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**SENATE**

MONDAY, January 13, 2014

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend WES DUDLEY, Pastor of Dove Westgate Church, Ephrata, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for this new week and new year. We are thankful for what You have brought us during 2013 and where You are taking us here in this new year as well. We acknowledge that we need You. Thank You that You are a God who sees and there is nothing here on earth or in our lives that has taken You by surprise. We worship You for the way that You are intimately aware of the details of our heart and that You promise to be near to those who diligently seek You. May Your kingdom come here on earth just like it is in heaven. We give this day to You. I ask that You impart a blessing on each man and woman here today and that You would anoint them with Your favor. Would You give them wisdom and insight for decisions that need to be made and would You empower everyone with a passion for understanding.

We recognize, God, that 2014 will bring new challenges and hurdles for everyone here. Would You open up our eyes to see our circumstances in the same way You do. And with this new year, bring new opportunities to grow through these challenges. God, I ask for hope. Would You provide a glimpse of everything we have to be hopeful for and with the frustrations and discouragements of our day. Even today, lead us not into despair. Turn our trials into a fresh perspective for seeing valuable change transpire. Thank You for hearing us. We worship You for who You are and for Your endless grace. This is the day that You have made and we choose to rejoice in it. We ask and pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Dudley, who is the guest today of Senator Brubaker.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY**

January 13, 2014

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 October 8, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, to serve until August 31, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert F. Powelson, Kennett Square, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

January 13, 2014

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 October 15, 2013, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until January 20, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles R. Ike, Clarks Summit, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

January 13, 2014

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 December 12, 2013, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve until October 16, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Roger J. MacLean, Allentown, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

January 8, 2014

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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve until November 1, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Denise Chisholm, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

January 10, 2014

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, Timothy S. Wachter, Esquire, 120 W. Tenth Street, Erie 16501, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro 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 Raymond L. Dombrowski, Erie, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MIFFLIN COUNTY

January 10, 2014

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, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Mifflin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Rick Williams, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

January 13, 2014

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, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until April 15, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vincent Iacono, York, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

January 13, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark E. Hall, 208 Crestmont Drive, Shippensburg 17254, Clarion County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve until October 16, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Roger J. MacLean, Allentown, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### 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:

January 13, 2014

Senators YUDICHAK, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, FERLO, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, ARGALL, HUGHES, ERICKSON, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE, WILEY, STACK, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, GORDNER, SOLOBAY, COSTA, BOSCOLA and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1133**, entitled:

An Act providing for peer-to-peer support for veterans; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, January 13, 2014.

Senators HUGHES, FERLO, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SMITH, BLAKE, YUDICHAK, STACK, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, COSTA, FARNESE and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1134**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, further providing for the definition of "redevelopment assistance capital project" and for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, January 13, 2014.

Senators HUGHES, FERLO, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE, WILEY, YUDICHAK, STACK, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, SOLOBAY, COSTA and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1135**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for establishment of rentals and selection of tenants; and providing for veteran preferences.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, January 13, 2014.

Senators BLAKE, BREWSTER, FERLO, WOZNAK, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, STACK, FONTANA, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, SMITH, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FARNESE, KASUNIC, WILLIAMS and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1136**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, January 13, 2014.

Senators WILLIAMS, FERLO, WASHINGTON, TEPLITZ, SMITH, BREWSTER, STACK, KITCHEN, BLAKE, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, HUGHES and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1137**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Veterans' Homeownership Assistance Program; and providing for financial assistance to a veteran or veteran's spouse to purchase a home.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, January 13, 2014.

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, FERLO, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, HUGHES, ERICKSON, BLAKE, YUDICHAK, STACK, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, McILHINNEY, BOSCOLA, FARNESE and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1138**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for eligibility and for amounts of assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 13, 2014.

Senators STACK, FERLO, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, SMITH, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, YUDICHAK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1139**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for military family relief assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 13, 2014.

Senators KITCHEN, COSTA, FERLO, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, STACK, HUGHES, SMITH, KASUNIC, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, FONTANA, FARNESE, BLAKE, WILEY, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, WILLIAMS and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1142**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for eligibility for subsidized child care for veterans and military personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, January 13, 2014.

Senators SCHWANK, SMITH, TEPLITZ, STACK, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, FERLO, KASUNIC, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, FONTANA, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1143**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in contributions of refunds by checkoff, further providing for operational provisions; and providing for contributions for Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Military Sexual Trauma Public Service Announcement Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 13, 2014.

