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SENATE

MONDAY, May 13, 2013

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend KENNY J. CRAIG, Pastor of Chambersburg Baptist Church, Chambersburg, offered the following prayer:

On behalf of Chambersburg Baptist Church and the Chambersburg Police Department, I thank you for the invitation to be here and to lead you in prayer today.

Let us pray.

Father, we thank You for the opportunity that You avail us today. We pray that You bless each one who is making decisions today with wisdom beyond their own capability of understanding and thinking. Give them the leadership that they need to offer up the right counsel, the right direction, under the right morals. We thank You for the privilege of these men and women who serve this State as well as our country. We pray blessings upon them in all that they do, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Pastor Craig, who is the guest today of Senator Alloway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 8, 2013

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 February 28, 2013, for the appointment of Mike Downing (Public Member), 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until *[sic]* for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Reverend Albert G. Davis, Jr., Ardmore, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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 BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 8, 2013

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, Paul J. Kelly, III, CPA, 904 Swedesford Road, Lower Gwynedd 19002, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dolly Lalvani, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 8, 2013

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, Albert E. Trexler (Public Member), 561 Colebrook Road, Exton 19341, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Reverend Albert G. Davis, Jr., Ardmore, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

May 8, 2013

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, Susanne M. Philo, 423 North Turnpike Road, PO Box 373, Dalton 18414, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until June 20, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Wendy Rieland, Glenshaw, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

May 8, 2013

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 T. Durbin, 12 Emlyn Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable A. Carville Foster, Jr., Seven Valleys, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

May 8, 2013

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, Michael P. Gleason, 2313 Engelwood Drive, Pittsburgh 15241, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice David F. Werner, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

May 8, 2013

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, H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest, 2445 Oaks Circle, Huntingdon Valley 19006, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Rovner, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 10, 2013

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, James A. Gilmartin, 706 North Crescent Avenue, Hamburg 19526, Berks County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

May 10, 2013

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, Jesse W. Topper (Public Member), 242 E. Simpson Street, Bedford 15522, Bedford County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

May 13, 2013

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, Edward D. Snell, M.D., 8304 Regan Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Eric Lake, DO, Havertown, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

May 10, 2013

Senator GORDNER presented to the Chair **SB 928**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for contributions by employees; establishing the Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; and further providing for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, May 10, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smucker, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Williams.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smith.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smucker, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Williams requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smith.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator ARGALL and Senator YAW, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, May 13, 2013

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, June 3, 2013, 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, June 3, 2013, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Greenleaf.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Greenleaf. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

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

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vance
Blake	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Fontana	Robbins	Vulakovich
Brewster	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Schwank	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Waugh
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	White
Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wiley
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Williams
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Teplitz	Yudichak

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.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND SENATOR EDWIN B. ERICKSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce Lena Weyhenmeyer, who is retiring from the Senate on May 29. Lena is a resident of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County. She began her service in the Senate of Pennsylvania 30 years ago this month on May 1, 1979, as a legislative assistant to Senator Frank O'Connell, after working briefly in the House of Representatives. During her time with the Senator, Lena also served as executive director of the Senate Committee on State Government. In 1985, she began working for Senator O'Connell's successor, Senator Charles Lemmond, before transferring to the Policy Development Research Office in 1987, where she currently serves as the Associate Policy Director. Lena is a valuable member of the staff, providing research support on a broad range of topics including healthcare and educational issues. Additionally, Lena provides staff support for the Senate Majority Policy Committee, and has worked closely with many of us who have served as Policy Chairman over the years, including myself, Senator Robbins, Senator Conti, Senator Corman, Senator Pippy, and Senator Erickson.

Lena is a founding member of the Tree of Life Lutheran Church on Linglestown Road in Harrisburg, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. She has been active in her church community through the years, serving on the church council, singing in the choir, and directing youth choirs. This past February, Lena and members of her choir performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City, showcasing the religious music of two composers.

Throughout her career in the General Assembly, Lena has maintained the highest level of excellence, and she has earned the respect and admiration of many of her friends and colleagues, including myself. She is a vital part of the Policy Development and Research Office, and she will be missed by all of us in the Capitol who have known her and have worked with her. Lena is here today on the floor of the Senate, accompanied by her family.

For further remarks, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Erickson.

