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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 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 STEVAN SHEETS, of Shippensburg First Wesleyan Church, Shippensburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God in whom we trust, Lord of all creation, You are worthy of our praise and awe today. It is You who makes the sun to rise on both the evil and the good. It is You who sends the rain to both the righteous and the unrighteous. You have blessed us with this day, our lives, and each and every breath we breathe. It is You who has so intricately designed us to reason, discern, and act. We pray that You would help each of us to do so in a manner that pleases and honors You. As we speak, as we discern, as we breathe, and live out each minute of this day, we ask that You help us to be motivated not by a pursuit of ourselves, but by true selflessness of servitude. As the Psalmist David asks, so do we.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to You this day. We pray for Godly wisdom for these hardworking and honest lawmakers as they seek the greater good of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Would You, O God, give them each the wisdom they desire as they walk through today's order of business. Would You, O God, sustain each of them according to their needs. Would You, O God, speak to each of their hearts in Your unique way, that they may know Your divine will and act accordingly.

When this day is through, may each of us reflect on the ways that You have enabled and sustained us by Your mighty hand. May we note Your provisions and give thanks for all that You have done to and through us. We pray these things with humbled hearts and readied minds prepared for each of this day's tasks, and I pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Sheets, who is the guest today of Senator Alloway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 25, 2013

Senators FOLMER, VANCE, WHITE, EICHELBERGER, SMUCKER, ALLOWAY and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1073**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 25, 2013.

Senators HUGHES, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, WILEY, FARNESE and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 1092**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, September 25, 2013.

Senators ALLOWAY, FERLO, TEPLITZ, PILEGGI, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, BLAKE and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1107**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for definitions and for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 25, 2013.

Senators ALLOWAY, TOMLINSON, STACK, FONTANA, SMITH, TEPLITZ, SOLOBAY, KASUNIC, BRUBAKER, COSTA, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, WHITE and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1108**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for individuals in the service of the United States Merchant Marine.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, September 25, 2013.

Senators RAFFERTY, SMITH, KASUNIC, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, STACK, WOZNIAK,

COSTA, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, BAKER, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, FERLO and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1112**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in medical education loan assistance, further providing for loan guarantor program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, September 25, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Solobay, and legislative leaves for Senator Tartaglione and Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yaw, and a legislative leave for Senator Waugh.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Solobay, and legislative leaves for Senator Tartaglione and Senator Yudichak.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 26, 2013, and June 27, 2013, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 26, 2013, and June 27, 2013.

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

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

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

YEA-47

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
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Wozniak

Dinniman	Kitchen
Eichelberger	McIlhinney
Erickson	Mensch

Tartaglione Teplitz Tomlinson

Yaw Yudichak

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

GUESTS 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 am very pleased today to introduce a terrific group of young girls, their parents, coaches, and supporters from Wyoming County. They are the players from the Bob Horlacher Little League All-Star Girls' Softball Team, who were crowned the 2013 Pennsylvania State Little League 10- and 11-year-old champions. This team was also the 9- and 10-year-old champions in 2012.

The team members are Kaci Coole, Erin Dunn, Faith Jones, Sarah Kuderka, Hope Jones, Delany Romanchick, Mackayla Quick, Kassidy Shirtz, Jena Simmons and Megan Straley. I would also like to thank their coaches for their commitment and dedication to the girls' program and to congratulate them on this championship team. The coaches who are with us are Doug Jones, Pete Romanchick, Jim Dunn, and John Kuderka. We are also pleased that Dale Wright, who is the Bob Horlacher Baseball Association president, is here and was involved in organizing their trip to the Capitol. They are joined by many family members, grandparents, supporters, and friends.

So, I ask my colleagues to please join me in welcoming and congratulating our State softball champions from the Bob Horlacher Little League.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

GUEST OF SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, today, I have the privilege of introducing a student from my district who is serving as a guest Page. Lisa Kong is a senior at Manheim Township High School, where she is an honor student and very interested in the sciences. In fact, this past summer she had an outstanding experience - she was chosen to attend the Pennsylvania Governor's School of Science. Besides her interest in science, she enjoys playing tennis, the violin, and creating origami.

So, I ask my colleagues to please join me in welcoming Lisa Kong here today.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce a relative of mine, Cheryl Redfearn. Actually, a cousin of my boss--I mean my wife. She is from Winston Salem, North Carolina. Sitting up in the balcony is Cheryl Redfearn and my wife, or boss, however you want to look at it, Cindy.

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

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 108 (Pr. No. 2370) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for definitions, for children's health care and for expiration.

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 Indiana, Senator White.

Senator WHITE. Mr. President, I rise today in support of House Bill No. 108, which reauthorizes and extends CHIP through the end of 2015. Pennsylvania's CHIP is one of the Commonwealth's true success stories, and it served as a model for similar programs across this great country. Tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians lead healthy and productive lives because of essential medical services they received as children through CHIP, and thousands of young people today are benefitting from the program.

