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SENATE

MONDAY, April 30, 2012

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Bishop DANA KELLIS, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Carlisle, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, which art in Heaven, we are so grateful to be gathered this afternoon in this beautiful Chamber. We are grateful, Heavenly Father, for this great country, for its beauty, for its liberty, for its wonderful people who do not shrink from standing up to the great challenges they have faced in times past. We are grateful for this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for its communities, for its people whose industry, whose innovation, whose generosity and sacrifice provide the sacred funds that are necessary to run this government.

We are grateful for the men and women of this Senate, for their willingness to dedicate their lives to the government of this State. We ask a blessing: Heavenly Father, please infuse their minds and their hearts with the compassion, the charity, the wisdom, and the courage to face up to the grave challenges that this State faces. Please help them to lift the burdens of the oppressed, the weight of the downtrodden, to make it possible for the mothers and fathers in this State to provide homes for their children that are free from danger, so that their children might be able to pursue an education and be like them, great citizens of this State and of this country.

Please bless the sons and daughters of this State who stand in harm's way in foreign lands and in other places. Please help them to be protected, to be at peace, that in the leaders of the countries and nations of this world, hearts might be touched with a desire for peace and for liberty. Please help all of us to measure up to the great sacrifices of blood, of sweat, and of tears laid down by our forebears, that we might continue to be a great nation, a great State, a land of the free and a home of the brave. We humbly pray and do so in the sacred name of Thy son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Bishop Kellis, who is the guest today of Senator Vance.

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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION**

April 9, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Urenew Kirkwood, Tobyhanna, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

April 13, 2012

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, Mike Downing (Public Member), 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve until March 31, 2015, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Michael A. Huwar, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

April 16, 2012

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, Susan Whitney, PhD, PT, NCS, ATC, 314 Sunnyfield Drive, Glenshaw 15116, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

April 16, 2012

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, Douglas A. Enders, 361 Futurity Drive, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Vecchio, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAJOR GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

April 17, 2012

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, Brigadier General Roy E. Uptegraff, III, 213 Meadow Ridge Court, McKees Rocks 15136, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Major General, LINE, with assignment as Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Mobility Command, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice new position.

TOM CORBETT Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

April 17, 2012

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, Colonel Carol A. Eggert, 251 Foxgayte Lane, Pottstown 19465, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senato-

rial District, for appointment as Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice vacant position.

TOM CORBETT Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

April 17, 2012

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, Colonel Andrew P. Schafer, Jr., RR 2, Box 288, Dingmans Ferry 18328, Pike County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Walter T. Lord, reassigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

April 17, 2012

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, Colonel George M. Schwartz, 104 Leonards Lane, Phoenixville 19460, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice vacant position.

TOM CORBETT Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

April 17, 2012

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, Colonel Wilbur E. Wolf, III, 1056 Park Place, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice vacant position.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

April 17, 2012

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, Brigadier General John L. Gronski, 21 Asher Miner Road, Jonestown 17038, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Major General, LINE, with assignment as Commander, Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General Randall R. Marchi, reassigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 19, 2012

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, Kirk D. Stoner, AICP, 14 Meadowood Place, Boiling Springs 17007, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ellen Ferretti, Dallas, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 19, 2012

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 Jeff C. Wheeland, 1421 Harding Avenue, Williamsport 17701, Lycoming County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Judith Schwank, Fleetwood, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 23, 2012

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, Michele M. Mandell, 789 Larchmont Road, Pittsburgh 15243, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher

Education, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gwendolyn Simmons, Monongahela, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 23, 2012

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, Robert G. Miner, Jr., 403 Balsam Court, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Leo Krantz, Uniontown, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON PROBATION

April 23, 2012

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, Sean R. Ryan, 30 Endslo Lane, Perkasio 18944, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Probation, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice John T. Rago, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION

April 27, 2012

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, Mike Downing (District 5), 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas E. Boop, Esquire, Sunbury, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION

April 27, 2012

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, Stephanie Moore (District 8), 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gregory Isabella, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
CANCER CONTROL, PREVENTION
AND RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD

April 30, 2012

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, Pat Halpin-Murphy, 1019 Ingram Court, Ambler 19002, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

April 30, 2012

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, Robert J. Salera, Esquire, 1102 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Georganne V. Daher, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
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 STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 16, 2012

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 13, 2012, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Judith Schwank, Fleetwood, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2012

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 13, 2012, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lehigh County *[sic]*, Magisterial District 31-1-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Maryesther S. Merlo, removed by the courts.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 19, 2012

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 9, 2012, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ellen Ferretti, Dallas, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1500**.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 354** and **SB 539**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 375** and **SB 817**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule XIII, section 6, these bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

April 10, 2012

HB 3, 1751, 1839, 1898, 1906, 1970, 2158 and 2243 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1057 -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.

HB 1602 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 1701 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1832 and 1833 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 1891 and 2136 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1913 and 2137 -- Committee on Finance.

HB 1934 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

April 20, 2012

HB 1478, 1588, 1749 and 2077 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 1915, 1916 and 2242 -- Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2244 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 2245 -- Committee on Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following resolutions for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

April 10, 2012

HR 223 -- Committee on Finance.

HR 303 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**2010 ANNUAL LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PROGRAM REPORT**

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

April 3, 2012

Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Senate Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Report to the General Assembly and the Appalachian Compact Commission. This report covers calendar year 2010.

The report provides a summary of the current activities of the Appalachian States Low-Level Waste Compact (compact), a list of all low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generators in the compact, and the amounts of LLRW disposed by volume. It also contains a discussion of LLRW generation trends, LLRW in storage, waste minimization and financial statistics relating to all aspects of the compact.

The Pennsylvania Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act (Act 1988-12) requires that this report be prepared each year. The enclosed report is based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's Manifest Information Management System (MIMS). MIMS is a national database that contains the actual volume and radioactivity of LLRW disposed of at the three existing LLRW disposal facilities in the country. The information on waste in storage was obtained directly from the LLRW generators.

As we did last year, DEP once again is distributing the report electronically and providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be found in the DEP eLibrary at www.depweb.state.pa.us. Select tools; eLibrary; Publications; Radiation Protection; Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Annual Reports. Should you desire a hard copy from us, please contact DEP's Bureau of Radiation Protection at 717.787.2480.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safer communities for all Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. KRANCER
Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of the Auditor General
229 Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

April 24, 2012

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
PENNSYLVANIA SENATE
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as

amended), I am providing you with the accompanying certification in connection with the general obligation bond sale of April 17, 2012.