Senator ERICKSON. Mr. President, you indicated that you were Policy Chairman, so you had the very nice experience of also working with Lena. I have had that privilege and honor as well, and I can tell you that when we would have public hearings, I never worried that things would not run smoothly, because Lena organized everything. She helped to find the people to come and testify, and her uncommon devotion to the job was just legendary. So, Lena, as Senator Scarnati indicated to you, we will miss you. I wish you the best of luck, and I hope you have a good time in retirement. But I will bet you, you will not be retired for long until somebody puts their arm around you and gets you back doing something else. So, God bless, have a good time, and thanks for all your help.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the Senate please welcome and thank our retiring staff member, Lena Weyhenmeyer.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE AND SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I hope that you will all listen to this, because this is one of most heartwarming things I have heard in a long time. Many times you hear about kids in trouble, but today Senator Teplitz and I have two teens who are being honored for doing something really positive. I have the distinct pleasure of introducing Camp Hill High School Senior, Gus Bostdorf. Gus wrestled for the Lions until January, when he was diagnosed with germ cell cancer. Although the tumor was found to be benign, Gus had to undergo treatment and had to end his high school wrestling career early.

Last year, he placed third in districts in the 220-pound weight class and qualified for States, and had high hopes this year. He had a rival from Halifax, Joey Kauffman, but he stepped in, and I will let them hear the end of the story. If you have ever been the mother of a wrestler, you know what a difficult sport that is and what it means to win. Joey said that Gus made him a better wrestler. After Joey won, he gave his gold medal to Gus, and that is one of the most unselfish acts I have ever heard. This act has brought these two young men together and bonded them for life. Gus is the son of Kenneth and Bao Bostdorf, who join him in the gallery, along with his sister, Elena. He plans to attend Shippensburg University in the fall, and I ask you to give a very warm welcome to Gus and his family.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Vance and Senator Teplitz please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I join Senator Vance in welcoming our guests to the Senate today. From my district, the 15th Senatorial District, we have Joey Kaufman, the senior at Halifax High School who is a standout on the wrestling team. Joey is here today with his parents, Sharon and Terry Kaufman, and his siblings, Jenny, Nathan, and Anna. Also joining him are his wrestling coach, Jason Enders; the athletic director, Gay Boyer; and principal, Dave Hatfield.

As Senator Vance said, these two gentlemen, Joey Kaufman and Gus Bostdorf, truly embody good sportsmanship. Senator Vance and I felt compelled to share their story and recognize them after reading about them in the Patriot-News a few months ago. As an aside, you may have seen Gus in the Patriot-News this past weekend as prom king, but that is not why they are here. Joey and Gus were rivals on the wrestling mat. In January, Gus was diagnosed with germ cell cancer after doctors discovered a tumor on his lung. Thankfully, the tumor was benign but required chemo treatments. This meant no more wrestling, no chance to compete in the district championships, and no opportunity to go up against his rival. Although Gus is expected to make a full recovery, he was understandably heartbroken that he could not compete anymore, but so was Joey. So after Joey won gold in the District 3 Class AA championships in February, he gave his medal to Gus, who was in attendance that day.

Mr. President, Gus's courage and Joey's selfless actions deserve recognition. They not only set a good example to athletes and teens, but to all of us. Senator Vance and I are honored to be able to meet both Joey's and Gus's families today, along with representatives from the school, and to recognize them in the Senate. So, Mr. President, I ask that we extend a very warm welcome to Joey Kaufman, his family, his coaches, his principal, and to Gus Bostdorf and his family.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate stands to recognize the guests once again.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Greenleaf has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

RECESS

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 59 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 145 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 277 (Pr. No. 182) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for commercial driver's license qualification standards.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 277 is an important bill for our veteran community. This bill will make the requirements for military veterans seeking a CDL license more realistic for the men and women reentering civilian life. As the law currently stands, veterans must immediately seek their CDL license if they wish to be eligible for the military waiver that requires 2 years of experience prior to applying. This bill would give our veterans time to become reacclimated into society before pursuing their CDL license and still receive the skills test waiver, provided they have the necessary experience required.

Members of our Armed Forces have trained extensively for their country, and now it is our job to make sure they have a smooth transition back into civilian life. Senate Bill No. 277 will alleviate some of the stress of these brave individuals, and I urge its immediate passage today.

Thank you Mr. President.

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-48

Alloway	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vance
Blake	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Fontana	Robbins	Vulakovich
Brewster	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Schwank	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Waugh
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	White
Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wiley
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Williams
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Teplitz	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 LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 303 (Pr. No. 921) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in inheritance tax, further providing for definitions and for exclusions.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 349 (Pr. No. 356) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge located over Washington's Landing and the Allegheny River, commonly known as the 31st Street Bridge, in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, as the William Raymond Prom 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-48

Alloway	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vance
Blake	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Fontana	Robbins	Vulakovich
Brewster	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Schwank	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Waugh
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	White

Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wiley
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Williams
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Teplitz	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.

