day the International Day of Peace would be celebrated each year. This day is known as "Peace Day" in the U.S. Peace Day has given the world a 24-hour window for ceased hostility and allowed for great humanitarian acts across the globe, particularly in war-torn areas. For example, Peace Day has been observed in Afghanistan for 4 consecutive years (2006-10) on a national scale, and 4.5 million children have benefitted from polio immunizations. This is just one of many examples of the good works done by organizations and individuals observing Peace Day.

The day also provides us with an opportunity to engage with one another in our communities for the myriad of activities celebrating Peace Day, including discussions on violence cessation, art exhibits, sporting events, peace walks, and school assemblies. This year is the 30th anniversary of Peace Day, and the U.N. theme for this Peace Day is "Let your voice be heard."

The greater Philadelphia region will be joining in the global observance on September 21, 2011, with the first-ever region-wide Peace Day observance involving over 35 organizations. Peace Day - Philly 2011, an initiative of volunteers in affiliation with the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia and the Alliance for a Sustainable Future, has partnered with nonprofit and non-governmental organizations to offer free programs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Peace Day. Other Peace Day initiatives are scheduled across Pennsylvania, including in Pittsburgh, Lancaster, State College, and West Chester.

I encourage all Pennsylvanians to actively participate in Peace Day activities in their areas and to take time tomorrow to put aside conflicts and reflect on what global peace can accomplish.

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 TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, BAKER, ALLOWAY, FARNESE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, STACK, DINNIMAN, MENSCH, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, PILEGGI, VANCE, EARLL, M. WHITE, PIPPY, GREENLEAF, D. WHITE, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA and SCARNATI, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 180**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2011 as "Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, and commending the Buoniconti Fund for its ongoing support of research to find a cure for spinal cord injury paralysis.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, every 48 minutes, someone in the U.S. is paralyzed from a spinal cord injury. More than 240,000 Americans are living with paralysis and the knowledge that there is currently no cure. Although there is no cure, the advances in research have been encouraging. In 1985, a college football player, Marc Buoniconti, was paralyzed from a neck injury during a game. Months later, his father, Football Hall of Famer Nick Buoniconti, started the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis and the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. In 2009, Buffalo Bills player Kevin Everett suffered a fractured spine during an NFL game. The Buffalo team doctor had just attended a seminar at the Miami Project detailing a new treatment for the injury. The treatment included injecting Everett with ice-cold saline to reduce his body temperature and swelling. Just over 3 months later, Kevin Everett was walking again.

Mr. President, there are not enough stories like that one. There should be many, many more. While football players receive a lot of attention, there are thousands dealing with spinal cord injuries noticed only by friends and family. Americans living with spinal cord paralysis are soldiers, sailors, Marines, students, teachers, scientists, mothers, fathers, and yes, even lawmakers. That is why I offer this resolution marking September as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month."

The campaign is supported by the Buoniconti Fund and the Miami Project, along with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to continue the work of treating and supporting those with spinal cord injuries. Organizers are asking, will you stand up for those who cannot? The intent is to create a national conversation about paralysis and to bring this condition to the forefront of public awareness.

We owe it to the young men and women who put themselves in harm's way for us, and we owe it to our society to make sure that those who have lost the use of their arms and legs are still able to contribute their talents. That means not only trying to find a cure for paralysis, but in the meantime, supporting advancements in technology that allow those living with spinal cord injury to contribute to society and to the economy. Lately, that support from State government has been shrinking, and that is counter to our goal of preserving families, creating jobs, and growing the economy.

Mr. President, I hope that this resolution will serve as a reminder that with the best treatment and support, every Pennsylvanian can live their life dreams and be a vital part of their communities. This is a very, very, very special resolution that I am offering, and I ask for a unanimous vote.

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 SOLOBAY, PILEGGI, BLAKE, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK,

TARTAGLIONE, WARD, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, M. WHITE, ALLOWAY, McILHINNEY, BOSCOLA and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 181**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 19, 2011, as "Animal Disaster Preparedness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Solobay.

