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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2013

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend ROB KAZINSKI, Pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Honesdale, offered the following prayer:

Would you all bow your heads in prayer.

You, O Creator God, who has ordered us and brought us together today; You, who sustained us as families, communities, clans, tribes, States, and nations; You, Creator God, who enacts Your governance in ways overt and in ways hidden; You, who exercise Your will for peace and for justice and for freedom, we give You thanks for the peaceable order of our State and for the opportunity to serve the people in our Commonwealth - our constituents, both young and old.

Be with us in this Chamber today, that we might be wise in our discernment, that we might have good counsel as we render decisions that will affect not only this generation, but indeed generations to come. In the spirit of humility and in the character of a common wealth, that Your purpose may prevail and that we as leaders may do Your work today mindful of Your sense of justice and goodness for everyone, especially the poor, the powerless, and those who are most vulnerable and often silent. Indeed, Holy One, when we are called, help us to act more from our convictions and less from expedience. More for the common good and less for temporal influences. More out of the courage which bespeaks trust in You and less from fear. So we begin, dear God, today in hope and in deep gladness for this opportunity to serve others as You have entrusted us. In Your good name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Kazinski, who is the guest today of Senator Baker.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**RECALL COMMUNICATION  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT 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 COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF EAST  
STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

June 19, 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 May 31, 2013, for the appointment of Peter Casale, 2254 Walters Road, Stroudsburg 18360, Monroe County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of East Stroudsburg 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 Robert Willever, Bethlehem, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

**NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT 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 MASSAGE THERAPY**

June 19, 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, Stephanie Moore (Public Member), 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth

Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Catherine Campbell, Lemoyne, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

## HOUSE MESSAGES

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 194** and **SB 865**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

### 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:

June 19, 2013

- HB 390** -- Committee on Finance.
- HB 920** -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.
- HB 1247** -- Committee on State Government.
- HB 1414** -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

### BILLS SIGNED

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

**SB 194, SB 865, HB 84** and **HB 987**.

### BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 19, 2013

Senators ARGALL and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1014**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for driver certification program and for budget and fees; providing for assessment notice and hearings; further providing for fund and for transfer of money from fund; providing for fees; and further providing for power of authority to issue certificates of public convenience and for restrictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 19, 2013.

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator BRUBAKER, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

### **SB 456 (Pr. No. 1251)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the Innovate in PA Program.

### **SB 922 (Pr. No. 1252)** (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions: for the Public School Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, of administration and miscellaneous provisions and of health insurance for retired school employees; for military pensions, in the area of military leave of absence; for the State Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan and of contributions, of benefits, administration, funds, accounts, general provisions; and providing, as to the revisions, for construction, applicability, funding, amortization, re-amortization, recertification, liability and legal challenge.

### **HB 1172 (Pr. No. 1606)**

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for limitations on rates of specific taxes.

### **HB 1359 (Pr. No. 1754)**

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1995 (P.L.320, No.49), entitled "An act amending the act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591), entitled 'An act providing a fixed charge, payable by the Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and the Federal Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining the same as public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties, school districts, and townships where such forests are located; and making an appropriation,' increasing the amount paid by the Commonwealth; and providing for an annual charge for tax-exempt lands," further providing for an annual charge for tax-exempt lands.

Senator VANCE, from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reported the following bills:

### **HB 1075 (Pr. No. 2089)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in kinship care, further providing for scope and for definitions; and providing for family finding.

### **HB 1190 (Pr. No. 2090)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for definitions, for administration, for licensure, for term and content of license and for reliance on accrediting agencies and Federal Government; and providing for reliance on national accreditation organizations for hospitals.

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

**SB 1030 (Pr. No. 1242)**

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 religious educational facilities.

**HB 1141 (Pr. No. 1399)**

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

Senator ARGALL, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bills:

**HB 1122 (Pr. No. 2085) (Amended)**

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 for all condominiums, for contents of declaration for flexible condominiums and for amendment of declaration; in protection of purchasers, further providing for declarant's obligation to complete and restore; and, in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for contents of declaration for all planned communities, for contents of declaration for flexible planned communities and for amendment of declaration.

**HB 1319 (Pr. No. 1700)**

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for powers of an authority.

**HB 1363 (Pr. No. 2086) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of November 26, 2008 (P.L.1672, No.135), known as the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, further providing for definitions, for initiation of action, for appointment of conservator, for powers and duties of conservator, for incurring indebtedness and for sale of property.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brubaker and Senator Corman, and a legislative leave for Senator Waugh.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brubaker and Senator Corman, and a legislative leave for Senator Waugh. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of May 7, 2013, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of May 7, 2013.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

**YEA-50**

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

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, it is truly a privilege for me today to introduce to the Senate a true American hero and a good friend who is here to provide some comments to the Senate, Major Nathan Kline, U.S. Air Force, retired. Just a little bit about Major Kline. He has had 42 years of active and ready reserve time in the U.S. Air Force. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on November 6, 1942, and from March 1944 through April 1945, he flew 65 bombing missions as a bombardier/navigator in a B-26 Marauder, assigned to the 454th Bomb Squadron. Sixty-five bombing missions in the European Theater during World War II. His accolades include The Distinguished Flying Cross, four Bronze Battle Stars, the French Legion of Honor--presented to him specifically by the French Government--and he was nominated for the Presidential Citizens Medal by both Senator Casey and Senator Toomey.