SB 579 (Pr. No. 883) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the Pennsylvania State Police; and repealing an act relating to limitation on complement of the Pennsylvania State Police.

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 Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote, once again, on this bill. The Senate did pass this bill twice before. We are hopeful to get it to the House this time and to the Governor's desk. This is merely a clean-up bill, but an important bill for the Pennsylvania State Police, supported by their administration, the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association, and the Governor's office to clean up some of the language in the State Police Code and clarify the number of troopers for their complement.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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-48

Alloway	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vance
Blake	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Fontana	Robbins	Vulakovich
Brewster	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Schwank	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Waugh
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	White
Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wiley
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Williams
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Teplitz	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.

SB 59 CALLED UP

SB 59 (Pr. No. 28) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 59 (Pr. No. 28) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal police education and training, further defining "police department" and "police officer"; and further providing for reimbursement of expenses and for payment of certain county costs.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 59 affects the park police officers in Westmoreland County only, and it just states that those officers will obtain the same mandatory training as municipal police officers. It is no cost to the State, will be paid for by the county, and the county commissioners have agreed to this bill. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vance
Blake	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Fontana	Robbins	Vulakovich
Brewster	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Schwank	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Waugh
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	White
Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wiley
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Williams
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Teplitz	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 607, SB 681, SB 731, SB 732, SB 851, HB 1112 and **HB 1119** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1, HB 40, HB 46, SB 81, HB 293, SB 406, HB 465, HB 571, SB 601, SB 647, SB 699, SB 706, SB 707, SB 763, SB 764, SB 802, HB 818, SB 914, HB 987 and **HB 1029** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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:

PHYSICIAN GENERAL

May 1, 2013

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 February 28, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Physician General, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice The Honorable Robert Muscalus, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

May 6, 2013

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 February 28, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Patricia Bricklin, Wayne, deceased.

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 STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

April 8, 2013

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, Gerald A. Rader, 1209 Mensch Road, Box 877, Skippack 19474, Montgomery County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice J. Omar Landis, Lititz, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

April 8, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
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March 26, 2013

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, Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, 604 Stoneridge Drive, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, 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, vice Joseph Napolitano, Allentown, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
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MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

April 11, 2013

To the Honorable, the Senate
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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert B. Pease, 326 Dewey Street, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
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MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

April 12, 2013

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, David A. Kaflick, 112 Hallmark N, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Sharon Guise, Dover, resigned.

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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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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:

YEA-48

Alloway	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Vance
Blake	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Fontana	Robbins	Vulakovich
Brewster	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Schwank	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Waugh
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	White
Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wiley
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Williams
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Teplitz	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 COMMITTEES

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

SB 5 (Pr. No. 967) (Rereported) *(Concurrence)*

An Act establishing the Community-Based Health Care Program in the Department of Health; and providing for hospital health clinics and for limitations.

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

SB 34 (Pr. No. 930) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1973 (P.L.397, No.141), known as the Professional Educator Discipline Act, making extensive substantive and editorial changes; providing for imposition of discipline on additional grounds, for imposition of discipline on founded and indicated reports, for confidentiality, for subpoenas and for disposition of fees and fines collected; and establishing the Professional Educator Discipline Account.

SB 46 (Pr. No. 1056) (Amended) (Rereported)

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 employment history review.

SB 441 (Pr. No. 380) (Rereported)

An Act providing for plumbing contractors licensure; establishing the State Board of Plumbing Contractors and providing for its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; establishing fees, fines and civil penalties; creating the Plumbing Contractors Licensure Account; and making an appropriation.

SB 526 (Pr. No. 489) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for sanitation standards.

SB 859 (Pr. No. 1057) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in creation, alteration and termination of condominiums, further providing for contents of declaration and flexible condominiums and for amendment of declaration; and, in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for contents of declaration for flexible planned communities and for amendment of declaration.

SB 867 (Pr. No. 964) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for expiration of chapter.