CHIP is much more than a safety net for families, it is a service that builds a healthy foundation for thousands of children each year by providing the preventive and healing care they need. As part of Governor Corbett's Healthy PA initiative, he has called on the legislature to not only reauthorize CHIP, but also remove the current requirement for children to go 6 months without insurance before they become eligible. House Bill No. 108 does exactly what the Governor is advocating. Not only does it extend CHIP, but it removes the 6-month prohibition, providing immediate access to quality care that the children of our Commonwealth deserve.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, I have seen the many positive aspects of CHIP and I have seen the difference that it makes for so many families across Pennsylvania. Therefore, Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise to support House Bill No. 108 and ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

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-47

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
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yaw
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	Yudichak
Erickson	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 421 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 20 (Pr. No. 1384) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions; and making editorial changes.

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.

SB 21 (Pr. No. 1385) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in provisions and responsibilities for reporting suspected child abuse, further providing for definitions and for persons required to report suspected child abuse; providing for privileged communications; further providing for persons permitted to report suspected child abuse, for reporting procedure, for documentary evidence on a child subject to report and for taking child into protective custody; and, in organization and responsibilities of child protective service, repealing provisions relating to taking child into protective custody.

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.

SB 22 (Pr. No. 1386) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for penalties for failure to report or to refer.

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.

SB 23 (Pr. No. 1387) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions.

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.

SB 27 (Pr. No. 1388) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for exchange of information.

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.

SB 30 (Pr. No. 1389) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions; repealing provisions relating to immunity from liability; further providing for establishment of pending complaint file, Statewide central register and file of unfounded reports; repealing provisions relating to amendment or expunction of information; and providing for disposition of reports upon completion of investigation, for requests for reviews of indicated reports for requests for appeals of indicated reports and for immunity from liability.

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.

SB 33 (Pr. No. 1390) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for protection from employment discrimination.

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 1483 (Pr. No. 2358) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.995, No.112), known as the Portable Electronics Insurance Act, further providing for authority of vendors of portable electronics and for termination of portable electronics insurance.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BRUBAKER, FERLO, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, BAKER, DINNIMAN, STACK, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, SMITH, KASUNIC, MENSCH, SCHWANK, BROWNE, COSTA, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, VOGEL, BREWSTER, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YUDICHAK, HUGHES, BOSCOLA and YAW, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 194, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 2013 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, here in our Commonwealth, I am sad to report that we have 1.89 million Pennsylvanians who have to make a difficult decision about paying their rent, paying their utilities, or putting food on the table for their family. That is nearly one in six Pennsylvanians who have to make this difficult decision, and many times, unfortunately, there simply is not enough revenue in that household to adequately feed the family. This is a problem that we can solve.

So, I am asking all Pennsylvanians to do what they can. They could write a check to their local food bank, they can volunteer an hour of their time a year, 2 hours of time, 5 hours of time. They could donate one can of food to the local food bank. There are all kinds of ways to help, one of which is writing a check, and many which cost nothing. These institutions, many of which are a broad array of faith-based institutions, are doing a wonderful job of reaching out to people who have no other options to feed their family. Right across the street from this Capitol, Mr. President, is Downtown Daily Bread. Vegetables coming out of the Capitol vegetable garden go right across the street and Downtown Daily Bread serves 150 people every day. Out of this small vegetable garden on the Capitol ground, in which many Members of the House and Senate volunteer, over a thousand pounds of vegetables, on average, through the course of the year, go straight across the street to helping hungry Pennsylvanians.

We also have a first-ever softball game where 50 Members of the House and Senate, bipartisan and bicameral, will be playing baseball at Harrisburg's baseball field this coming Monday night, September 30. The game starts at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of that baseball game, Mr. President, is to draw awareness to the fact that there is hunger. It is a hidden problem. Many of us do not see it, but the fact remains, we do have hunger here in Pennsylvania. So, the baseball game is to, number one, draw attention to hunger. PCN will be covering the game start to finish. We have over 50 Members of the House and Senate who will be attempting to play baseball that day, so it should be entertaining at least.

Finally, the objective of the baseball game is to raise money for hunger. Our initial goal was to raise \$20,000. I am being told now that PCN, PLS, and others organizing this game have now raised over \$55,000 of voluntary contributions, which would go to Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and other food banks across the Commonwealth. So, thank you for helping me recognize September as "Hunger Action Month," with the emphasis on "hunger" and "action." 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 SMITH, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, FERLO, STACK, WASHINGTON, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER, HUGHES and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 195**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of Sewickley Academy's Senior School.

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 Sewickley Academy on the 50th anniversary of its Senior School. Originally founded in 1838 as the Sewickley Academy School for Boys, it was reconfigured in 1926 into the modern Sewickley Academy. Added in 1963, the Senior School brought the school into its present structure of a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade campus, making it the only private coeducational school in Pittsburgh at the time. Since then, Sewickley Academy Senior School has continued its tradition as a college prep school by staying on the forefront of technology. It was the first school in the area to have a full computer program, first in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University, and later on its own.