Notwithstanding Major Kline's tremendous service to this country in the military, I have never known a man who has been more willing to continue that service. He is liaison to the military for the city of Allentown, he is president emeritus of Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council, he is a board member for the Military Officers of America, and executive board member of the Honorary First Defenders. I think he quoted to me that he sits on 33 boards, and this is a gentleman who, this August, will celebrate his 89th birthday. I am very proud to present to the Senate Major Nathan Kline.

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

(Applause.)

Major KLINE. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the Pennsylvania Senate. I am most humbled by Senator Browne and other Senate leaders for giving me the opportunity and privilege to address you today. During my lifetime, our nation has been engaged in a world war, two major conflicts in western Asia, several more in the Mideast, and many other skirmishes in places

like Panama and Grenada. The sacrifices made by the men and women who fought in these conflicts have placed an indelible toll on their lives and fortunes. Their experiences often are not shared with others as they struggle internally, fighting on a daily basis to rationalize what they did and observed.

These heroes appreciate all this body has done to make Pennsylvania a great home for veterans and their families. Our State recognized the need to take care of our veterans many years ago, when after the Civil War legislation was enacted to create veterans offices in each of our counties. Although the requirement to have an office was mandated, it was left up to each county to fund and operate their offices. Since then, there have been tweaks here and there regarding statewide veterans support, including bringing the once-separate Veterans Office under the Department of Military Affairs. Taking this action, however, did not affect the support system in place. Counties continue to independently deliver services to veterans.

Two studies, both funded by this legislature, were conducted over the past 10 years both concluding that the veterans in our State would be better served by creating a separate cabinet-level department for veterans affairs. Our veterans should be provided a guaranteed level of service regardless of what county they live in, and the most efficient way to make this happen is to bring these services under the centralized direction of a separate department, and at the cabinet level, which would provide direct entry to the Governor and his staff with veterans issues. It would also allow a cabinet-level officer to interface directly with his or her counterparts in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal departments to insure the best possible benefits and entitlements are delivered to our veterans. I am recommending that you consider taking steps to make this a reality. Enacting such legislation would make a huge difference in the quality and quantity of services delivered to our veterans. In my humble opinion, this would be the most important veterans bill passed since the Civil War.

I would like to conclude my remarks by saying that my recommendation is not a criticism of the Adjutant General's office nor of the fine men and women who are employed by our counties and who help our veterans. They are hardworking and mean well, and in general are doing as much as they can to assist. It is not about what is being done, but rather how it should be done. Abraham Lincoln said it best, during his second inaugural address and only a month before the Civil War ended:

"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan," I urge you to heed Lincoln's words by transforming them into meaningful action so that we can truly say that Pennsylvania is doing everything it can to insure its veterans and their families receive every benefit they so richly deserve. Thank you, and may God bless this Commonwealth.

Thank you.  
(Applause.)

### GUEST OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise to introduce our guest Chaplain today, Pastor Rob Kazinski from the Central United Methodist Church in Honesdale. Pastor Kazinski was born in Wilkes-Barre and was raised in Larksville. He received his B.A. from Kutztown University, his master's from Penn State, and he graduated from the Boston University School of Theology. He was ordained in 2006 and has been the pastor at Central United Methodist Church since 2010. He is married to Karyn, and they have two sons, Seth and Ethan. My field representative, Bruce Mackle, is a member of his congregation, and on his behalf, we are both proud and honored to have Pastor Kazinski with us today to offer our opening prayer. I ask the Senate to give our usual warm welcome to Pastor Kazinski.

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

(Applause.)

### GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce one of my interns today, Emily Harrison. She is a 2009 graduate of Spring-Ford Senior High School. She also attended and has just graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a double major in both history and honors. During her senior year, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and next year, Emily will be attending the University of Minnesota Law School to pursue a career in constitutional and educational law. Additionally, Mr. President, Emily is working this summer with me, and she had the unique experience of also working as a student at the University of Wisconsin with the Wisconsin legislature. If you remember, the Wisconsin legislature went through some very interesting times during this last year. I have assured her that the Pennsylvania legislature is a little calmer than our sister State. I ask that we give a nice warm Senate welcome to Emily Harrison.

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

(Applause.)

### RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room immediately.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, likewise, a Democratic caucus will follow.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Ward and Senator Vogel.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Wozniak and Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Ward and Senator Vogel.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Wozniak and Senator Yudichak.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**CALENDAR**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 526** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 57 (Pr. No. 26)** -- 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 exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

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-49**

Alloway	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Argall	Folmer	Robbins	Ward
Baker	Fontana	Scarnati	Washington
Blake	Gordner	Schwank	Waugh
Boscola	Greenleaf	Smith	White
Brewster	Hughes	Smucker	Wiley

Browne	Hutchinson	Solobay	Williams
Brubaker	Kasunic	Stack	Wozniak
Corman	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yaw
Costa	Leach	Teplitz	Yudichak
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance	
Erickson	Pileggi	Vogel	

**NAY-1**

Ferlo

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 137 (Pr. No. 1240)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 21, 1984 (P.L.1253, No.238), known as the Speech-Language and Hearing Licensure Act, further providing for title of act, for short title, for declaration of policy, for definitions, for creation of board, appointment and term of members and officers, for powers and duties of board, for license required and persons and practices not affected and exclusions, for requirements for licensure and for application and fees; providing for certification for audiologists using intraoperative monitoring; further providing for examinations, for refusal to issue and revocation, for requirement of a medical examination, for renewal fees and records, for limitation of renewal time and new license and for certification to the board; providing for use of title; and further providing for enforcement of certification to board, for impaired professionals, for penalties, for injunction against lawful practice and for appropriation.

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-49**

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

**NAY-1**

Ferlo

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 303, SB 379 and SB 401 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 437 (Pr. No. 1241) -- 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, in teacher certification, providing for military science certificates.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Argall, Ferlo, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Folmer, Robbins, Ward; Blake, Fontana, Scarnati, Washington; Boscola, Gordner, Schwank, Waugh; Brewster, Greenleaf, Smith, White; Browne, Hughes, Smucker, Wiley; Brubaker, Hutchinson, Solobay, Williams; Corman, Kasunic, Stack, Wozniak; Costa, Kitchen, Tartaglione, Yaw; Dinniman, Leach, Teplitz, Yudichak; Eichelberger, McIlhinney, Tomlinson; Erickson, Mensch, Vance.

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 546 (Pr. No. 510) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 88 over the Ten Mile Creek connecting Jefferson Township, Greene County, and East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, as the Lieutenant General William M. Keys 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-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Argall, Ferlo, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Folmer, Robbins, Ward; Blake, Fontana, Scarnati, Washington; Boscola, Gordner, Schwank, Waugh; Brewster, Greenleaf, Smith, White; Browne, Hughes, Smucker, Wiley; Brubaker, Hutchinson, Solobay, Williams; Corman, Kasunic, Stack, Wozniak; Costa, Kitchen, Tartaglione, Yaw; Dinniman, Leach, Teplitz, Yudichak; Eichelberger, McIlhinney, Tomlinson; Erickson, Mensch, Vance.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 571 (Pr. No. 633) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 45, crossing the Little Juniata River in Spruce Creek Township, Huntingdon County, as the SFC Sidney N. Hamer 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-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Argall, Ferlo, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Folmer, Robbins, Ward; Blake, Fontana, Scarnati, Washington; Boscola, Gordner, Schwank, Waugh; Brewster, Greenleaf, Smith, White; Browne, Hughes, Smucker, Wiley; Brubaker, Hutchinson, Solobay, Williams; Corman, Kasunic, Stack, Wozniak; Costa, Kitchen, Tartaglione, Yaw; Dinniman, Leach, Teplitz, Yudichak; Eichelberger, McIlhinney, Tomlinson; Erickson, Mensch, Vance.

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.

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 601, HB 891 and SB 1002** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 22, SB 31, HB 34, HB 126, SB 128 and HB 252** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 326 (Pr. No. 1130)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for the governing board of the convention center authority.

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 332, SB 391 and HB 421** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 428 (Pr. No. 359)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for pooled trusts for persons with disabilities.

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 488, HB 493, HB 513, HB 515, SB 622, SB 699, SB 860, SB 862 and SB 878** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILLS REREFERRED

**SB 883 (Pr. No. 980)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, providing for the offense of falsely impersonating recipients of Congressional Medal of Honor.

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

**SB 886 (Pr. No. 986)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for duties of department.

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

**SB 899 (Pr. No. 1016)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for statement of financial interests required to be filed and for powers and duties of commission.

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 925 and SB 931** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 946 (Pr. No. 1086)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for definitions, for official plans and for permits.

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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 975, SB 976, SB 984, SB 994, SB 995, SB 996 and SB 1003** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 1010 (Pr. No. 1225)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 1124 (Pr. No. 2061)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for license requirements, for exceptions to license requirements, for general requirements, for mortgage loan business prohibitions, for requirements as to open-end loans, for application for license, for preclicensing and continuing education, for licensee requirements, for licensee limitations, for surrender of license, for authority of department, for suspension, revocation or refusal, for penalties, for applicability and for procedure for determination on noncompliance with Federal law.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1217, HB 1223, HB 1225 and HB 1229** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 1325 (Pr. No. 1706)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for definitions, for official plans and for permits.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bills:

**SB 643 (Pr. No. 1254)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, further providing for the

composition of the State Horse Racing Commission and the State Harness Racing Commission.

**SB 1013 (Pr. No. 1255)** (Amended)

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund.

**HB 290 (Pr. No. 2099)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for the definitions of "daily drawing," "games of chance," "raffle," "public interest purpose" and "weekly drawing"; providing for the definitions of "auxiliary group," "conservation organization" and "race night game"; further providing for games of chance permitted, for prize limits, for limited sales, for distributor licenses, for regulations of department and for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance.