HB 583 (Pr. No. 645) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and for disbursement of fund amounts by agency.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators VANCE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, WOZNIAK, COSTA, BRUBAKER, GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, BREWSTER, FERLO, FARNESE, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, SCHWANK, SMITH, SOLOBAY, STACK and WASHINGTON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 135**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 17, 2013, as "Bike to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators VOGEL, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, SMITH, STACK, WOZNIAK, WAUGH, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, ARGALL, ERICKSON, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, FERLO, ALLOWAY, SCARNATI, TOMLINSON, WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, BRUBAKER, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, COSTA, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 136**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2013 as "Historic Preservation Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, today, I offer a resolution designating the month of May as "Historic Preservation Month" in Pennsylvania. The National Trust for Historic Preservation dedicates May to raising awareness for preservation issues. The mission of the National Trust is to provide support and encouragement for grassroots preservation efforts. Pennsylvania is rich in history and works diligently through Preservation Pennsylvania, established in 1982, to preserve our Commonwealth's heritage through the restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties and districts.

In my own district, Old Economy Village in Ambridge has worked diligently to preserve its past while bringing history to life for our residents. From Independence Hall, where our great nation was founded, to the battlefields of Gettysburg, where men fought to preserve our union, Pennsylvania has a fascinating story to share with American citizens and the world. Both of these locations, along with Old Economy Village and many others in our Commonwealth, have been at risk of destruction, but through preservation efforts, we are able to bring our communities together by remembering and restoring our past. For this reason, I recognize May as Historic Preservation Month in Pennsylvania, and I ask for unanimous support.

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 KASUNIC, FERLO, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, STACK, ARGALL, SCHWANK, TOMLINSON, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, FARNESE, MENSCH, FONTANA, BAKER, VULAKOVICH, PILEGGI, YAW, WAUGH, FOLMER, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, WHITE, SMITH, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, ALLOWAY and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 137**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Cancer Society and congratulating it on its many milestones in researching the disease.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

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

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, I rise to proudly urge support for this resolution that recognizes the 100th anniversary of the American Cancer Society. In 1913, 15 physicians and businessmen in New York City, who were determined to raise awareness about cancer, founded the American Society for the Control of Cancer, later renamed the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society has always been at the forefront of cancer research and raising public awareness about this horrible disease. In 1947, an American Cancer Society researcher discovered the first successful chemotherapy treatment. The organization also spearheaded the 1971 "War on Cancer" health legislation and took the lead in warning people about the relationship between smoking, obesity, and cancer.

Mr. President, the American Cancer Society can be credited with helping to foster cutting-edge research and treatment, as well as reaching out to people affected with cancer. It is worth noting that in 2012, the United States saw a 20-percent drop in cancer death rates, a very encouraging and heartening statistic. It shows what great deeds can be accomplished when good people pool their efforts and rally public support. I applaud the American Cancer Society on its 100th anniversary and pledge my continued support until we find a full and complete cure for cancer.

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 HUGHES, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, BAKER, MENSCH, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, FERLO, STACK, WOZNIAK, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, FONTANA, SCHWANK, WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, SMITH, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 138**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 2013 as "American Stroke Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators BAKER, ROBBINS, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, STACK, FERLO, TEPLITZ, ARGALL, FONTANA, SCARNATI, BROWNE, KASUNIC, SMITH, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WAUGH, PILEGGI, FARNESE, SCHWANK, WHITE, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, VANCE, TARTAGLIONE, BRUBAKER, HUTCHINSON and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 139**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 19 through 25, 2013, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" and May 22, 2013, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day," with the theme, "EMS: One Mission, One Team," in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, the photographs of the finish line at the Boston Marathon remind us why we celebrate EMS Week every year. That fateful day illustrated that when crisis hits, there are two kinds of people in this world: those who run from danger, and those who run toward it. Our Commonwealth's EMTs fall squarely into the latter group. They are always the first to rush in when others rush out. Not only do they arrive on the scene quickly, they arrive trained to save lives. Like the people who rushed to help in Boston, Pennsylvania's EMS workers respond without regard to their own personal safety. They exhibit unselfishness that is extraordinary, and an innate desire to help

that trumps every other emotion and obstacle. At any time of day or night, and in all kinds of weather, they risk their own lives to bring others to safety, to survival. EMTs have specialized training to not only transport but to treat.