A duplicate original of the Auditor General's Certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a)(4)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and

Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To the Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Jack Wagner, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), certify as follows:

The amount of outstanding net debt
as of April 26, 2012 \$8,654,889,615

The difference between the limitation
upon all net debt outstanding as provided
in Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the
Constitution of the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania and the amount of
outstanding net debt as of
April 26, 2012 \$49,505,419,575

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 24th day of April 2012.

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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:

April 5, 2012

Senators GREENLEAF, BAKER, SCHWANK, LEACH, MENSCH, HUGHES, KITCHEN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 1454**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination; in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of dependent child; and adding provisions relating to certain arrest protocols.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2012.

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, HUGHES, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, FONTANA, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, WARD and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1483**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge that carries Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 43 over the Monongahela River between Denbo in the Borough of Centerville, County of Washington, and Alicia in the Township of Luzerne, County of Fayette, as the PFC Ronald C. "Smokey" Bakewell Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 5, 2012.

Senators BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BROWNE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1486**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for pool selling and book-making.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2012.

Senators TOMLINSON, PILEGGI, WARD, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, ORIE, SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, MENSCH, PIPPY, COSTA and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 1487**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in health and accident insurance, providing for coverage for orally administered anticancer medications.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 5, 2012.

Senators BRUBAKER, PILEGGI, HUGHES, EARLL, RAFFERTY, M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, MENSCH and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1490**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for extension of time to file reports, for changes made by Federal Government and for petition for reassessment; providing for compromise by secretary and for dispute resolution procedures; and further providing and for petitions for refunds.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 5, 2012.

Senators WILLIAMS, COSTA, RAFFERTY, STACK, SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 1491**, 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 prohibition of certain foods.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 5, 2012.

April 12, 2012

Senators SMUCKER, PICCOLA, BAKER, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, ARGALL, BRUBAKER, WAUGH, WILLIAMS, MENSCH, PILEGGI, HUGHES, DINNIMAN, EARLL, WARD and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 1492**, 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 open campus initiatives.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 12, 2012.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, ORIE, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FERLO, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, LEACH, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1496**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for special plate to commemorate 9/11; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 12, 2012.

Senators KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, FERLO, FONTANA and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1497**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 12, 2012.

Senators ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, PICCOLA, SCHWANK, COSTA, EARLL and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 1499**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in approved institutions and for actual cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in the four chartered schools for education of the deaf and the blind.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 12, 2012.

April 16, 2012

Senators ALLOWAY, EICHELBERGER, TARTAGLIONE, SOLOBAY and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1461**, entitled:

An Act providing for a surveyor's right to enter the land of another to perform surveying services.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 16, 2012.

Senators FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1463**, entitled:

An Act regulating prescriptions to treat erectile dysfunction; imposing professional sanctions; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 16, 2012.

Senators WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1481**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for authority, for income eligibility and for tax deferral.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 16, 2012.

Senators WILLIAMS, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, BOSCOLA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1482**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further providing for information to consumer reporting agency, for general administration of support matters; and for expedited procedure.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 16, 2012.

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1484**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for shooting at or causing injury to human beings.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 16, 2012.

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1485**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further defining "average wholesale price."

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 16, 2012.

Senators BAKER, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WARD, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1488**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1998 (P.L.980, No.129), known as the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act, further providing for Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 16, 2012.

Senators BAKER, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WARD, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1489**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for tuition waiver for children and spouses of deceased soldiers.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 16, 2012.

Senators KASUNIC, ORIE, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GORDNER,

GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WARD, WAUGH, D. WHITE, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAC and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1498**, entitled:

An Act establishing September 11 as a "Day of Remembrance" in Pennsylvania; and memorializing the Governor to issue a proclamation each year to honor the victims of September 11.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 16, 2012.

Senators KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, COSTA, FONTANA, WILLIAMS, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, MENSCH and ORIE presented to the Chair **SB 1500**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for offense related to newborn protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 16, 2012.

Senators BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, STACK, COSTA, SCHWANK, HUGHES, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, FERLO, WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, WARD, MENSCH and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 1501**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Scholarship Program within the Department of Education; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 16, 2012.

Senator ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 1503**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Borough of Ashland or their assigns certain lands situate in the Borough of Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, a portion of which is subject to Project 70 restrictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 16, 2012.

April 18, 2012

Senators COSTA, BROWNE, WAUGH, BLAKE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, LEACH, ORIE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1493**, entitled:

An Act providing for patients' rights; and establishing a Pain Management and Palliative Care Task Force.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 18, 2012.

Senators COSTA, BROWNE, BLAKE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, LEACH, ORIE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1494**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, further providing for continuing medical education.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 18, 2012.

April 20, 2012

Senators ARGALL, FOLMER, PICCOLA, ERICKSON, FERLO, SCHWANK, WOZNIAC, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, EICHELBERGER and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1400**, entitled:

An Act providing for tax levies and information related to taxes; authorizing the imposition of a personal income tax or an earned income tax by a school district subject to voter approval; providing for imposition of and exclusions from a sales and use tax for the stabilization of education funding; establishing the Public Transportation Reserve Fund; providing for increase to the personal income tax, for certain licenses, for hotel occupancy tax, for procedure and administration of the tax, for expiration of authority to issue certain debt and for reporting by local government units of debt outstanding; establishing the Education Stabilization Fund; providing for disbursements from this fund and for certain rebates and assistance to senior citizens; and repealing certain provisions of The Local Tax Enabling Act, sales and use tax provisions of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 and provisions relating to senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance in the Taxpayer Relief Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 20, 2012.

Senators BRUBAKER, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, FERLO, SCHWANK, WOZNIAC and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1506**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, expanding the scope of the act to include soil science; further providing for definitions; and providing for procedure for licensing as professional soil scientist.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 20, 2012.