**HB 927 (Pr. No. 2100)** (Amended)

An Act reenacting and amending the act of May 16, 2002 (P.L.315, No.46), known as the Community Services Block Grant Act, extending the expiration of the act; further providing for financial assistance for community services block grant program; and making editorial changes.

**HB 1098 (Pr. No. 2101)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for definition applicability, for the definitions of "major league sports drawing" and "major league sports team," for distributor licenses, for major league sports drawing, for club licensee, for distribution of proceeds, for records and for raffle tickets; providing for background checks; further providing for enforcement; providing for tavern gaming and for a transfer; and making an editorial change.

#### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators KITCHEN, COSTA, WASHINGTON, PILEGGI, FERLO, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, STACK, FARNESE, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, FONTANA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, HUTCHINSON, VULAKOVICH and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 165**, entitled:

A Resolution observing June 19, 2013, as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KITCHEN. Mr. President, "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States. On June 19, 1865, the slave community of Galveston, Texas, finally got word of the Emancipation Proclamation. This precious document proclaimed the good news that all slaves are free. Imagine the joy, the pride, the hope that filled the hearts of those men and women on that day 148 years ago.

That same spirit of freedom is still alive today. Juneteenth has become a holiday of reflection and renewal for people of all races, all nationalities and backgrounds, and is now recognized in the State of Pennsylvania. On Juneteenth we remember our brothers and sisters who suffered in the bonds of slavery. We stand together with people of all colors and creeds to embrace our common history, we celebrate the progress we have made to close the racial divide, and we pray for continued success on the road to equal rights for all. Mr. President, it is important that we continue to honor Juneteenth because it reminds us all of our freedoms here in this country today. Thank you.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I want to rise with Senator Kitchen because Senator Kitchen makes a very important point, that it is important for people of all races and all traditions to understand history. If we have ourselves tied in an interracial knot, which at times creates tensions, it is very important that we understand how to untie that knot. It is the understanding of history, it is the celebration of this day in particular, which can help us untie that knot in race relations so that we at long last can look at each other and talk to each other and communicate in a most meaningful way. So, when Senator Kitchen rightfully says that this is an important day, it is an important day for all Americans, black and white, as we try to go forward hand-in-hand to celebrate our common Americanism and our common heritage together.

Let me also say, Mr. President, that we have a bill in this Chamber right now, Senate Bill No. 75, the prime sponsor being Senator Greenleaf, which will end human trafficking in the Commonwealth today. Slavery continues to exist in this Commonwealth through a form of human trafficking which is both sexual exploitation and forced labor, and we need to join hand-in-hand based on the same spirit that Senator Kitchen mentioned. Not only to understand slavery of the past, but to make sure we can end slavery that exists today right here in this Commonwealth. I hope by the time June 30 comes that Senate Bill No. 75 will pass through this Chamber as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators SOLOBAY, WOZNAK, BREWSTER, VOGEL, FERLO, TOMLINSON, SMITH, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WHITE and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 166**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Meadows Racetrack and Casino.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, The Meadows, which is now known as The Meadows Racetrack and Casino, is a stan-

dardbred harness racing track and slot machine casino in my district. But it truly is much more than that. It is an attraction and special landmark. The Meadows was the first pari-mutuel harness racing track in western Pennsylvania and quickly became the premier venue for this type of racing. It was a trendsetter in technology with the use of telephone betting introduced in 1983, a technology that took The Meadows from a local to a regional, and then from a national to an international facility connected through online broadcasting. Slot machines and table games are also now part of the entertainment venue at The Meadows. Whether people are winning or losing, you will never see a shortage of smiles when you visit the facility.

But 50 years is very hard to believe. When The Meadows opened in 1963, Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom with Marlin Perkins was in its first season on NBC. First class postage stamps were only a nickel. Number-one hits on the radio included "Blue Velvet," by Canonsburg's own Bobby Vinton, "Go Away Little Girl," by Steve Lawrence, "Walk Like a Man," by The Four Seasons, and this was also the year that Beatlemania hit America. The average cost of a new house was a little over \$12,000, average income was right around \$6,000, gas was a wonderful whopping 29 cents a gallon, and a loaf of bread was 22 cents. A lot has changed in the last 50 years, and the Meadows has changed as well. What started as a racetrack for harness racing has grown into a full-fledged entertainment complex. For those of you who are not in favor of gambling, I ask you to put aside those politics for a moment to celebrate the opportunity of the good-paying, family-sustaining jobs provided by The Meadows. There is no doubt that this facility has been a significant benefit to our community between the jobs connected to horse breeding and the care of those animals, the supply chain, travel, tourism, hotels, and restaurants. Many people have benefitted from the opportunities of this facility. In recognition of the wonderful facility and its founder, trainer, and driver, Delvin Miller, I ask for a positive vote on 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 SMITH, FERLO, STACK, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, COSTA and SOLOBAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 167**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the founding of Moon Township.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Moon Township on its 225th anniversary. As the first of seven townships carved out of Allegheny County, Moon Township has a rich legacy as varied as its inhabitants. From the days of Native Americans and English settlers, to today's home of major regional military bases and corporate headquarters, Moon Town-

ship has been a highly desirable place to call home and to do business. Moon Township was home to the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport from 1952 until 1990, but remains the home of the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) and 2nd Battalion, Army Reserve Career Division at the McGarity Army Reserve, the 911th Airlift Wing at the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, and the 171st Air Refueling Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Moon Township is home to approximately 24,000 residents, and with Crescent Township it makes up the Moon Area School District. I recently opened an office in Moon Township to serve constituents and I am thrilled to sponsor this resolution recognizing the great community. I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution recognizing Moon Township on their 225th anniversary and wish them all the best on the next 225.