Senators SCHWANK, SMITH, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, FERLO, KASUNIC, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, FONTANA, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1144**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Military Sexual Trauma Public Service Announcement Fund and the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Military Sexual Trauma Public Service Announcement Program; and imposing duties on the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 13, 2014.

Senators WARD, VULAKOVICH and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1223**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal police jurisdiction, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, January 13, 2014.

Senators BREWSTER, WOZNIAK, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, TOMLINSON, SMITH, RAFFERTY, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, COSTA and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1225**, entitled:

An Act designating the McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge off-ramp, State Ramp 8086, leading to State Route 148 in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, as the Officer Frank Miller, Jr., Memorial Ramp.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 13, 2014.

### RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

January 13, 2014

Senators WASHINGTON, FERLO, BREWSTER, SMITH, TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, STACK, TOMLINSON, KASUNIC, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, SCHWANK, FARNESE, COSTA, BLAKE, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SR 262**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution establishing the Task Force on Women Veterans' Health Care.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 13, 2014.

Senators SOLOBAY, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, STACK, WASHINGTON, PILEGGI, FERLO, BREWSTER, SMITH, KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, WHITE, HUGHES, ERICKSON, FONTANA, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, MENSCH and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SR 263**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to increase funding for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs so it may provide exceptional services to all veterans, including the veterans residing in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 13, 2014.

### GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

#### REPORT OF THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Joint State Government Commission  
Room 108 - Finance Building  
613 North Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

December 31, 2013

To the Members of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania:

Senate Resolution 6 of 2013 directed the Joint State Government Commission to appoint an Advisory Committee to conduct a thorough and comprehensive analysis of violent crime and mass shootings, as well as other topics related to those issues, including mental illness and treatment, firearms regulation, school security, bullying, gang-related activities, educational issues, and cultural influences, including violent video games.

The Advisory Committee recommends changes to the Mental Health Procedures Act, the Uniform Firearms Act, and statutes and practices related to violent crime. It also recommends measures to make schools safer and ways to develop awareness, education, and other strategies to reduce and prevent violent crime.

The full report, "*Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania: The Report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention*", is available on our website, <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/>.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN J. PASEWICZ  
Executive Director

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

#### REPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Commonwealth Financing Authority  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 4th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

January 7, 2014

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY ("the AUTHORITY"), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and

fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Authority as of June 30, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Authority adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 60, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements", Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14 and 34", Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements", and Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position". Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Matters

##### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

##### *Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 2, 2013, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:

Senator Wayne Fontana as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Senator Vincent Hughes as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Senator Randy Vulakovich as a member of the Shared Ride Community Transportation Service Delivery Pilot Program Advisory Committee.

Senator John Wozniak as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Mr. Rocco S. Ali as a member of the Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

Ms. Carolyn Dumaresq as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Mr. John T. Durbin as a member of the Balanced Multimodal Transportation Policy Commission.

Mr. David Hess as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Bob Kirchner as a member of the Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Majority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. Thomas Danzi as a member of the Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee.

## GENERAL COMMUNICATION

### RESIGNATION OF SENATOR MICHAEL L. WAUGH

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 10, 2014

Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III  
President Pro Tempore  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
292 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Serving with you in the PA State Senate for the last several years has been an honor and a pleasure. I write today with both a bitter and a sweet feeling. As you know I have decided not to seek re-election to the Senate in 2014. This revelation has generated an opportunity which again, as you know, I shall pursue very soon.

Therefore, today I offer you my resignation as the State Senator for the 28th district of York County. My resignation shall be effective on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 12 noon.

Thank you for your strong leadership and for your continued friendship. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. WAUGH  
State Senator, 28th District

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Smith and Senator Washington, and a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Smith and Senator Washington, and a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

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

In the Senate, January 13, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, January 27, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, January 27, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-48**

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

**NAY-0**

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to

the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK AND SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, good afternoon. Today, along with Senator Rafferty, I have the pleasure of introducing the Green Team from Daniel Boone High School. When we talk about teenagers today, we often talk about the problems they have. I wish you could meet this group of young people. They would astound you. This hardworking team, consisting of eight students and two advisors, recently won first place in a nationwide environmental science project in which they created a bioreactor that turns oils from algae into biodiesel. The team won a \$10,000 grant from the Lexus Eco Challenge 2 that they will use to build three smaller versions of the bioreactor they created to study and grow the algae. One bioreactor will stay at the Daniel Boone School District and the other two will be donated to other districts in our region.