April 30, 2012

Senators WARD, SCARNATI, M. WHITE, BAKER, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, KASUNIC, LEACH, MENSCH, YUDICHAK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1507**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for mandate waiver program for transportation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 30, 2012.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 354, SB 539, HB 469, HB 470, HB 1500 and HB 1827.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Tomlinson.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator ORIE, Senator EARLL, Senator BAKER and Senator GORDNER, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained a military leave of absence, pursuant to Senate Rule XX.2(c), for Senator PIPPY.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator PILEGGI offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, April 30, 2012

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 7, 2012, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 7, 2012, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am delighted to present the Cumberland Valley High School Dance Team, who captured the varsity pom dance and varsity hip-hop dance divisions in the 2012 battle at the Capital National Dance Competition in National Harbor, Maryland. These victories earned the team the title of national champions. This is the first time in 3 years that the team has competed at the national level. It is comprised of 18 talented dancers. The team adviser is Linda Richards, and the assistant advisers are Chrissie Chambers, Amber Sherrock, and Renee Leiby. The team and advisors are in the gallery. Please give them a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

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

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure today that I welcome Wendover Middle School's student council and, as some of the kids said, some really smart math folks here to the Capitol. They are here, they are going to tour, and they are looking firsthand at what our government does here in Pennsylvania. I would really like to thank their teachers, Miss Fiorino and Mr. Kiesel, for bringing them here. We had a great question-and-answer session, and they had some really, really good questions. So I know that they are really following their government closely, and I know someday we are going to see some of those kids right here in the Capitol. So please join me in welcoming the Wendover Middle School student council.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR DOMINIC F. PILEGGI
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce two visitors from Chester County. Robert Fenza, my constituent from Pocopson Township, is executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Liberty Property Trust. Rob was the winning bidder for a day in Harrisburg at the West Chester Charity Ball last December.

Visiting the Capitol with Bob today is John Gattuso of Malvern, who is the senior vice president and regional director

of Liberty's urban and national development team. He is responsible for Liberty's downtown Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Herndon, Virginia, offices.

Liberty Property Trust is a \$6.2 billion real estate investment trust which owns over 79 million square feet of office and industrial space in 20 markets throughout the United States and United Kingdom. Founded in 1972 and headquartered in Malvern, Liberty acquires leases and manages properties and is one of the nation's leading developers of high-performance green buildings.

Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm welcome to my guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Pileggi 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 of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations also to be held in the Rules room, 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 two meetings, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by 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.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 61 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 157 (Pr. No. 2076) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a task force within the Department of Education, providing for its powers and duties and providing for administrative support.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 157 creates a task force on homeless children's education. What this task force will do is examine the educational needs and the status of homeless children in this Commonwealth. Mr. President, there are thousands of homeless children in Pennsylvania and tens of thousands in the United States. I hope that this task force will develop and make recommendations for a statewide proposal to provide a strong educational foundation for these youths.

Mr. President, I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for supporting this initiative. I have had a lot of help from the Homeless Children's Education Fund. Mr. Joe Lagana and his advocates were there every step of the way offering their services and support to get this bill moving.

Mr. President, children really are the key to our future, and we must do everything in our ability to make sure no child slips through the cracks. As a society, we owe it to the youth to make sure that they have every opportunity for a quality education.

Mr. President, thank you for your support.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request that Senator Tomlinson's leave be changed from legislative leave to personal leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests that Senator Tomlinson's leave be changed from legislative leave to personal leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-44

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 351 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 466 (Pr. No. 455) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for death action.

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-44

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senator RAFFERTY, on behalf of Senators GORDNER, PILEGGI, SCARNATI, ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, WARD, FONTANA, BAKER, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, ALLOWAY, ORIE, ROBBINS, KITCHEN, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, WAUGH, EARLL, D. WHITE, COSTA, STACK, ARGALL, BOSCOLA and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 289**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 3, 2012, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I join with my friend and colleague, Senator Gordner, in offering this resolution. It sets aside a national day of prayer to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to respect the freedom of religion practiced throughout this Commonwealth and our great nation. The first Thursday in May of each year is designated as "Commonwealth Day of Prayer and Celebration of Religious Freedom." This annual event was not created for political reasons or to promote any other agenda except prayer.

Prayer is regarded by millions as the most important utterance for the benefit of humankind. Our nation was founded by single-minded men and women who sought wisdom through prayer and guidance in their undertakings through the graces of the Almighty. I am mindful of the prophet Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Mr. President, that is reflective of what we try to do day in and day out in the Senate, and I ask for unanimous support on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President, for this time.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 477 and **SB 932** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1296 (Pr. No. 1983) -- 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 manner of election or approval; providing for performance review; further providing for election of assistant district superintendents, for term and salary of assistants and for removal; providing for superintendents of schools or buildings and of supplies; and making an editorial change.

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-44

Alloway	Erickson	Mensch	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Piccola	Vogel
Blake	Ferlo	Pileggi	Ward
Boscola	Folmer	Rafferty	Washington

Brewster	Fontana	Robbins	Waugh
Browne	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White Donald
Brubaker	Hughes	Schwank	White Mary Jo
Corman	Kasunic	Smucker	Williams
Costa	Kitchen	Solobay	Wozniak
Dinniman	Leach	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tartaglione	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1351 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1546 (Pr. No. 3167) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

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-44

Alloway	Erickson	Mensch	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Piccola	Vogel
Blake	Ferlo	Pileggi	Ward
Boscola	Folmer	Rafferty	Washington
Brewster	Fontana	Robbins	Waugh
Browne	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White Donald
Brubaker	Hughes	Schwank	White Mary Jo
Corman	Kasunic	Smucker	Williams
Costa	Kitchen	Solobay	Wozniak
Dinniman	Leach	Stack	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tartaglione	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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1702 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2133 (Pr. No. 2978) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge that carries State Route 66/28 over Redbank Creek between the Borough of South Bethlehem, Armstrong County, and the Borough of New Bethlehem, Clarion County, as the Sergeant Joseph M. Garrison Memorial Bridge.

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-44

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 8 and **HB 48** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 165 (Pr. No. 3272) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 512, HB 585, SB 682, HB 761, HB 807, SB 819, SB 1090, SB 1135, SB 1136, SB 1144 and SB 1175 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1236 (Pr. No. 1355) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for deployed Pennsylvania National Guard members and for reserve component of armed forces members.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1237, HB 1264, HB 1280, SB 1309, SB 1314, SB 1340, SB 1352, SB 1382, HB 1398 and SB 1403 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1410 (Pr. No. 2044) -- 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, reenacting and amending provisions relating to school boards and educational empowerment.

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

SB 1414 (Pr. No. 2078) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the creation of land banks for the conversion of vacant or tax-delinquent properties into productive use.

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

SB 1464 (Pr. No. 2058) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for definitions, for acquisition of control of or merger or consolidation with domestic insurer, for acquisitions involving insurers not otherwise covered, for registration of insurers, for standards and management of an insurer within a holding company system and for examination; providing for supervisory colleges and for group-wide supervision for internationally active insurance groups; further providing for confidential treatment, for rules and regulations, for injunctions and certain prohibitions and for sanctions.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1525 and HB 1682 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 1720 (Pr. No. 2589) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for uniform adult guardianship and protective proceedings jurisdiction.