During EMS Week, from May 19 through May 25, we take time to say thank you to our EMTs for their service, for running toward danger instead of away. From emergency room doctors and nurses to ambulance drivers and paramedics, their selfless acts improve our quality of life, and protect and prolong life. We often take them for granted, but these EMTs not only provide CPR and a healthy dose of TLC, but they give us the IOUs that we can never fully repay. So, Mr. President, I offer this resolution in honor of our everyday heroes. 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 WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, TEPLITZ, FERLO, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, FARNESE, SMITH, STACK, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, KASUNIC, WILLIAMS, SOLOBAY, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 140**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 9, 2013, as "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators HUTCHINSON, SCARNATI, ARGALL, ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, COSTA, DINNIMAN, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, VANCE, WHITE and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 141**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Margaret H. Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I proudly rise today to speak on this resolution memorializing the life and legacy of Margaret H. Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990, not only making her the longest-serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom during the 20th century, but also making her the first and only woman to serve in that role. Mrs. Thatcher showed leadership, conviction, and unwavering friendship to the continuing strong alliance between the United States and the United Kingdom during what was a tumultuous period of international affairs. Mrs. Thatcher held a lifelong commitment to advancing freedom, liberty, and democracy. Standing tall with President Ronald Reagan, she was a champion of peace and a stalwart ally of the United States of America in opposing the spread of communism and, ultimately, bringing an end to the Cold War.

While she was generally known as Britain's "Iron Lady," Mrs. Thatcher showed a different side to the folks she met when she visited Pittsburgh on September 24, 1997, for a speech before the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In a recent article marking the former Prime Minister's visit, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette related the story of what happened when Lady Thatcher requested the Pittsburgh Hilton's recipe for mushroom soup. James Foutz, a Uniontown accountant, recalled that Mrs. Thatcher said she and her husband, Denis, liked to eat simply in the evening, and that they ate a lot of soup, but when she looked at the recipe from the Hilton, she said, quote,"This is for 1,200 people!" Mr. Foutz told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette another story about her visit to Pittsburgh, showing that Mrs. Thatcher was not above using her gender for humor. When he informed her that President Clinton was coming to Pittsburgh the next day and asked if she would like to stay a bit longer so she could meet with the President, Mrs. Thatcher thanked him and wryly deferred, saying, I have a hair appointment, sorry.

Mr. President, Margaret Thatcher was praised and reviled in her life, and even after her passing on April 8, but unarguably, her legacy as a world leader and stateswoman will continue to thrive and endure. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a great friend of the United States of America and a British Patriot by supporting this resolution.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators LEACH, TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, FERLO, STACK, ERICKSON, FONTANA, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, SMITH, ARGALL, TARTAGLIONE and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 142**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and expressing condolences upon the passing of Robert W. Edgar, former Pennsylvania congressman, who died on April 23, 2013.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Caleb Martin by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Gary Shupp, Patrick DiPrima, Leland Helms and to the Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Quyen Tran, Andrew J. Kopczynskie, Kody M. Frey, Jacobo DeLos Santos, John C. Rodriguez, Nicholas G. Hendricks, Lynne Kovalchik, Mariah S. dePamphilis, Andrew L. Acevedo, Kristy Wisser, Israel Marcano, Joseph A. Fronti, Curt A. Reid, Gillian S. Snyder, Ayrs Mariano, Madison Jacob, Megan Kutchera, John J. Silver, Amanda J. Ferreira, Kaitlyn Bennicoff, Genelle Davenport, Deven P. Brocious, Devon Wagner, Joshua Reichard, Braxton W. Strauss, Hadrian R. Gable, Ryan A. Martinez, Ethan Gaither, Jared Naugle, Louis T. Andreotti, Zachary A. Ziegler, Carlissa A. Gross, Savanna Lerch, Miranda J. Rich, Sol M. Jusino, Weston R. Frey, Erin L. Kipp and to Daniel J. Little by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shertzer by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Deborah J. Yoder, Nolan Christopher Fisher, Liam Geleskie, Gary A. Krebs, David C. Lukens and to Saint John's United Church of Christ of Newport by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Don Vymazal and to Roger Charles Martin by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jenna Spoont by Senators Diniman and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Coatesville by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the DeGol family by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Jordan by Senater Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gail Dolan, Wagner Family Eyecare, Lieutenant Archie W. Thompson Post No. 264 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the Oil City Area School District by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Duffy by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brendan Miller and to Johnathan Michael Clementi by Senators Leach and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara N. Lyons and to the Bucks County Council of Republican Women by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Historic Fallsington, Inc., by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sara J. Gammon by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Miriam S. MacIntyre, William C. Rogers, Kelley B. Van Trieste and to Pearl L. Elberson by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard Steven Weber, Brian Vandyke and to Christian Dakotah McClain by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Wise by Senators Rafferty and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dana L. Eichert and to Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Inc., by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas O'Connor, Bob Gregg, Mark Uriah, Tracy White, Tracy McElhone, Jessica Wilding, Mary Robinson, Donna Weightman, Tom Hay, Gregg Day, Doug Crouse, Dave Vallina, Sylvester Terkay, Rebecca Braun-Champlin, John Ballein, Elizabeth Proudfit, Bryan Matusic, Shannon Pasco and to the 1992 Canon-McMillan High School Wrestling Team by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce Kopena and to James Bacon by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick A. McCormack, Joey Kaufman and to Edward J. Zogby by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert L. Weidner, Jr., Roger Van Scyoc, James E. Hoerner, Brett R. Otto, Kevin C. Swade, Oren H. Kauffman III, Patty J. Garber, Richard J. Dempsey, Michael T. Crossley, Michael L. Coyle, Barbara J. Cohick, Paul E. Baer, Jr., Cam A. Baer and to Roger L. Amsbaugh by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Viola DeMauro, Lois VanGorder James, Gladys Walker, Lavina Moncrief and to O'Connor's Family Day Care by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dolores Esther Wesley Dow and to the Roychester Community Center by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleischer and to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sirochman by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc., by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Valentine Sabon IV, Dominic DePoalo, Lou Ciampi, Sr., Anthony J. Dixon and to Pierina Pennisi by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Glenda Lee Maransky by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Robert J. Lesko by Senator Schwank.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John J. Encandela by Senator Solobay.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