As part of the team's final challenge and the chance to win a \$30,000 grant, they must take their work to a State and national stage. Today, the enthusiastic team met with Members of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy to explain why their work is important in today's world. I particularly want to thank Senator Hutchinson, as well as Senator Yudichak, and his staff member, Richard Fox, who attended that meeting for us today. They will be bringing their project to the White House and speaking with a senior White House aide. The team's members are Ian Kurtz, Alex Doyle, Elizabeth Levy, Noah Coates, John Dugan, Megan Jolivet, Dan Downs, Stephanie Sievers, and Courtney Vidovich. Their advisors are Mr. Sid Harwood and Mr. Shannon Helzer, and they even brought a vice principal with them today, Jenny Rexrode. Please join me in welcoming and wishing good luck to the Daniel Boone Green Team.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I want to welcome our guests as well. I am pleased and proud to share the Daniel Boone School District with Senator Schwank and the amazing science work done by the students here today and their teachers, our friends from the military as well and their assistance, and the sergeants who are both here with us today. I want to congratulate the students for their efforts and commend them and join my friend and colleague, Senator Schwank, and ask for the Senate to give these students and their teachers the usual, customary warm welcome of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I would also like to introduce some guests today. I welcome the Susquehanna Township Middle School Orchestra to the Senate today. They are here with their parents and Dr. Douglas Nyce, who is the conductor and the school's orchestra director. The students were supposed to perform around the holidays but had to postpone due to the weather. We were lucky they were able to reschedule and perform this morning in the East Wing Rotunda. I am very happy to have them here today and I look forward to when my own son hopefully will be playing with the orchestra, perhaps here at the Senate. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in giving these talented young performers of the Susquehanna Township Middle School Orchestra our usual warm welcome.

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

**RECESS**

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

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

**AFTER RECESS**

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and a legislative leave for Senator Stack.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and a legislative leave for Senator Stack. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Washington and Senator Tomlinson have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

**CALENDAR**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 89, HB 431, HB 436, SB 707 and SB 1085** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 1185 (Pr. No. 1615)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for requests for examinations and reports of coroners.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-48**

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

**NAY-0**

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

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

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 1189, SB 1195, HB 1341 and HB 1424** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator McILHINNEY.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1529 (Pr. No. 2039) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for filing and recording of ordinances.

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:

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1584 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator McILHINNEY.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1656 (Pr. No. 2276) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213), entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients for treatment of breast disease."

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:

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 384 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator McILHINNEY.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 807 (Pr. No. 918) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for funds.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 873, SB 901, SB 902, SB 903, SB 904, SB 968, SB 1000, SB 1055, SB 1118, SB 1191, SB 1205, HB 1559 and HB 1617 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator McILHINNEY.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 61, ADOPTED

Senator McILHINNEY, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Resolution No. 61, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study and to issue a report on the status of and any disparities found in dental care for Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?



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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SB 411 (Pr. No. 1596) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in good Samaritan, further providing for findings, for definitions, for eligibility and project inventory, for land-owner liability limitation and exceptions, for project liability limitation and exceptions, for exceptions and for water supply replacement; and making editorial changes.

**SB 1045 (Pr. No. 1510) (Rereported)**

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1972 (P.L.1280, No.284), known as the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972, making extensive substantive and editorial changes; further providing for definitions, exempt securities, exempt transactions, required documents for registration statements, rules for filing federally covered securities, exemptions from registration provisions, powers for the Department of Banking and Securities, administration of the act, increasing assessments, methods of payment of funds and requirements for administrative proceedings under the act; making a repeal; and establishing a restricted account in the General Fund.

**HB 261 (Pr. No. 273) (Rereported)**

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," further providing for civil penalties.

**HB 1056 (Pr. No. 1284) (Rereported)**

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, providing for temporary volunteer dental licenses.

**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 Ellis John Yentzer, Jr., by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Apollo Grill of Bethlehem and to Historic Bethlehem Partnership, Inc., by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Billy Kounoupis, Lehigh Northampton Transportation Authority and to Lehigh Valley Health Network by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kalieb G. Mielnik by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Everitt by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to C. S. Ickes, Jr., by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Malinda Stewart by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen Kinder by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Senior Master Sergeant John W. Seitz, John N. Linnehan, Gregory Richard Kincaid, Joseph Oliver Engel, Logan Nils Thorne and to the Messiah College Men's Soccer Team by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Troy High School Girls' Volleyball Team and to the Troy High School Football Team by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Osterhout Free Library 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 Laberta DiFlauro D'Amico, to the family of the late Dennis Alan Mumper and to the family of the late Ivan H. Guesman by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Carl W. Lacy III by Senator Williams.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 411 and 1045; and House Bills No. 261, 993 and 1056)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

9:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1186 and 1199; and House Bills No. 1599 and 1707)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 149, 152, 908, 1158 and 1167; and the Joint State Government Commission will present a report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

10:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 999)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

9:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE and ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (joint public hearing on flood insurance)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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10:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 1036)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Governor's Office/Governor's Budget Office/Executive Offices)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judiciary)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office - Economic Outlook & Revenue Overview)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Attorney General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Treasury Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Auditor General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Insurance)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Military and Veteran Affairs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - SERS/PSERS)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Gaming Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Liquor Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections/Office of Probation and Parole)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PASSHE)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PEMA)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Public Welfare)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Community & Economic Development)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PHEAA)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor & Industry)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police/Homeland Security)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Banking & Securities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart due to the death of a young serviceman from my district. Air Force Captain Sean M. Ruane died Tuesday, January 7, during a training exercise on the Norfolk Coast of England, where he was stationed at Royal Air Force Station Lakenheath. The tragedy was the result of a helicopter crash in a nature reserve, killing all four men aboard, including Captain Ruane.

Captain Ruane, age 31 at the time of his death, was a 2000 graduate of Montour High School in Kennedy Township. Following high school, he attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he had attended flight school camps as a high schooler. After college, Captain Ruane served three tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He also was stationed in various parts of the United States, including Florida, Oklahoma, and Alabama. In 2011, he was assigned to his last post in England.

Captain Ruane leaves behind his wife, Rachel, whom he married in 2010, and his 1-year-old son, Liam. Other survivors include his parents, Michael and Marcia Ruane, and sister, Katie,

who are all residents of my district. Mr. President, as untimely as his death was, Captain Ruane died doing what his lifelong passion had been, flying helicopters. While no words can take away their pain, it is my hope that Captain Ruane's family can find peace and comfort in knowing how very proud his hometown community was of him, and how we thank him and his family for their service to our nation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Captain SEAN M. RUANE.)

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I rise to talk about an event that occurred recently in our region that I think is worthy of some discussion and something that we ought to point out to our citizens that is critically important. What I am referring to is the chemical spill that occurred in West Virginia on the Elk River, which rendered 300,000 people without a source of drinking water, a serious problem. What happened there was a chemical plant along the Elk River had a leakage of a chemical, 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, that spilled into the river, impacting the prime water source for 300,000 people. As a result of that emergency, daycare centers and schools had to close, restaurants had to close, and hundreds of thousands of people had their security risked as a result of this chemical spill. Think about it.

Now, recently, the water company that has had to treat this accident has started to bring people back online, people have been able to start using their drinking water, but I would ask you to consider, as I have, would you want to use your tap water at this point? Would you not question how safe it is? This chemical is not something that you can necessarily just boil away like a live organism. In fact, it might even be more concentrated if you boiled your water. Would you want your children to drink it? Would you want your children to take a shower in that water?

I do not bring this up necessarily to point fingers of blame. What I do bring it up for is to help remind people of how critical the safety and security of our drinking water is, and it is something that all Pennsylvanians, as we watch what West Virginia is dealing with, and we, as Members of the General Assembly ought to keep in mind, the kinds of procedures and guidelines that we would use to deal with a situation like this. Fortunately, we have not had anything recently that I am aware of that is similar to this situation, but it is something that has really opened my eyes to the importance of safe drinking water, and I hope other Pennsylvanians will join me in following the story and looking to their own communities to see how we safeguard our water supply.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, on a lighter note, we are now seeing the end of the NFL season, and, unfortunately, we made it to the first round, the Philadelphia Eagles, but we did not get beyond that. I want to congratulate the Philadelphia Eagles for an exciting season. It was a real adventure and a real joy, and I am a great admirer of Chip Kelly and his philosophy on coaching and the offense he unveiled in Philadelphia and to the NFL. I look for much more in the years to come and many more successes. But I want to take this opportunity, when most experts were thinking that we would win four games or three games,

Chip Kelly and the Philadelphia Eagles surpassed all of them and pulled together as a team. We had some outstanding individual performances from the quarterback, Nick Foles, to DeSean Jackson, to Shady McCoy, to the defense, which really pulled together and came around. I want to congratulate Chip Kelly and the Philadelphia Eagles for a very successful season, and to thank them as a fan for the team they put on the field and for the high level of competition they showed on the football field.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

## RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator McIlhinney.

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.