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

HB 1761 (Pr. No. 2894) -- 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, in employees' retirement system, further defining "compensation"; further providing for retirement board; providing for tax qualification; and further providing for employees eligible for retirement allowances and for amount of retirement allowances.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1830, HB 1862, HB 1955 and HB 1956 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1960 (Pr. No. 2674) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1999 (P.L.884, No.54), known as the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers Act, further providing for definitions and for regulations.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2045 (Pr. No. 2814) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge that carries State Route 26 over the Raystown branch of the Juniata River in the borough of Everett, Bedford County, as the Sergeant Robert W. Hartssock Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL REREFERRED

HB 2151 (Pr. No. 3333) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for registration of snowmobile or ATV, for certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV, for fees and for records; providing for vintage snowmobile permits; and further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2192 (Pr. No. 3077) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge carrying U.S. Route 202 over an unnamed branch of the Neshaminy Creek in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, in honor of First Lieutenant Colby J. Umbrell.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2246 (Pr. No. 3195) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge carrying U.S. Route 202 over the Neshaminy Creek in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, as the First Lieutenant Travis Lemma Manion Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 265, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 9 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 265**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to support continued and increased importation of Canadian oil.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 16, 2012

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 13, 2012, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Judith Schwank, Fleetwood, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 19, 2012

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 9, 2012, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ellen Ferretti, Dallas, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2012

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 13, 2012, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lehigh County *[sic]*, Magisterial District 31-1-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Maryesther S. Merlo, removed by the courts.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ROBBINS, 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:

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING**

February 3, 2012

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, Robert D. Winegardner, 254 Orchid Court, New Holland 17557, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rommel L. Rivera, Media, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 3, 2012

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, Larry C. Skinner, 5608 Wynnefield Avenue, Philadelphia 19131, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gary N. Horton, Erie, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
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THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 3, 2012

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph I. Wells, 6820 Mower Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dongkyu Bak, Media, deceased.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

February 9, 2012

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, Mariellen Brickley-Raab, RDH, PO Box 376, Solebury 18963, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER**

February 6, 2012

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, Alice A. Zemba, 84 Trolley Street, PO Box 29, Black Lick 15716, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

March 1, 2012

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph F. McGinn, 150 Edward Street, Linwood 19061, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

February 16, 2012

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, K. Scott Baker, 469 Morrison Drive, Pittsburgh 15216, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeremy Nowak, Wynnewood, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

February 16, 2012

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 Paone, 8610 Thomas Mill Drive, Philadelphia 19128, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 1, 2012

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, Susan Delaney, 122 Greenview Drive, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 1, 2012

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 A. Holman, 9208 Belwood Court, Alexandria, Virginia 22309, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

January 13, 2012

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, Robert H. Shoop, Jr., Esquire, 833 Hulton Road, Oakmont 15139, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Labor

Relations Board, to serve until June 2, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Anne E. Covey, Esquire, New Hope, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE THERAPY

January 24, 2012

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, Becky D. Lesik, LMT, 110 E. Washington Street, Corry 16407, Erie County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2013, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joanne Smutko, Monroeville, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE NAVIGATION COMMISSION
FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER AND
ITS NAVIGABLE TRIBUTARIES

February 10, 2012

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, J. Ward Guilday, 230 W. Rose Valley Road, Wallingford 19086, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph F. Bradley, Thornton, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ed Kisselback, Jr., 6310 Craig Avenue, Bensalem 19020, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James H. McCullen, Jr., Levittown, whose term expired.

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TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. 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.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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

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

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Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Erickson, Mensch, Vance; Argall, Farnese, Piccola, Vogel; Blake, Ferlo, Pileggi, Ward; Boscola, Folmer, Rafferty, Washington; Brewster, Fontana, Robbins, Waugh; Browne, Greenleaf, Scarnati, White Donald; Brubaker, Hughes, Schwank, White Mary Jo; Corman, Kasunic, Smucker, Williams; Costa, Kitchen, Solobay, Wozniak; Dinniman, Leach, Stack, Yaw; Eichelberger, McIlhinney, Tartaglione, Yudichak

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

SB 1067 (Pr. No. 2127) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further defining "emergency vehicle"; and adding a definition.

SB 1225 (Pr. No. 2128) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for public library code; and making related repeals.

SB 1406 (Pr. No. 1934) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in private colleges, universities and seminaries, further providing for certification of institutions.

HB 1400 (Pr. No. 2652) (Rereported)

An Act establishing a Statewide stroke system of care by recognizing primary stroke centers and directing the creation of emergency medical services training and transport protocols; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Health.

HB 2134 (Pr. No. 2979) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, further providing for definitions, for exemptions and for supplemental provisions and rules.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 277 (Pr. No. 2126) (Amended)

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators DINNIMAN, STACK, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, BAKER, COSTA, WARD, ERICKSON, FONTANA, PIPPY, M. WHITE, PILEGGI, RAF-FERTY, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, SCHWANK, McILHINNEY, VOGEL, SOLOBAY, WAUGH and FERLO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 290**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 20, 2012, as "Medal of Honor Grove Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, the oldest monument to honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor in this country is here in Pennsylvania. It is in Schuylkill Township, Chester County, in my district. This grove was established by General Omar Bradley and General Dwight Eisenhower in 1960. It is 52 acres of land, Mr. President. Each State, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, has 1 acre of land, and on that land is a monument, similar to the Washington Monument, usually built out of the native stone of each State. On that monument are the names of all the recipients of the Medal of Honor who were born in that particular State.

Over the last decade, unfortunately, this grove has fallen into disrepair because of financial difficulties. Many of us in Chester County organized together, and over a thousand residents of my district came out and cleaned up the grove. We formed a group called The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove. On May 20 of this year, we will be dedicating the grove, which has been completely transformed, and part of that dedication ceremony is that there are 39 names of Medal of Honor recipients who were not placed on the appropriate State monument, and these are in recent times, from Korea, Vietnam, and more recently from the war on terror. So, on May 20, not only will we be honoring all of those recipients in Pennsylvania and in every State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, who received this honor, Mr. President, but we will also be restoring their names.

It is my understanding, Mr. President, that you will be joining us on that day, and we are very delighted that you will be giving one of the speeches, a keynote speech, as we rededicate this grove, and as we honor those who have received the highest military honor that this nation can give.

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.