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.

**HB 784, HB 1112 AND HB 1119  
TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 784, Printer's No. 1425; House Bill No. 1112, Printer's No. 1426; and House Bill No. 1119, Printer's No. 1356, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The PRESIDENT. The bills will be placed on the Calendar.

**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 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grube and to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Adams by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Williams Valley High School Softball Team by Senators Argall and Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel T. Krouse by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owsiany and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kline by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Henrietta D. Jemison and to Richard L. Stokes by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David S. Schoolfield, Sr., and to Naomi Lydia Webb by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rose Lanza and to Amerigo Coccia by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Debra Reese by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Vicklund, Mr. and Mrs. Rob-

ert Jaconski, Matthew Bernard Vipond, Zachary Wayne Buehrer and to William Lewis Edwards III by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mercy Hilltop Center, Inc., by Senator Wiley.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The bills were as follows:

**SB 456, SB 643, SB 922, SB 1013, SB 1030, HB 290, HB 927, HB 1075, HB 1098, HB 1122, HB 1141, HB 1172, HB 1190, HB 1319, HB 1359 and HB 1363.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013

Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 419 and 644; and certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013

10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on the Future of PA's Cities, Large and Small)	Greater Reading Chamber of Com. & Ind. Wyomissing
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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013

11:15 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to discuss Senate Bill No. 848, antitrust)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to discuss royalty stub transparency issues and post-production costs from the development of natural gas)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

2:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing to gather information about: overview of elk herd in PA; elk viewing and economic development; overview of Keystone Elk County Alliance; and 100th Anniversary of the Reintroduction of the Elk Program in PA)	Elk County Visitors Ctr. 134 Homestead Dr., Benzette, PA
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## PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator WASHINGTON. Mr. President, in my two decades in the legislature, I have worked hard year after year to make sure that I do what is best for the residents of the 4th Senatorial District and all of Pennsylvania to grow and to prosper. Under this administration, however, all I have seen is a continued assault on the middle class. The proposals moving alongside this year's budget are no exceptions. While Governor Corbett and his operatives are out spreading half-truths and misleading the public about the true intentions of his agenda, the middle class and the working poor are suffering, barely able to make ends meet as a result of the Draconian cuts that he proposed in past years. And the average worker faces another assault this year.

As written, his plan is gutting our public pension system, selling our State Stores, and remaining cool to transportation investments, leaving the average Pennsylvanian with little chance to succeed. Report after report shows how flawed the Governor's pension plan is. It will not only increase the Commonwealth's liability, but it will force increased costs on the local school districts which are already desperately strapped for cash. Why can we not allow for our current Commonwealth employees and teachers to keep what they have put into their pension plans? These teachers and Commonwealth employees sacrificed so much to serve this State. How can we, in good conscience, turn our backs on them and their years of service? Pennsylvania can do better than this. Other States have worked together and found responsible, reasonable solutions with input from both the administration and unions. I do not see why we cannot. Especially when it comes to our workers. We need to put fairness in front of politics instead of turning our backs on our families across the State.

Second, the Governor says we need to sell our highly profitable State Store system. He wants to use the unguaranteed, one-time cash infusion to fill the massive gaps in our basic education funding formula. If the Governor is so pro-business, why would he see the value in letting go of our State's most proven funding system? There is no need to jeopardize funding for our schools and human services which rely on the State Stores' profit, or the businesses that depend on the strong Liquor Control Board by selling their liquor stores. Instead of selling our kids' future down the river for a small windfall profit, why do we not take the Senate's bipartisan-supported approach to modernize our State Stores? We should not harm our distributors, small craft breweries, and all workers who run our State Stores so the Governor can privatize for the sake of privatizing. Pennsylvania can do better, and we will, under our modernization approach.

Finally, Mr. President, I know I speak a lot for Pennsylvanians when I say that the Governor could spend his time so much better by advocating for a strong transportation improvement plan such as Senate Bill No. 1. As a proud cosponsor, I understand that it is only through a solid transportation infrastructure that we can provide the kind of access that the average Pennsylvanian needs to get to his job and help grow our economy. For years now, I have been a strong supporter for investing in our infrastructure. I have traveled throughout the 4th Senatorial District and across this State. I have seen how badly our roads, bridges, and public transit systems need improvement. No one

should feel unsafe traveling in Pennsylvania, and we need to do something before disaster strikes. Senate Bill No. 1 provides a commonsense approach to repairing neglected thoroughways and investing in a visionary transit system that will take us into the future.

