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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2011

The Senate met at 10 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend MARK HAGER, Pastor of Hereford Mennonite Church, Bally, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, Lord God almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come. Great and marvelous are Your deeds. Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name, for You alone are holy.

One day, all nations will come and worship before You. We approach You humbly and ask that You would give all the Senators and their staffs the willing hearts of servants, that they may bless the people of Pennsylvania. Thank You for their call to public service. Lord, You tell us that when we need help, we should remember that our help comes from You, as the maker of heaven and earth. We all need help to give us daily wisdom, guidance, and direction.

Help our lives to be marked by grace and kindness to those around us and to those whom we serve. Lord, watch over the comings and goings in this place today and keep all safe from harm. Lord, help their constituents to be respectful and appreciative of their service, that their work may be a joy and not a burden. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God, forever and ever. We ask that You give attention to our prayers in the name of Jesus, amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Hager, who is the guest today of Senator Schwank.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 21, 2011

Senators EARLL, M. WHITE, MENSCH, ARGALL, FOLMER, WAUGH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1257**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 12 (Commerce and Trade) and 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Liberty Financing Authority; imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making related repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, September 21, 2011.

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 McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Smucker, Senator Ward, and Senator Waugh.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Costa, Senator Farnese, Senator Ferlo, Senator Tartaglione, Senator Williams, Senator Hughes, and Senator Stack, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Smucker, Senator Ward, and Senator Waugh.

Senator Fontana requests legislative leaves for Senator Costa, Senator Farnese, Senator Ferlo, Senator Tartaglione, Senator Williams, Senator Hughes, and Senator Stack, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator FONTANA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator LEACH and Senator WASHINGTON, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 26, 2011, and June 27, 2011, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 26, 2011, and June 27, 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	Mensch	Tartaglione
Argall	Erickson	Orie	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	Piccola	Vance
Blake	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vogel
Boscola	Folmer	Pippy	Ward
Brewster	Fontana	Rafferty	Waugh
Browne	Gordner	Robbins	White Donald
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White Mary Jo
Corman	Hughes	Schwank	Williams
Costa	Kasunic	Smucker	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Solobay	Yaw
Earll	McIlhinney	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 JUDY SCHWANK
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am really delighted to introduce the family of our pastor this morning, Pastor Mark Hager, who tends over the Hereford Mennonite Church in Bally, Pennsylvania, which is part of Berks County, the beautiful Butter Valley. His family is here in the gallery. His wife, Amy, is a substitute teacher in the Boyertown Area School District. His two daughters, Marissa, 9 years old, and Cassandra, 7 years old, are students at Washington Elementary School.

I would like to note that Pastor Hager is very involved in the Boyertown community, the Bally area, very active in the United Way, and also in youth groups and community centers in the borough of Bally. So it is really delightful to have them here today.

I have to make a special note that Pastor Hager is the former roommate of Erik Arneson. They were roommates at Temple University. Erik, of course, is the communications and policy director for the Majority party. So, there you go. Please welcome our guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Schwank from Bally, Pennsylvania, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

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.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 162 (Pr. No. 1568) -- 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; and providing for investigation of breach involving a state agency, for investigation of breach involving a county, school district or municipality and for individuals responsible for breach.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Tartaglione
Argall	Erickson	Orie	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	Piccola	Vance
Blake	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vogel
Boscola	Folmer	Pippy	Ward
Brewster	Fontana	Rafferty	Waugh
Browne	Gordner	Robbins	White Donald
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White Mary Jo
Corman	Hughes	Schwank	Williams
Costa	Kasunic	Smucker	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Solobay	Yaw
Earll	McIlhinney	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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 361, HB 389, SB 725 and SB 726 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

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 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	Mensch	Tartaglione
Argall	Erickson	Orie	Tomlinson
Baker	Farnese	Piccola	Vance
Blake	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vogel
Boscola	Folmer	Pippy	Ward
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Costa	Kasunic	Smucker	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Solobay	Yaw
Earl	McIlhinney	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 OVER IN ORDER

SB 100 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 281 (Pr. No. 1553) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 282 (Pr. No. 1554) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 283 (Pr. No. 1555) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 284 (Pr. No. 1556) -- 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 contracts and acquisition of property and for general regulations concerning contracts.

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

SB 285 (Pr. No. 1557) -- 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 regulation of contracts, for evasion of advertising requirements and for certain purchase contracts.

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

SB 286 (Pr. No. 1558) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 287 (Pr. No. 1559) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 288 (Pr. No. 1560) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 289 (Pr. No. 1561) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 290 (Pr. No. 1562) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 291 (Pr. No. 1563) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 292 (Pr. No. 1564) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 293 (Pr. No. 1565) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 295 (Pr. No. 1566) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 296 (Pr. No. 1567) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for 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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 405, SB 449, SB 733, SB 883, SB 957, SB 967 and SB 1167 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