In addition to preparing students for future educational opportunities and career options, Sewickley Academy Senior School ensures that students are future-ready through their global studies program. The initiative has grown from a German exchange program to one that offers opportunities for exchanges in seven countries. Sewickley Academy Senior School prides itself on an impressive 100 percent of graduates continuing their education by attending a four-year college or university. From the school's first graduating class in 1966 to the class of 2013, 3,142 students have graduated from Sewickley Academy.

I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution congratulating Sewickley Academy on the 50th anniversary of its Senior School and wish them continued success in educating the next generation of leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible members of our global society.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senators SOLOBAY, BAKER, WOZNIAK, STACK, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, SMITH, ARGALL, FONTANA, FERLO, BOSCOLA, WHITE, FOLMER, ERICKSON, SCARNATI, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER and KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 196**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the week of September 17 through 23, 2013, as "Constitution Week" in Pennsylvania, and commending the National Pike Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for its patriotic support of this observance in our Commonwealth.

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senators SOLOBAY, STACK, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, WAUGH, SMITH, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, HUGHES, FONTANA, FERLO, BOSCOLA, WHITE, ERICKSON, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 197**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2013, as "Animal Disaster Preparedness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolu-

tions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote: Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Thomas Huber by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Victor S. Caruso by Senators Argall and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Debra Sites by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alice J. Powell and to the Christ Episcopal Church of Forest City by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chad Allen Gares by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fritz by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Reigle, Timothy Edward Duclos, Nathan Briggs, Francis E. Fisher and to the Pine Glen Church of the Brethren by

Senator Corman. Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs.

Steven Fuimano by Senator Dinniman. Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samantha Harper by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brandon T. Rhodes by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Spencer C. Vogt by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mark Snider and to The Mall at Robinson by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Hans by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David A. Smith, Center on the Hill Senior Center and to Four Guys Fire Trucks by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin Whitley by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Steven A. Nyce, Dr. Stephen G. Somkuti, William Hensel III, Keenan M. McGinnis, Evan Anthony Barrall, Kristi Troster, Dominick Szabo, Christopher J. McKelvy, Jennifer Krepps Atkiss, Stephen Craig, Kevin T. Akins, 2002 North Penn High School Boys' Track and Field Team and to the 2003 North Penn High School Football Team by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremiah Desmond and to Clarence C. Thomas, Jr., by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Wendell Blake Wagner and to Kelsey Jean Marsh by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to First Church of God of New Castle by Senators Robbins and Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pat Tigani, Elmer DeLucia and to Mary Ann Johnson by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lincoln Elementary School of Pittsburgh, Peters Township Middle School and to Fort Couch Middle School by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nelson M. Polite, Sr., and to Thomas Banzhof by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Rossetti by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Ebner by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Petrongolo, Bernard Griggs, Jr., Barbara Simmons, John W. Sanders, Mark McCaffrey, Steven Buonomo, Margaret Meisner and to Veterans of Foreign Wars Terchon Post No. 5542 by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jonathan Moore by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant George M. Vasiloff by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Mindy Jolene Poe, Michael Vincent Spadafore, Jr., and to Samuel Robert Schleicher by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ernestine Jackson by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Haefner, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belcher III, Mr. and Mrs. John Holt and to Christopher Theodore Kriner by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Robert M. Zanicky 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 Wilma Eme Messics by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Daniel McIntosh, the family of the late Anne Falcone and the family of the late Paul Wurst by Senator Tomlinson.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Dr. I. Newton Cowan was extended to the family by Senator Mensch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

9:30 A.M.	SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA COMMISSION (public hearing on Cyber-Charter and Charter Schools)	Alvernia University Reading, PA
	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013	
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate	Rules Cmte.

Bills No. 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 30, 31, 33

and 1042; and House Bills No. 89 and

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	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013	
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1046, 1051, 1081 and 1082; and House Bill No. 1193)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (confirmation hearing on Edward L. Burke, Leslie M. Grey and Lloyd A. White to the PA Board of Probation and Parole; and to consider Senate Bills No. 28, 894 and 1024; and House Bills No. 79, 164 and 1337)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 895, 1068 1090 and 1102; and House Bill No. 798)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bill No. 1116)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013	
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 24 and 26)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 703, 704 and 1035)	Room 8E-A East Wing
1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1000)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013	
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on results of PA Downtown Location Act)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013	
9:00 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (joint hearing with the House Game and Fisheries Committee to gather information about expanding the use of the funds brought in from the Lake Erie Permit and PA Fish and Boat Commission fee expansions) CANCELLED	Erie Yacht Club, 1 Ravine Dr. Erie, PA
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013	
9:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing to consider Senate Bill No. 48)	Room 461 Main Capitol
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013	
10:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS and MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE (public hearing focusing on challenges facing firefighters)	Adams Co. Emergency Serv. Facility Gettysburg
	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013	
1:00 P.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to discuss the following topic: Civil legal representation of the indigent: Have we achieved equal access to justice?)	Koppers Bldg. Pittsburgh, PA

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 30, 2013, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:38 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.