Posthumous citations honoring the late Thomas Diamond, Sr., and John Ross were extended to the families by Senator Solobay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013

Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 118; Senate Bill No. 5 and certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 34, 46, 441, 526, 859, 867; and House Bill No. 583)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
	TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013	
9:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing to consider the nominations of Col. Anthony J. Carrelli as Brigadier General of the PA Air National Guard; Brig. Gen. John E. Murphy as Major General of the PA Air National Guard; and Col. Marc Ferraro and Col. James P. Wong as Brigadier General of the PA Army National Guard; and committee meeting to consider Senate Bills No. 586, 886; and Senate Resolution No. 104)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 137 and 869)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 928)	Room 461 Main Capitol
1:00 P.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing to consider the Governor's plan on liquor privatization)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013	
9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Higher Education Accessibility and Affordability - Senate Bills No. 78, 420 and 713)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Common Core)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:45 P.M.	SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA COMMISSION (organizational meeting)	Room 8E-B East Wing
	THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013	
1:00 P.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on the future of Main Street and Elm Street Programs)	Carbon County Courthouse Annex, Commissioner's Conf. Rm. Third Fl., 2 Hazard Sq. Jim Thorpe, PA
	THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013	
9:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to discuss the following topic; Civil legal representation of the indigent: Have we achieved equal access to justice?)	Phila. Bar Assn., 1101 Market St., Philadelphia
	TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013	
12:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 895; and House Bills No. 126, 353, 798 and 891)	Room 8E-A East Wing

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, last week's court approval of the latest redistricting scheme brings to close another embarrassing debacle. Looking back on the redistricting process, politics again trumped public interest. Bowing to unfettered political interest, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission stretched, squeezed, and contorted legislative maps beyond all recognition. You want proof? Just take a look at the maps. If you do, you will plainly understand why the commission's initial attempt was rejected, and why the latest court-approved map is not much better than the original. Mr. President, in the 18th Senatorial District, the district that I represent, in the last 20 years--two reapportionment eras--we have only five municipalities left in the 18th Senatorial District that remained consistent, even though the 18th Senatorial District substantially grew in population. You would think it would get more compact.

So in the first redistricting, I am talking 20 years ago, it was a compact district comprised mostly of Northampton and Monroe Counties. Then, the redistricting commission stretched it and really tugged it because it entailed Monroe, Northampton, and Lehigh Counties. So it was the shape of a massive capital J, a big loop, of course ignoring communities of interest. Then just recently, I was kind of happy that I did not get that big huge J, but what I did get was a more compact transformer. It looks like a transformer, a little shorter, more fat, but sticking out edges everywhere you go.

So that is why I am urging that the Senate consider my legislation that would establish a more equitable, independent, and rational means of redistricting legislative districts. This is the latest unfortunate chapter of what proves, if anything, that the less the politicians have to do with drawing these maps, the better off we all are. So, we must change the way we draw these maps, and that is why I am urging full consideration of my legislation to establish a different way. For nearly a decade, I have called for extracting politics from the redistricting process. Instead, my bill would allow for an independent group of citizens to draw the maps in a more fair, rational, and equitable way. Senate Bill No. 361 is patterned off a proven system already used in Iowa, and if you look at those maps, you will not see any transformers, you will not see any big, huge J's, or any mutilated starfish.