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, the timeliness of this resolution has turned out to be just that, very timely. With the recent flooding disasters that have occurred throughout our State, it is again very vital to understand the importance of preparedness, regardless if it is for ourselves, or our pets and animals. Friends at the Humane Society tell me that while there were many success stories through the recent disaster, we still have a lot more work to do, and awareness is the key to this heightened need. While many weather emergencies and disasters occur, it is still time and time again shown that individuals and communities do not prepare and make themselves ready for the flooding. Again, while we truly are very much more concerned with the initial problems that occur, especially with individuals, we should also never forget our four-legged friends. I ask for unanimous 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 SOLOBAY, HUGHES, PILEGGI, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, ALLOWAY, McILHINNEY, BOSCOLA and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 182**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the week of September 17 through 23, 2011, as "Constitution Week" in Pennsylvania, and commending the National Pike Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for its patriotic support of this observance in our Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Solobay.

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, as said, this resolution commends the National Pike Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for its support of patriotic issues throughout the State. The resolution salutes these women and their fine organization for their patriotism and their efforts to educate others about historic preservation and the spirit of American independence.

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

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

Senators KASUNIC and ALLOWAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 183**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 24, 2011, as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, I rise for legislative approval of this resolution sponsored by Senator Alloway and myself that recognizes September 24 as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" here in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, it is worth noting that over 100 years ago, hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists to understand society's collective responsibility to protect our pristine environment and our natural resources.

Mr. President, sportsmen and women were the first conservationists. They were the ones who first recognized the need to protect our environment and our wildlife. Today, because of those efforts, thousands of acres here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been set aside for all Pennsylvanians to enjoy. Those lands and that acreage were set aside and paid for by sportsmen of this Commonwealth.

Today, eagles soar here in the Commonwealth. The peregrine falcon is alive and well. Elk have been reintroduced. River otters that had become extinct have been reintroduced in Pennsylvania. They are here and thriving because of what sportsmen have done in the way of conservation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, not to mention the elk herd, the deer herd, the bear, and the turkey and how they abound here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Certainly, I would be remiss if I did not point out the protection and the laws that were developed to protect our waterways, our pristine streams, and our rivers. Sportsmen and women were the first to seek laws against exploitation of our natural resources and wildlife and the first to call for species protection and sound wildlife management practices.

Mr. President, hunting and fishing are great, healthy, constructive activities. They provide great exercise, are challenging, relaxing, and fun. In addition, through the licensing fees, sportsmen help fund worthy conservation projects throughout this entire Commonwealth. As a lifelong sportsman myself, I urge all of you to venture out into Pennsylvania's great outdoors and give hunting or fishing a try. Apart from the sports themselves, you will see some of the most beautiful lakes, streams, and wood lots this State has to offer.

Mr. President, Senator Alloway and I urge a positive vote. Thank you.