Senator ALLOWAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 291**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the goals of "Wear it Pennsylvania!" and designating the week of May 19 through 25, 2012, as "National Safe Boating Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I rise to offer this resolution for "National Safe Boating Week," during May 19 through 25, 2012. More Pennsylvanians than ever are heading to the waterways for recreation and relaxation. Boating has become the Commonwealth's premier recreational activity, as people discover the Keystone State's wonderful waterways, from wilder-

ness canoeing on the Clarion River, to deep water boating on the Delaware, to exhilarating whitewater rafting on the Youghiogheny River. As more people return to the water, safe boating practices and boating safety education are more important than ever. Whether enjoying water sports for the first time, or carrying on longstanding nautical traditions, all boaters need to start the season with the basic knowledge and skills required to insure their own safety and the safety of their fellow Pennsylvanians.

This year's theme of "Wear It Pennsylvania!" is designed to raise public awareness of the importance of life jacket wear and the comfort of inflatable life jackets. Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a boat. In fact, nearly 80 percent of the boating fatalities in Pennsylvania were as a result of not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident. So, Mr. President, whereas in recognizing that lives can be saved each year by the simple act of wearing life jackets, and whereas life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than ever. Whereas, the law requires that a wearable life jacket be carried for each person on board a boat. Therefore, be it resolved that the Senate recognize the goals of "Wear It Pennsylvania!" and designate the week of May 19 through 25 as National Safe Boating Week in Pennsylvania. 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 ROBBINS, on behalf of Senators BAKER, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, COSTA, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BREWSTER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, MENSCH, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WAUGH and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 292**, entitled:

A Resolution thanking the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary for their service and designating May 1, 2012, as "Loyalty Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, while "Loyalty Day" is not as well known as some of our other patriotic and commemorative holidays, this special occasion has been with us for more than 50 years, since President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed Public Law 85-529 in 1958. Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation calling on government officials to display the flag on all government buildings and encouraging the observance of Loyalty Day in schools and other appropriate forums.

It is also fitting and proper that we note that tomorrow, the Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars will again hold its annual Loyalty Day program here at the Capitol. Mr. President, this resolution commends the VFW, but it also charges each of us as citizens of this great State and this great nation to

remember the message of Loyalty Day, that we honor the service of our men and women in uniform, and that we remember with thanksgiving the privileges of freedom and democracy that we enjoy. I call on my colleagues to support this resolution, and I urge all Pennsylvanians to honor the spirit of Loyalty Day. Thank you.

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

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

Senators VANCE, BAKER, EARLL, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, WARD, KITCHEN, HUGHES, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, McILHINNEY, ORIE, PIPPY, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WAUGH, D. WHITE, YAW, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FERLO, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 293**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2012, as "Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am proud to offer this resolution to consider the week of May 6 through 12 as "Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has 213,000 registered nurses, 57,000 licensed practical nurses, and 12,000 advanced practice nurses. We all know that nurses play a critical role in healthcare. We serve in numerous different capacities, from bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities, to research into industries, to service in State government, and to the State House and Senate in our legislature. Please join me in supporting this resolution.

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

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

Senators GREENLEAF, FARNESE, KASUNIC, BROWNE, BAKER, FONTANA, PIPPY, ERICKSON, SCARNATI, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, GORDNER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, D. WHITE, BOSCOLA, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, WARD, ARGALL, FERLO, STACK, EARLL and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 294**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2012 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I offer a resolution designating May 2012 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. It is appropriate that we have this resolution because Pennsylvania leads the nation in Lyme disease cases. From 2006 to 2011, the total reported cases of Lyme disease in Pennsylvania doubled. In 2010, Pennsylvania ranked first in the reported cases, 3,805 cases. And in 2011, it is expected to also lead the nation in the number of cases. This is a disease that I have been involved with for many years, and the reason is that it is often misdiagnosed and not treated. So it is important for us to make Pennsylvanians aware, because we are coming into the highest time of Lyme disease, that is the Spring and Summer.

It is a tick-borne disease, spread by a small tick the size of a sesame seed, and often not noticeable. In fact, people can be bitten by this tick and not know it. You have to be very astute to identify some of the symptoms, they are flu-like symptoms, there is a rash, a concentric circle of red rash that appears sometimes on the body, but sometime it does not. Even the blood tests sometimes come up negative. So it is a disease that, if treated early, can be addressed very quickly and very easily by antibiotics. If not treated, it can result in death. It attacks every organ in the body.

So it is my honor to offer this resolution to urge those people to be alert this season, be alert to the symptoms, and to educate themselves of this disease and to make sure they take preventative steps in regard to the attachment of the ticks and also of the medical treatment that they would need if something like this should happen to them. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, BROWNE, FONTANA, BAKER, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, FERLO, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, McILHINNEY, BOSCOLA and SOLOBAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 295**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2012, as "The Battle of the Crooked Billet Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise for this resolution, which designates May 1, 2012, as the "The Battle of the Crooked Billet Day." I have an elementary school in my district, in the Hatboro-Horsham School District, and they celebrate this event every year. It is a wonderful ceremony, and they all get dressed up in Colonial outfits and recognize what happened that day in the Bucks/Montgomery County area of Hatboro and Warminster Townships. In fact, Brigadier General John Lacey is remembered in Bucks County very well, and his name is men-

tioned on housing developments and all types of other historical references.

This battle occurred through the leadership, command, and bravery of General Lacey, and the battle was fought, even though this was basically a trap that was set for the Colonial Army. So we recognize them and remember them for their great heroism and courage on that day, which helped to lead our great nation to where it is today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators BROWNE, PILEGGI, STACK, FARNESE, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BAKER, M. WHITE, ROBBINS, PIPPY, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, SOLOBAY, BOSCOLA, ALLOWAY, EARLL and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 296**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2012 as "Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I thank you for the consideration of my resolution designating May 2012 as "Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in the Commonwealth. As you know, melanoma is the most common form of cancer in young adults. It is estimated that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and more than 124,000 new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year. It is my hope that this resolution will promote the prevention and early detection of melanoma and other skin cancers to individuals in the Commonwealth. I respectfully ask the Members for their consideration 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.

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 Wayne County Fair by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeanne Bovard by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief John Baujan by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Gaydos, Josh Berk, Lee Butz, Patrick Mulcahy, Rosemary Geseck, David Venditta, Art-in-the-Park of Allentown and to People First Federal Credit Union of Allentown by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph F. Dorko by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Scott Satterthwaite and to Ryan Satterthwaite by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William E. Rice by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Pursel and to Travis Jared Akins by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Yolanda D'Arcangelo, Susan Eckert, LJ Herman and to the Pennsylvania Prison Society of Philadelphia by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven McKinley by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathanael John Shiel by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dawn N. Rotzell by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara Rotheram Meredith by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reading Motorcycle Club by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gerald DeWitt, Aaron Thompson, Jamie Sethman, Tara Lee Wyland and to Tony Evans by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Philadelphia by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carpenters Local Union 1462 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Greater Johnstown High School Cheerleading Squad, Bishop McCort High School Cheerleading Squad, Johnstown Middle School Cheerleading Squad and to Richland Elementary School Cheerleading Squad by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Russell C. Reitz by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hal Bloss and to Charles Getz by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Uguccioni by Senator Yudichak and others.