Under my proposal, a State legislative congressional reapportionment bureau would be established and comprised of members who do not, do not hold political or party offices, who are not related to those who hold office, and do not work for those who hold office. This reform system would help take partisanship and politics out of the reapportionment and redistricting process altogether. And let me repeat, and I warned of this earlier this year, if we are not prepared to reform this process, we will be right back here 10 years from now wondering what went wrong, wondering why these districts look so oddly shaped, and wondering why these new districts favor the sitting incumbent so significantly. We will, again, be rightly criticized by the media and the public for taking a hands-off approach to political insiders with secretive ambitions and axes to grind. We will again be red-faced for letting insiders misuse the process for personal gain, leaving communities and regions, such as the Lehigh Valley, needlessly split and mutilated to suit political ends. It was that mutilated starfish that I was talking about.

So anyway, Mr. President, it is time to get it right, it is time to clean up this process, it is time to make it fair, and it is time to

allow representative government to be representative. The people we represent deserve so much better. Let us do what we were sent here to do, and that is to represent the people.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, over the last year, America has witnessed, unfortunately, two tragedies which have galvanized the nation: one in an elementary school in Sandy Hook, and the other, most recently, in Boston. The nation, collectively, held their breath in horror as they recounted the individual lives, the victims, the consequences to America, and the reaction to such. As a nation, that drew our attention to the highest level where the President of the United States proposed legislation, the first lady of this nation attended a funeral, the Governor of New Jersey fully wrapped his arms around individuals, and Philadelphia, sister city to Boston, wore ribbons in a marathon, all an appropriate response to the loss of human life and the senseless manner in which violence has interrupted the course of how America should and has to continue to conduct itself, and that is with liberty, justice, and peace for all.

Unfortunately, while many of us were celebrating a wonderful occasion with our mothers on Mother's Day, and I am counted in those scores, again, this nation was visited with another horrific event. In New Orleans, on Mother's Day, at a parade for mothers, 18 innocent Americans were shot, 2 children were shot. While I, amongst many, gathered at the television or occasionally looked at the Internet and read of the individual human lives and victims of what happened in Boston or what happened in Sandy Hook, I was challenged, and still remain challenged, to find details of those 18 victims in New Orleans. I am not quite sure what it is in this country, but for some reason, class and socioeconomic conditions apparently invade our reporting, our documenting, and frankly, even our collective compassion for human beings. Those that, for some reason, fall into the shadows of America are not covered at quite the level as those of other parts of America are covered. The national nightly news was significantly absent of any coverage of this tragedy. When I woke this morning, the national newspapers were significantly understating, no front page USA TODAY pictures of the 18 victims huddled on the ground of New Orleans at a parade site where mothers and children were shot down in America.

While I will gather and certainly protest at great length any human being's loss of dignity in life, I am tired that the manner in which we reduce human loss and dignity in parts of this country, and while sometimes it makes people feel uncomfortable that we would raise it, I am going to raise it. I am going to raise it because I, like you, share a privilege of being in one of the highest positions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that is the State Senate of Pennsylvania, protected by security guards, with the finest healthcare, and a salary that provides for a quality of life, and the measurement of being able to pick up a phone and call whoever we want to call. I do not care whether we are from Clearfield County, Philadelphia County, Cumberland County, Elk County, Pittsburgh, we are all able to come and join in some level of camaraderie. Regardless if you are Polish, Irish, Jewish, or African American, we are able to enjoy the comforts of this particular club.

While we all, on many occasions, revel at the wonders of this country, the successes of those whom we have counted out, those extraordinary stories during elliptic periods of time when we talk about the person who comes from a neighborhood of challenging backgrounds and makes it on a big-time stage in America, whether it be in entertainment, or even if it be a public figure, or even the President of the United States, who obviously comes from a challenging background, we all have the opportunity to talk about what wonders America offers. The reality is that if we do not talk about what happened in New Orleans, then we are obviously not talking about what we should be talking about in America, and that is the level of violence which is infecting all of us every day in this country. There are countless scores of young men who, today, will be shot down in the city, and we will all go on as if nothing has happened. The national news will not cover that, and I do not care who the President of the United States is, they will not be at that funeral. I doubt without raising my voice that we would pay attention to the 18 parents who were shot down in New Orleans.