The Governor was elected to do the people's business, not just for the work of those who voted for him or contributed to his election, but each and every one of the 12.76 million who call Pennsylvania home. There is still time for us to work through these issues in a way that takes us to a prosperous future and helps all Pennsylvanians do better.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I rise to talk a little bit about some of our budget issues and some of the resolutions that we hope to make in this last home stretch to really solve problems. A lot of people who come to Harrisburg hate this month. I like this month because we finally get things done that need to be done. I hope we do everything that needs to be done here in Harrisburg. One of the big issues, of course, and it is an issue that we see time and again, is how are we going to give our kids the best possible chance to succeed in the future? What are we doing to make sure that they have the skills and the educational opportunity to really succeed? I think we have not done enough over the years, Mr. President, and we have school districts across Pennsylvania that are in big fiscal trouble. We should not be thinking about solving those problems from say June 14 to June 30, this should be something that we should think about all year long. Many of the solutions that we look at here in Harrisburg this summer should be solutions that are long-term, that are going to solve the problem for years to come, not Band-Aids that are going to get us through our constitutional deadline of June 30.

We look at the Philadelphia School District and many of the challenges that the district is facing. Kids come to class with emotional and psychological baggage that other kids may not have. It is going to be a tough challenge to get that kid the kind of educational attention that they need. So right now, that is what is going on in Philadelphia. When we talk about solving the fiscal crisis, part of the solutions that have been advocated have been to cut out counselors from schools, cut school nurses, and cut programs like art and music, even cut most extracurricular activities like track, baseball, basketball, all kinds of programs that are so integral to developing young minds and young lives. This is not solving a fiscal crisis, Mr. President. This is creating a crisis down the road. And not just down the road, it creates a crisis immediately. Assistant principals are cut right now under the present SRC plan, along with the new superintendent, Dr. William Hite. Assistant principals are cut, classrooms are made more crowded, basically, we are leaving principals with less resources to run their schools and to help educate kids.

Now, we are trying to come up with how we are going to get the dollars to Philadelphia. That is an important piece of this puzzle. But time and again I have heard in Harrisburg, when are we going to start spending the money in a prudent and wise way and not flush it down the toilet? Too often people have talked about when they send money to Philadelphia for education, it is sending good money after bad. I think that is an offensive notion. But we also in Philadelphia have to do a much better job of targeting this money so that we are spending it on kids and teach-

ers, making sure teachers can teach kids. I think that sounds pretty simple, but we have not been able to figure out how to do it. Simple, but not easy.

So getting the money to Philadelphia and helping to solve a fiscal crisis is only but one small part of this puzzle. I hope and say to the Governor, and say to the SRC, and to Mayor Michael Nutter and Superintendent Hite, we all have to work together, Democrats and Republicans, to figure out how to get the most out of our dollars. Some of it is going to be tough-love educational reform. I do not think a big part of the solution is making teachers give back over \$100 million. I think that these folks teach in very challenging circumstances, and a number of years ago we had a real tough challenge recruiting people to teach in these tough classrooms. My sister, Mary Theresa, teaches in the badlands in Kensington at Horatio B. Hackett School. People may hear me say that and say how dare you call Hackett the badlands, because Hackett has made great strides through great teachers who spend their own time and money to help the kids, and the kids have reciprocated by performing. Hackett has made significant improvements over the years, but there are other schools that have even bigger challenges that need our help, and I have come to believe that time and again, the solution in schools is great and dedicated teachers. So, it gets me a little bit disturbed and angry when I see criticism saying that the biggest part of the problem is somehow public schoolteachers.

One of the things that we can do to get our own fiscal house in order in Philadelphia is to pass legislation that I have introduced in the Senate, and Representative Parker has introduced in the House, and other legislators have introduced, which allows Philadelphia to collect delinquent taxes, Mr. President. How about we start there. How about we collect the hundreds of millions of uncollected taxes before we look to increase the burden on taxpayers. So, I think if we give Philadelphia, and work with Mayor Nutter and the folks in the city on many of these proposals, and with my colleagues here in the Senate on the Democratic side and on the Republican side, and with House Members, if we can give the city the tools it needs through giving them the ability to put liens on properties, to obtain information about whether a taxpayer has the ability to pay, and find out a way to really give them the teeth that they need to be tough on delinquents, both businesses that are delinquent and individual taxpayers, I think we can get down that road where we are collecting hundreds of millions more in taxes and we will perhaps be less inclined to need to come back to Harrisburg.