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 Jean Robbins Hughes and to the family of the late Ann Battenhausen Stine by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late George G. Rohr by Senator Folmer.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Robert Neary, to the family of the late Daniel Sweeney by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Maureen Teresa Taylor, to the family of the late JoAnne E. Mackie, to the family of the late Jannette L. Manion and to the family of the late Carol A. Young by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James Gallen and to the family of the late John R. McCloskey, Sr., by Senator Schwank.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Eugene Walker Skiffington, to the family of the late Michael John Altieri and to the family of the late G. Donald Hutchinson by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Lieutenant Robert Neary by Senator Stack.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Reverend Betty Richardson Johnson by Senator Washington.

SB 1177 TAKEN FROM TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1177, Printer's No. 1420, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1067, 1225, 1406; and House Bills No. 1400 and 2134)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 277 and certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012

9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (information meeting with the United States Department of Agriculture)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm. 156
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1303, 1381, 1459, 1492; and House Bill No. 1610)	Rm. 8E-A East Wing
12:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bill No. 991 and House Bill No. 973)	Rm. 461 Main Capitol

CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012

9:00 A.M.	DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE (hearing to discuss the significance of the Development Fund to the horseracing and breeding industries within the Commonwealth, and their role in supporting the agricultural sector and statewide economy)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1345)	Rm. 8E-A East Wing

2:00 P.M.	2011 LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION (public hearing to invite comment upon the preliminary reapportionment plan which was filed with the Dept. of State on April 12, 2012)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012</u>		
9:30 A.M.	TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION (Pennsylvania's differential response system for child protection services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012</u>		
1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on non-partisan school board elections)	Downingtown STEM Acad., 335 Manor Ave. Downingtown
<u>TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012</u>		
9:30 A.M.	EDUCATION and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on Educational Opportunities for Veterans)	Dixon Univ. Center
12:30 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bill No. 991; and House Bill No. 973)	Room 461 Main Capitol

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, it is always a pleasure this time of the year when either I or my colleague and friend from Allegheny County, Senator Costa, take to the microphone, and this time, it is my distinct pleasure to take to the microphone to wish best wishes, well wishes, and victory to our Philadelphia Flyers. Mr. President, they have made the second tier of the playoffs, and anytime a team from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania makes it to the playoffs, we all join forces to wish them well. So for Claude Giroux, Danny Briere, and all the men wearing the orange and white or orange and black, we wish them well and much success. Go Flyers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair very much thanks the gentleman for his comments.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, in the 6 years we have been trying to increase the penalty for assaults on mass transit drivers, the number of attacks have tripled. In the time that Senate Bill No. 236 has been sitting in the Committee on Judiciary, transit drivers have suffered more than 100 assaults. Senate Bill No. 236 has the support of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85, Transport Workers Union Local 242, United Transportation Union Local 1594, SEPTA, Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association, and Philadelphia's district attorney, mayor, and police department.

While the bill has seen no action, drivers and riders in Philadelphia have seen plenty. On a Saturday afternoon in March, three teenagers dragged a driver off his bus and beat him merci-

lessly. Last September, a driver was shot, and another was hit by flying glass and gun shots. It was horrible for those drivers, but if that bus had been in gear or in neutral when those teens decided to yank the driver from his seat, it could have been a horror for many more people.

While cases have been attracting publicity and a call across the city for legislative action, there are many, many other cases just in the past year that do not get the same notoriety, but carry the same potential. One driver had three teeth knocked out of his mouth by a punch to his face. In the past year, drivers have been spit on, hit by water balloons, coins, rocks, snowballs, soda bottles, and in one instance, a bucket. SEPTA drivers have been cut by razors and sprayed with mace.

Most of those drivers courageously went back to work. But dozens of times every year, SEPTA drivers have lost time from work after being attacked on the job. That is why we passed a previous version of this bill last Session by an overwhelming majority. I understand the concerns about adding protected classes to aggravated assault statutes, but that is what a connected legislature does, it adapts to a changing condition.

In this section of the Criminal Code, we have tried to make sure that those who face increased risks while serving the public receive increased protection under the law. The Members of this Senate are protected by the statute, as is the State Treasurer. These mass transit workers are more than just a category in a statute. There are more people who serve the public every day and risk their lives doing it. Bernetta Rembert was shot. Tony Toklish was attacked while trying to protect a passenger on the bus. Gina Sykes was groped by a male passenger. It is unconscionable that we can say that the list of protected workers is too long, while we sit in this Chamber surrounded by dozens of police, security guards, and metal detectors.

No single action will end the war on public transportation drivers. But with this stake in the public transit system, everybody with empathy for working families can do something. The Federal government has put cameras on nearly half of the buses with money from the Department of Homeland Security. The city has put police and transit police in the system. Senate Bill No. 236 is what the legislature can do. It is what we are being asked to do, and what we should do. Our public transportation authorities would be able to post warnings inside vehicles that could make sure someone thinks twice about taking their frustrations out on a driver or conductor. It would also send a message to people on the street that taking pot shots at the bus and endangering the lives of everyone on board is not a prank, it is a serious crime. It would also send a message to our transit workers that we understand their fear and lets them know that we are willing to offer them what protection we can.

These are small steps, but they are steps. We can make public transportation a priority and dedicate funding to our transit authorities, who can take more concrete steps to protect drivers. But I do not see an appetite in this Chamber for a significant boost in public transportation support. In the meanwhile, I am going to ask my colleagues to do what they can to help these folks.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, well, here we are, April 30, on the eve of May 1, on the eve of hopefully what will be, as my

good friend and colleague, Senator Rafferty, mentioned earlier, the second step in a second-round victory for our Philadelphia Flyers, and hopefully the beginning of the journey for our beloved Philadelphia 76ers, who are in the process of resurgence in the National Basketball Association as they enter their second game for the first-round playoffs. Go for both of them, and we hope our friends, the Pittsburgh Penguins, who have a storied history of hockey in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have a very good, warm, and relaxing summer. We appreciate that, and we hope that things are well for them. Heal up. Rest up for next year. There is always another year, there is always another time.