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 Trisha Urban, Karen E. Shiffert, Marie Page and to Rita J. Lacey by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Siebecker, Jr., James Duffy, Anthony Paul Benedetti, John Patrick Murray and to Ryan Patrick Senholzi by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Boscola by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood E. Frankhouser, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Todd D'Agostino and to Spencer Elliott McLaughlin by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Mains by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Trinity Assembly of God of West Chester by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jacob Michael Trott by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel C. Szabat by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher M. Trawitz, Jr., by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew S. Rhoads and to the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Randal Pinkett and to Kenneth Gamble by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church of Brownsville by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy Panza by Senators Mensch and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Jerich, Isabel Miller, Ryan TeKolste and to Jennifer Louise DoVale by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary David Warren by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sharon McDermond and to Tyler George Wood by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Stanley Mazerowski by Senators Pippy and Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Straub, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gapinski and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Woodward by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Allen Barnett, Joshua C. Holland and to Max Z. Fischer by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders, Steve Kouklakis, Marie Loughman and to Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Francis Werner, Richard Benditt, Christopher Fisher, Michael Foley, Joseph Wojtiw, Arthur Seeger, Joseph Healy, Craig Murphy, David Tretter, Gerard Smink, John Ross, Joseph Mack, Gerard McKeow, Fred Endrikat, John O'Neill, Michael Whalen, Shawn Glynn, Louis Brasten, Robert Crossfield, Sylvester Evans, Joseph Lockett, William Reynolds, Ronald Nyari, John K. Robbins, Justin Kiefski, Robert Solis, Ernest Foley, Charles Brennan, William Phillips, Kevin Gahagan, Alvin Jenkins, Bruce Thomas, Matthew J. Flanagan, Edward Verbitski, Kenneth Pagurek and to the National Boricua Human Rights Network by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Nathaniel Cherry and to Frances Ann Jarvis by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mister Yu Chin Lee, Lieutenant Colonel Glorivine Dida, Colonel James Mazimba, Lieutenant Colonel Sadeq Garoon, Colonel Timothy Kingsberry, Colonel Ahmed Al Mazrouei, Colonel Yuriy Tsurko, Colonel Henri Van Axeldongen, Colonel Ivan Mikuz, Colonel Hassan Abosaq, Colonel Andrzej Solarz, Colonel Charles Ofoche, Colonel Jon Mangersnes, Colonel Ivo DeJong, Colonel Iram Moreno, Lieutenant Colonel Umit Kurt, Lieutenant Colonel Pedro Vazquez de Prada, Lieutenant Colonel Bennie Maloy, Lieutenant Colonel Zoran Nenadovic, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Giner, Lieutenant Colonel Malick Diagne, Lieutenant Colonel Didas Ndahiro, Lieutenant Colonel Loan Apafaiian, Lieutenant Colonel Rajko Pesic, Lieutenant Colonel Ganzorig Dovchinsuren, Lieutenant Colonel Oumar Diarra, Lieutenant Colonel El Hassane Aissa, Brigadier Farhat Sani, Brigadier Naeem Ashraf, Brigadier General Jittapol Kanthavijit, Brigadier

General Michael Ondoga, Brigadier General Ramesh Pun, Major General Udaya Perera, Patrick David Kennaly and to Erma Vera Mayberry by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anthony A. DeFazio by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the George E. Thorne Development Center by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin L. Davis by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Delahunty, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goheen and to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ghering by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Walter P. Palmer, Jr., Kofi Asante, Patrick C. Byrne, Camille Iyby Prettyman, Richard A. Lacontora and to Emmanuel C. Bich by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Paul McDonnell, Frank L. Lewicki and to Patricia Stella by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Elaine M. Gawronski by Senators Mensch and McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable John K. Reilly, Jr., by Senators Scarnati, D. White, and Wozniak.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Major Thomas E. Clark was extended to the family by Senator Scarnati.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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	Room 8E-B East Wing
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	Preparedness Committee on the possibility of establishing a State Disaster Assistance Program for communities that sustain damage that falls below federal thresholds for aid)	
11:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bill No. 628; and House Bills No. 10, 816 and 1054)	Room 461 Main Capitol
<u>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011</u>		
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) P O S T P O N E D	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
<u>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing to discuss the impact on housing in Lycoming County as a result of Marcellus Shale drilling and severe flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene)	Mtn. Laurel Rm., Prof. Dev. Ctr. PA Colg. of Technology Campus 1 Colg. Ave. Williamsport, PA
<u>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011</u>		
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
<u>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011</u>		
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
<u>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011</u>		
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (public hearing on impact of FY 2011-12 General Appropriations Act and other various topics)	Lincoln Univ. Int'l Ctrl. Ctr., 1570 Baltimore Pike Lincoln Univ., PA
<u>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011</u>		
10:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint hearing on storm related issues concerning utility services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

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.
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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
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011

9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing concerning navigating possible changes in the western Pennsylvania health care delivery system)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I just wanted to make a brief comment about House Bill No. 1424, which, of course, passed unanimously. It is, quite frankly, a fairly important bill for Pennsylvania agriculture from the standpoint of finally institutionalizing a trademark for the wonderful agricultural products that we produce here in Pennsylvania. It gives an opportunity for our farmers, our distributors, and others who are marketing Pennsylvania products, everything from milk to beef to produce, to use that Pennsylvania Preferred sticker so that consumers can know where that product came from, that it is wholesome, and that it is grown in Pennsylvania. We are in the middle of the local food revolution, so this is certainly important and a great way for us to continue to further that trend. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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 Monday, September 26, 2011, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 10:26 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.