So those are a few things. But these are items that all of us are going to have to work on, as I said, not for a couple of weeks in June, but from the get-go and on a regular basis. I would like us to get to a point here in Harrisburg where we are not running around like chickens with our heads cut off trying to make sure that all the pieces of this budget fit together, that everybody who is involved in getting a deal or making things work, that that all takes place over a couple of days. It should be done in a much more open, transparent, and, God forbid, efficient way. I hope we can get there, we need to get there for the people of Pennsylvania who have had it with the nonsense that they see in government, with one fiscal crisis after another, and with short-term solutions to long-term problems, which are another way of saying not really solutions. So, we are here to solve the problem and we have to solve the problem, and I look forward to working on those issues.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I choose to use some portion of my time today based upon the issue that was just raised, and I am glad it was indeed raised. Today is Wednesday, we will be concluding our business tomorrow. There will not be a budget that is passed or presented. The issues of revenue with regard to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania certainly are ones that are on everybody's mind. Obviously, for all that we have spent time on - liquor privatization potentially, transportation bills or pensions - the clock is ticking for the largest school district in Pennsylvania. With all due respect, this is not a new conversation. The debt of \$304 million, which is one that the Philadelphia School District owes, has to pay, and is a year old. When they borrowed the money last year on the market, \$304 million was a conversation which all public-elected officials were aware of and notified that we are borrowing the money. At that point in time, we were all put on notice that we have to pay this debt back.

So, with all due respect, this issue that we have chosen to avoid for a year is not--and by the way, for a lot of solutions and suggestions to be a part of the conversation, for whatever reason, we have chosen to delay it to this eleventh hour. There will be a lot of people who want to pontificate and talk about it, about the children, and we are concerned about their future and a variety of other things. The truth is that in 7 days, the State has a responsibility to the largest school district in Pennsylvania to figure out a plan, like it did last year for a number of distressed districts. Last year the State ponied-up millions of dollars, and rightfully so, to school districts that would no longer be able to keep their doors open or be allowed to sufficiently educate children. They did it without a lot of debating and a lot of gnashing of teeth. It was done at the eleventh hour, and to my knowledge, almost every Member of this Senate Chamber voted for it. So, my expectation would be that the same will be reciprocal when Philadelphia County comes to the table and says we are now in that category of distress. There will be a lot made about the amount of money, there will be a lot of emotion about why is it always Philadelphia. There will be a lot of things said, but the truth is the facts just do not point to Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Philadelphia. In fact, in rural Pennsylvania, there are distressed districts which got money. There are older suburban rings which got money. There are districts which will be part of that distressed district conversation which also will be a part of getting money. Philadelphia has done everything that Members have asked them to do for years. They raised local property taxes for almost 4 years in a row. They have closed schools, they have consolidated, and actually, unfortunately, they have sent out pink slips. Philadelphia has done everything that anyone would expect of a small district or a large district to contribute toward the solution to its own problem.

The State has had a responsibility ever since the Constitution was written to support every county in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia is no different. And to have conversations saying that sacrifices will not be made by everyone involved is a panacea. I have been here long enough to know that people stand up and they retort and make comments and say that they want to help, they want to fix problems, but when it gets down to choosing, that may mean raising taxes, that may mean changing rules, that may

mean passing legislation and shifting policy, that is when everybody squirms in their seats and points at everybody else. A perfect case in point, we are considering enabling legislation and everybody's phone rings about why does it have to be me, point to another guy. Well, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and America are at the end of that rope. The State of Pennsylvania, by the way, talked about, I guess, 12 distressed districts, but the truth is you can do a multiplier of about 10 to that. And then you can add some that will never reach distress but will tell you privately, we are as distressed as anybody because the level of education we are providing is not what we want to provide because we do not have the money to provide it. They may be considered wealthy or middle-class districts, but we are all in the soup together. Philadelphia, and most importantly the politicians who represent Philadelphia, have to come here in one voice saying that the needs of the children outweigh the adults and the other distractions that are part of the conversation. If it is going to be about the children, then it should be about the children. With all due respect, I would like to solve the problems for the next 20 years, but there is a plan on the table in Philadelphia that the head of the school district put in front of us that did not solve the problem for 1 year, it solved the problem for 5 years. What it said was if you give us what we are asking for, then we will not only keep doors open, we will not only keep those counselors, we will not only have sports and music, we will also guarantee that we will have excellent seats of education. We will take on the responsibility to hold ourselves accountable and no longer just asking for more money but being accountable for the money spent and having a product of excellence to show for it.

So the suggestion by Dr. William Hite and the SRC is not a Band-Aid, it is a plan. And by the way, it is a plan steeped in experience and execution of success. It would be my hope that with all the back-and-forth about "it is about the kids," and "I want to help, but," stop with the but. Stop with the but. Stop with the distraction about it is about the kids, I want everything to work out, I hope everything works out, we need to do the work. Stop with the excuses, 7 days. And if you have a better idea, figure out what it is going to be for this \$304 million, of which the State has the responsibility to contribute the lion's share. That is what the conversation needs to be focused upon. And by the way, no one walks away from that conversation unscarred and totally popular. No one. The only ones who tend to do that are the ones who sort of hide behind the blurred words and the commentary, and the acknowledgments, and the platitudes, and the pandering. They sort of walk away unscathed because they do not stand up for anything. Stand up for something. Council stood up in Philadelphia County the other day and said, look, we may not agree with the whole package, but we sort of can agree with this. They did come across and said--and there was a comment made with regard to the collection of taxes. For the record, I think all of us would support collecting all of the taxes we possibly can. That does not fill the hole next year. We cannot capture enough of uncollected revenue next year regardless of whether it is millions of dollars to fill this hole this year for the 5-year plan. And by the way, even the most optimistic person who believes in that plan recognizes it is not 100 percent of what is owed will be paid because some of those properties, some of those people are long gone and will never pay a penny. Regardless of what legislation becomes law, that will never carry the day in Philadelphia County.