If we are going to be in the fight together, if we learned one thing from 9/11, that is, they do not care what you look like, they do not care what neighborhood you come from, they do not care about your socioeconomic background, they do not care about our petty differences, what they care about is that we are Americans. Countless scores of young men and women from rural, suburban, urban America went to war on our collective behalf, and they deserve our collective attention and protection when it comes to these moments of crisis. We have been shooting human beings for decades in this country, and we have been underreporting the consequence of that misery regardless of who writes or talks about it. But to have on Mother's Day, at a parade, 18 people shot and we do not raise our voice? We certainly do not condemn those vicious thugs who did it, and we do not raise it to the level of attention that we do in other parts and other times in this country, that is a stain upon us. It is an indignity that we allow this to continue in this country.

To honestly face this condition of violence is not something one is born with in their DNA. It is not something that people in parts of America are comfortable with. It is not something that is bred into somebody who lives in an urban dwelling. It is not something a mother or a father simply allows the condition to continue. But if we do not collectively address it, if we do not speak out upon it, if we do not recognize it, and if, most importantly, we do not pray for those families the same as we pray for those families in Sandy Hook, the same as we pray for those families that were assaulted at the Boston Marathon and killed and maimed, if we do not have the same level of concern for those 18 human beings who were struck down at a Mother's Day parade in New Orleans, then we cannot cry out that we are truly patriotic Americans.

My plea today is not to condemn the fact that we overlook them but to, frankly, uplift them. To begin the dialogue that all of us claim on this floor, claim this space, wrap ribbons around our arms for them like we do in all parts of America, to begin here first in Ben Franklin's America, the cradle of liberty, the backbone of this country, the author of the Constitution that says all men are created equal. That we too cry the tears of those who have been maimed in New Orleans. We will not turn our blind eye on or our shoulder of indifference because they do not necessarily come from a community that we are familiar with. But we share their pain, we share their burden, and most importantly, we

will address and find an answer to this cancer of violence which is affecting America.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I rise, once again, to talk about the issue of our brave men and women who have served as veterans in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, who have returned home to the United States and then encountered a more than difficult challenge with trying to gain employment. In Pennsylvania, our unemployment rate is higher than the national average, and no end seems to be in sight, Mr. President. When we think about our veterans, we have to think about folks who have received excellent training in leadership, in working with team concepts, and from my own experience in the military, also have gained a lot of the technological skills and advanced training that most employers really find indispensable. Yet, our unemployment rate for veterans in Pennsylvania is substantially higher than most people. I want to salute my colleague, Senator Vogel, for passing, at least in the Senate, his legislation that waives the CDL test requirement for veterans. I think that is a very positive step in finding a way to get our heroes employed fully, along with the rest of the population of Pennsylvania.

Last night, I watched on "60 Minutes" a segment where, once again, they talked about particularly disabled veterans who have unique challenges in returning to employment. The segment that I watched encouraged entrepreneurship with veterans. I think that is something that we should explore here in Pennsylvania, whether we do that through a tax credit, whether we do that through other ways of funding such a program, whether we encourage businesses to reach out to veterans, that is something that we should do. The bottom line is, we are not doing enough for our veterans here in Pennsylvania.

We have had, by far, the greatest National Guard participation of any State here in Pennsylvania. We have, currently, 19,000 members in the Pennsylvania National Guard. I think at least that number have been deployed around the world in the war on terror. Some of the folks have gone on three or four, or even five deployments, and so, we are not doing enough. One of the things that I am working on, along with my colleague in the House, Representative Barbin, is a $4,000 tax credit for any small business that hires a veteran who returned from the Iraq or Afghanistan wars. I think this is something that is affordable for employers, it encourages employers, and at the end of the day, it is going to help employers in Pennsylvania because they are going to get great workers when they bring in veterans, for the reasons that I previously stated--they have the skills set, they have the training. They are just looking for the opportunity. So, I am a bipartisan advocate for our veterans.

I also take note that because of Federal cuts to our National Guard, we are going to lose 1,800 to 2,000 skilled, trained, experienced guardsmen and guardswomen, mostly perhaps in the higher echelon officers' ranks. That is going to be a big problem down the road. So, if we are going to continue to be one of the strongest National Guards in the country, we are going to have to continue to focus on not only making sure that while our guardsmen and guardswomen are active, that they have the best equipment, the best training, the best skills, the best leadership possible, when they return home we have to make sure that they are able to become gainfully employed and be leaders in their civilian role as well as the military role. If we do not do that, Mr. President, we are truly failing those who have helped keep us safe for years.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:22 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.