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

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senator HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 184**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 25 through October 1, 2011, as the George E. Thorne Development Center's sixth annual "Praise is the Cure Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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 Kim Whipple and to Timothy James Reinert by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jay William Guyer and to the United States Youth Fly Fishing Team by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas A. Riley, Jr., and to David M. Frees, Jr., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Maryanne M. Parsons by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Larry Adiutori, Jr., by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. D. Henry Ruth, Larry Pijanowski, Edwin S. Kneedler, Linda Krelovich Sanfield, Mark Hoff, Scott Tantino, Jennifer Houser, Bradd DelMuto, Zac Fryling, members and coaches of the 1969 North Penn High School Baseball Team, members and coaches of the 1969 North Penn High School Track and Field Team, members and coaches of the 1968 North Penn High School Cross Country Team, members and coaches of the 1968 North Penn High School Soccer Team, members and coaches of the 1968 North Penn High School Football Team, members and coaches of the 1998 North Penn High School Girls' Water Polo Team, members and coaches of the 1996 North Penn High School Boys' Water Polo Team, members and coaches of the 1997 North Penn High School Girls' Track and Field Team and to the members and coaches of the 1995 North Penn High School Girls' Track and Field Team by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Roy Horne, Jennifer Best Akers, Dave Mannella and to Becky Smullin Dawson by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Herbert Vaughn Hatcher by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Colonel Fawaz Arab, Colonel Darius Jauniskis, Lieutenant Colonel Cristian Vial, Lieutenant Colonel Marco Barahona, Lieutenant Colonel Gjoko Maksimov, Lieutenant Colonel Temesgen Giday, Lieutenant Colonel Boris Rodriguez, Lieutenant Colonel Kim Schmidt, Lieutenant Colonel Hadji Kamel, Brigadier General Abu Muslim Ismail, Brigadier General Sami Kafawin, Brigadier General Peter Tapela, Brigadier Arvind Thakur, Brigadier General Akm Shamsuddin, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Al Dhafiri, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Mbite, Colonel Ki Soo Bae, Colonel Charles Kang'ethe, Colonel Koji Matsunaga, Colonel Raffaele Ferrillo, Colonel Eran Makov, Colonel Rukman Ahmad, Colonel Jens Koltermann, Colonel Khaled Osman, Colonel Najibullah Maqsodi, Colonel Michael Prictor, Colonel Taib Karaica, Colonel Dimitar Shivikov, Colonel Ricardo Costa

Neves, Colonel Salvator Siyabo, Colonel Wayne Eyre, Colonel Pablo Bonilla, Colonel Eugen Njari, Colonel Robert Bieleny and to Andrew Lindhome by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Martha Elizabeth Pocza by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable James R. Kelley by Senators Ward, Kasunic, and Costa.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 733, SB 883 and SB 1167.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 100, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 295 and 296)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1225, Library Code Reform)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

1:00 P.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing to accept testimony regarding the ongoing contractual dispute between Highmark and UPMC and Highmark's proposed acquisition of West Penn Allegheny Hospital)	Erie Insure. Auditorium 100 Erie Insurance Pl. Sixth & French Sts. Erie, PA
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

9:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing with the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on the possibility of establishing a State Disaster Assistance Program for communities that sustain damage that falls below federal thresholds for aid)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

- 9:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (for a review of the past payment practices of the Office of Developmental Programs) Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
- 9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing concerning navigating possible changes in the western PA health care delivery system) Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
POSTPONED

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011

- 9:30 A.M. URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing to discuss the Natural Gas Industry's Impact on Housing in Lycoming County) Mtn. Laurel Rm., Prof. Dev. Ctr. PA Colg. of Technology Campus 1 Colg. Ave. Williamsport, PA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

- 10:00 A.M. GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing regarding the PA Game Commission's Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas (WPRA), the implementation and administration of the Wild Pheasant Conservation Enhancement Program (CREP) and an overview of the Commission's Quail Management Program) Whitetail Ski Resort 13805 Blairs Valley Rd. Upper Mezzanine Mercersburg, PA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

- 1:00 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (public hearing on impact of FY 2011-12 General Appropriations Act and other various topics) Temple Univ. Sullivan Hall - Feinstone Lounge 1330 W. Polett Walk Phila, PA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

- 1:00 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (public hearing on impact of FY 2011-12 General Appropriations Act and other various topics) Lincoln Univ. Int'l Ctr. Ctr., 1570 Baltimore Pike Lincoln Univ. PA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011

- 10:30 A.M. EDUCATION (public hearing to receive testimony from Secretary of Education Ronald Tomalis on results of PDE investigation and analysis of 2009 PSSA testing anomalies) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011

- 12:00 P.M. GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 1037, 1049 and 1066; and House Bills No. 735 and 860) Room 8E-A East Wing

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, September 21, 2011, at 10 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 2:33 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.