So I stand here today with any other colleague from Philadelphia County who wants to stand up and say, I am willing to do the heavy lifting regardless of how confusing it may look. It is no different than any other budget cycles that we have gone through, no matter how complex, how much it looks like sausage, how ugly it may be, but at the end of the day, we are going to go home with our lion's share to support our county. So I think the Members of this body who will return on Monday and who are committed to this work, I am excited about the possibility and the promise of truly delivering in 7 days not just the future but the present opportunity for these children. Anyone who wants to join in that work, that real work, that sometimes difficult work, that sometimes painful work, that sometimes challenging work, I will partner with them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, we had a great little delegation here from Pittsburgh last night and early this morning making visits to some of our Senate colleagues, and they were from the Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation, a nonprofit community development and business development group in the city of Pittsburgh that has been around for a good number of years and has an enviable track record in rebuilding businesses, assisting businesses, and assisting nonprofits with various social venture initiatives. Unfortunately, they could not stay for me to introduce them earlier, so in absentia, I did want to welcome them here to the Capitol.

I want to update very quickly. I do thank the support. This is a project that is very important, a labor of love of mine for the last 5 years, and that is the Clifford B. Connelly Trade School in the city of Pittsburgh. Clifford B. Connelly Trade School is an iconic structure built at the height of the Stock Market Crash in 1929. It is a school that opened as a Pittsburgh public school in 1930. It is an enormous 200,000-square-foot building that, unfortunately, by the time of the late 1970s, early 1980s, the workforce development had changed to some extent, Pittsburgh school board began to address other educational initiatives, probably to my disappointment, and they pretty much mothballed and left abandoned this enormous, productive building and facility. Connelly Trade School, from 1930 on, for all of those decades--and I think all of Pittsburgh is certainly aware and all of us throughout the Commonwealth and the country are certainly aware of the tremendous workforce that propelled industrial capitalism in Pittsburgh in steel and all the different manufacturing sectors and certainly all the trades, many of whom, obviously, were in unions and really benefitted from great wages, benefits, and pensions. Most individuals in Pittsburgh who now are either deceased, retired, or are still working, if they are in the trades or if they developed a special skill in manufacturing, they most likely went to the Connelly Trade School. In fact, there is a large class of individuals who, because of the trade school experiences, actually became entrepreneurs and small business members themselves. It has been my dream for a long time to reopen the Connelly Trade School, rather than seeing this iconic, historic structure be mothballed. It was my effort, along with the advocacy efforts of Congressman Doyle, bringing together a coalition of organizations involved in the broad green and sustainability movement within Pittsburgh. We came together under the banner of the Pittsburgh Green Innovators. It was this organization that

propelled a contract and selected the Gateways Corporation to manage what is now a \$43-million project to renovate, renew, and give new life to this great vocational school and actually make it an energy innovation center.

So, I just want to welcome those folks who came today: Bob Meeder, CEO and president of Gateways; Barry Maciak, and some of the other representatives. I thank, certainly, my colleagues Senator Costa and Senator Fontana, who from the beginning have joined in this effort. I thank Senator Smith, Senator Brewster certainly, and Senator Solobay as well for their interest now being somewhat new to the project, because this is a facility that will provide opportunities not just for Pittsburgh proper and the Hill District, but it will become a regional and, in fact, a nationally recognized institution. The 200,000-square-foot building and the users that we have identified will advance our missions of workforce development. It will be a demonstration as well as commercialization of energy-related technologies. I mentioned how large the building is. We have a very large number of interested tenants at this point. There will be a projected 227 construction jobs involved in both demolition of parts of the building and reconstruction. The building will be the highest level of standard being LEED certified with geothermal and solar. It will be a building that individuals will come into and see the building itself, all the mechanicals, as the next generation in each one of its fields, and it will be a living membrane, the building itself, as a learning lab.

So, again, this is a building that is being built with new market tax credits and historic preservation tax credits. I thank, certainly, our previous governor, Governor Rendell, and certainly Governor Corbett as well who has joined in supporting this by reauthorizing the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. As board treasurer of the Redevelopment Authority, we have been supportive of it. The list is almost endless in terms of support, from Equitable Gas, Johnson Controls, Behr, PPG, Duquesne Light, EQT, Catalyst Connections. There is a whole list of energy sector next generation who want to be involved in that, have been supportive, and will actually have tenancy in this building when it is reconstructed, hopefully by next May/June. That is what we are looking for. It is a very exciting project. I encourage individuals to go online to learn more about both the Pittsburgh Green Innovators as well as the Energy Innovation Center.

I do want to thank the administration for continuing to be supportive of this vision, a vision that will result in creating next generation blue/green jobs and being a powerful resource in getting meaningful employment and high-paying jobs for young people throughout our region.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

### RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Thursday, June 20, 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 4:40 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.