Unfortunately, as we move from brevity and lightness, Mr. President, we move now toward a serious reality and a serious fact that in, I guess, less than 7 hours, May 1 comes, and on May 1, we get to see another presentation of where this administration is, this Governor is with respect to his attacks on working people, low-income people, disabled people, and women. May 1 begins the asset test for food stamps. It really is amazing that we go down this process, Mr. President, because here is a program that has, in Pennsylvania's circumstance, in Pennsylvania's case, the lowest amount of fraud than any State in the country. We have received awards, national awards recognizing Pennsylvania for its efficiency and its effectiveness of how it runs its food stamp program. This administration has chosen to spend more State money when we are in something of a deficit, has made a conscious decision to go after poor folks, low-income folks, working people, women, the disabled community, and deny them access to food stamps, unnecessarily so.

It is very interesting, the imbalance that exists with respect to where this administration is going with its policies. May 1 begins the asset test program for food stamps, but is also another month when we operate in an administration that has cut dramatically, dramatically the tax rates and given tax breaks to the largest corporations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without getting anything from those corporations with respect to new hires. So there is an imbalance. They are not adding any more folks to their employment rolls, they are not hiring any more people, they are getting huge tax breaks so that they get the benefit, probably close to \$600 million so far, they get the benefit of \$600 million in tax breaks, these corporations do, while the Governor and his folks decide to put their foot on the neck of low-income people, working people, disabled individuals, and women. Someone said there is an attack on women, well, here it is evidenced in Pennsylvania as women are going to be denied access to their food stamps.

It is incredible, but it is consistent with the history of this administration. It is consistent. It will cost the State. When we say that the State has a money problem, the State has a deficit problem, this program will cost the State money. The State will have to add on new State workers or pay State workers overtime so that they can determine the assets of those individuals who are receiving food stamps. And if they find folks who are receiving food stamps inappropriately, and those food stamps are denied to those individuals, it is only a savings--it is not related to the State, it is a savings related to the Federal government because food stamps are paid for by the Federal government.

So here we are, Mr. President. Here we are, once again, more evidence, another attack, another indication on the direction of this administration. If you are low-income, if you are trying to

hold on to your job, if you are trying to get a job, if you are trying to move forward in your job, if you are trying to just hold your family together with some small, meager support from the State, Pennsylvania is not the place for you to be, not under this administration, with their attack, again, on low-income individuals, working people, people trying to make it through, disabled individuals, and women.

Thousands of families rely on the food stamp program to survive, Mr. President. Many of these families are already on the edge. They are already teetering in terms of trying to keep their family circumstance together. This change is going into effect tomorrow. May 1 will begin the process of pushing these families over the edge, creating more tragedies for Pennsylvania's folks. This is unconscionable, it is unnecessary, it addresses no end. The Secretary for the Department of Public Welfare, in his testimony before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, when asked, said, this is an agenda item coming straight from the Republican Governors Association. It is not an agenda item of any more than that. These governors, Republican governors around the country are pursuing this initiative. They pursue this initiative, removing appropriate support, full support, food support for women, children, and disabled individuals.

Let us be clear. Let us be clear how much support we are talking about, Mr. President. The average food stamp recipient receives about \$35 a week in food stamps. Thirty-five dollars a week in food stamps. Try shopping for a family on \$35 in food stamps. It is almost impossible. It is almost impossible trying to get enough groceries for an entire family on \$35 in food stamps during the course of a week. I can say this specifically because I, Congressman Brady, Mayor Nutter, Representative Tony Payton, Representative Vanessa Lowery Brown, attempted to do this working with the Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger two Mondays ago at Brown's Family ShopRite at 52nd and Parkside. We took our \$35 allotment, which was our own personal money, and we were limited to purchases for the week for our families of \$35. It is essentially impossible to try to feed a family with \$35 for an entire week, especially if you are trying to give them something close to nutritious food. But the expectation of this administration is that these individuals, these folks who are on the edge, who are on the border, these women, these children, disabled individuals, their expectation is that they are trying to make it through, and if they are committing any level of fraud, then they are out. If their assets are a little bit too much, then they are out.

Mr. President, where are the priorities? What is the focus of this administration? Who are we trying to help? I thought that our mission and our responsibility was to try to make sure that we took care of the least of these, those individuals who could not make it on their own. In fact, those are the individuals who are receiving the food stamps. Yet, we put our foot on the necks -- not we, he chooses to put his foot on the necks of those individuals, while at the same time providing hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks to the largest corporations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who have made no commitment to hire anyone new in the State of Pennsylvania. They get a tax break, they do not have to hire anyone new, and the folks on the low rung of the economic ladder get nothing. How do we know that they have not made a commitment to hire anyone new? If you look at the State's unemployment rate, for the past several months, it has remained essentially the same, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7 per-

cent. While the national unemployment rate is going down, the State of Pennsylvania's has stayed exactly the same.

So the failed policies of this administration in terms of putting people back to work are evident across the board. The big guys get taken care of, but if you are a woman, if you are disabled, if you are a child, if you are receiving food stamps, if you are in that category, if you fall into that category, you are left in the lurch, you are pushed to the side.

So, on an eventful day, for the wrong reasons, May 1 is upon us, when this administration's movement to reduce the number of individuals who are receiving food stamps goes into effect. It is a sad day for the citizens of Pennsylvania. It is a sad day for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, last week, I introduced a resolution here on this floor sponsoring Autism Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, and I am happy to say that resolution passed unanimously. It was one of those times when this body stood up for the underdog. In the past, we have stood up for the underdog, particularly on the issue of autism. So I have never been one of those who have said that we do not work in a bipartisan way here in this Chamber, but we need to do so much more.

Pennsylvania provides many community-based services to kids and adults with intellectual disabilities just like autism. Such people and their families are really the true underdogs here in the Commonwealth, and now, more than ever, they really need our support and they need our help. These services are crucial, and families who are struggling to get by and struggling to find resources need these services, and specifically, too, Mr. President, because the numbers of folks with an autism spectrum disorder continues to rise. In fact, the rate of U.S. cases of autism and related disorders has risen to about 1 in 88 children. The previous estimate, and we thought this was very high, was 1 in 110. It has almost doubled the number diagnosed only 10 years ago.

So you would think that we would want to secure more funding for programs that help this sizable and growing group. One might certainly call it a must-have in our State budget, using the lingo or the turn of a phrase of Governor Corbett, but I guess funding programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities is instead now, for some reason, considered a nice-to-have. I will tell you, I cannot understand, to turn a phrase or to speak the English language, there are grave differences between the same words, the same words that people at home out there watching or struggling might call a have-to-have versus a nice-to-have. I think that seems to be the difference in how we see these things, from most people I talk to and represent and how Governor Corbett and his group in the front office see this.

The Corbett budget plan cuts \$30 million from DPW for people with intellectual disabilities, and that is before the counties decide how to spend the block grants that we hear so much about, which, somehow or another, are supposed to mean more funds. But I have not quite figured out how that is going to mean more funds, I just keep hearing it will. Some counties may choose, or be forced to choose, Mr. President, to keep even more dollars from intellectual disability services in order to deal with all of this Corbett cutting, cutting that looks more drastic than necessary, according to the current budget forecast.

Community-based programs are effective. They are preferred by families, the people who use these services, Mr. President. And here is the good part--and I think Governor Corbett should like this part--they are cheaper than keeping individuals with intellectual disabilities in residential settings, in other words, cheaper than putting folks with disabilities in homes. So, once again, Governor Corbett's cuts turn out to be more expensive. Yet, that is where the Governor chooses to wield his budget axe. That is another case--and I have seen a lot of this--of meanness trumping fiscal sanity. Financially, it makes no sense, but worse, it hurts the families who rely on these services to insure that their loved ones are receiving the support they need and they deserve, and we have worked for many years in this particular body to make sure that they have and that they can access it.

As budget season gets into full swing, Mr. President, I hope, once again, that we can all work together to produce a funding plan that protects our State's most vulnerable citizens. We can do it in a bipartisan way. We can disagree with the Governor. We do not have to play this thing in a partisan way, particularly when we have a track record in this body of recognizing the importance of access to autism services. We have been a cutting-edge legislature on that particular issue, and there is no reason we should let Governor Corbett roll back that progress in the name of mindless cuts. These are real lives, these are real families, and they have real fears. They are not just numbers on a budget sheet, Mr. President. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Farnese.

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, it is only fitting that I follow my colleague, also from Philadelphia, in his last remarks about how this budget is about real people, it is not just about numbers. That is why I have consistently said, and I think many of my views are shared by my colleagues, that this administration does have a priority problem. On the eve before we are looking to literally affect the lives of over 1.8 million people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of a regressive and horrendous asset test for food stamps--think about that, we are going to begin to test people about what assets they have in order to decide whether or not to put food on their table. That is what it has come down to. Eighteen thousand people, most of whom are older senior citizens, those who are not well-to-do, the poor, they are the ones who are going to be hit the hardest tomorrow.

When you look at that kind of action, that kind of conduct, going after those folks, and then you see, when you take a real hard look at the budget, not only people who are impoverished, the working class, the elderly, the seniors who need food stamps, but this budget also affects education, and it affects it significantly. Specifically, this budget goes down exactly the same road that we went down last year, significant cuts to our State-related universities, to higher education, and then we are looking again this year at cuts in education subsidies, Mr. President, including \$400 million to early learning programs and programs for struggling students. When you look at those types of cuts and the asset-based test for food stamps, you are looking at balancing a budget on the backs of people who simply cannot afford any

more pressure. They cannot afford to take this kind of burden. That is why I consistently say that we have a serious, serious priority problem in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, specifically in the way that this administration is trying to lead us.

The Governor's plan continues, when it comes to education, to cut and hurt. It hurts schools, it forces local tax increases, as we saw across Pennsylvania last year. It eliminates programs and increases class sizes. These are the types of consequences, Mr. President, that it does not matter where you fall on the scale or the spectrum of public education, everybody will tell you, increased class sizes, cuts to struggling students, those are the kinds of things that do not do anything to move the ball forward when you are talking about giving our young people, our most precious asset in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, each and every opportunity to succeed. In fact, we should be looking at ways to reduce class sizes, not to increase them. That is really what we should be doing across the Commonwealth.

We have had discussions over the last several months about the way that this budget affects specific school districts. One of them was an issue that is plaguing Chester Upland, and we can surmise that what we are seeing in Chester Upland is going to happen in other school districts across the Commonwealth. They are struggling to make it when they are looking at these significant cuts that are going to be exacerbated across the board as this budget process moves forward. Many school districts, as we know, Mr. President, have already dipped into their reserves, they have already begun to try to make ends meet from last year's budget, and they may no longer have that safety net to continue their operations. That is really what we are staring down the barrel of right now as we begin the next 60 days in order to get a budget done on time for the people of Pennsylvania. Let me underscore that point. Specifically, it is imperative to get it done on time, but it is also imperative to get it right, and we cannot risk the fact of getting it wrong just to get it done on time. That is not what we were sent here to do.

When we look again, just looking at this administration's continued cuts, the pain does not stop with just higher education, it is not just limited to K through 12. The budget is disastrous for college students and parents who are trying to take the next step for their children to try to help them take that opportunity and go to an institution of higher learning. Mr. President, we understand that college is not for everyone, and we understand that we have to make sure that we give our children options, but if a parent, guardian, or student wants to take that opportunity, wants to try to go to an institution of higher learning, wants to go to college, they should not be thwarted in their efforts to do so. And right now, that is exactly where we stand with the budget that was presented by the administration, that is exactly what this does, it puts obstacles in the way of folks who are trying to take the next step to an institution of higher learning.

So, the good part, Mr. President, the good part is that it is May. Tomorrow is May 1, and we will begin serious budget negotiations. There have been promises made to this Caucus, the Senate Democratic Caucus, that we will be in the room, that we will be part of the process, that we will be at the table, that what happened last year will not be repeated, when over 5 million people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were disenfranchised with an opportunity to be heard. When June 29 and June 30 came at 11:45, a budget was voted upon that this Caucus, the Senate Democrats, the over 5 million people whom we represent,

did not have an opportunity to be a part of it. That did not sit well with me, Mr. President. In fact, it is simply wrong. It cannot happen again. So I hope, as we move forward, the administration will honor its word that it gave us in February, and that we will be at the table, and that we will have meaningful discussions and the opportunity to work on not just the education issue, but on all of the other issues that are affecting people across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I have to go back to what is going to be taking place tomorrow. If what takes place tomorrow is setting the tone of where these budget negotiations go, then I am gravely, gravely concerned about what is to come next. When you pinpoint poor people, when you pinpoint senior citizens, our senior citizens who have been characterized many times by my grandfather as the aristocracy of our society, when you pinpoint these people to balance the budget on--and it is this early in the process, then you can only surmise where we are going to go next and the folks who are going to be hurt along the way. But I do have hope, I have hope that eventually this administration is going to step forward and is going to lead, and the opportunity is right now.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 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 4:53 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.