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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, February 4, 2014

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Rabbi CARL CHOPER, of Interfaith Alliance of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Jewish tradition prescribes a particular blessing to be said when someone sees people of secular political power. That blessing, which I recite in your presence, is:

Blessed are You, Eternal, our God, sovereign of the universe, who has given a portion from God's glory to flesh and blood. My prayer for you is that each of you, being as all of us only flesh and blood, may find the wisdom and the strength to use that divine glory for the common good of the Commonwealth. On this propitious day, when a sea of numbers will be unveiled before us, may you each find the wisdom to see the implications of those figures and understand the values embedded in those numbers. Just as in the very beginning of the biblical creation story, when all is in chaos and God's presence hovers over the face of the waters, and God begins to create order and the text says, and God found it was good. So, may you also use that portion of divine glory which you are given to strive for order in that sea of numbers and to bring forth goodness in the world you helped to create. May you be blessed with vision to see more fully the nature of that world you are helping to shape with the resources you intend to direct. May you be privileged to find goodness in the words of your colleagues. And as you struggle to weigh the value of one good against another, may you be a source of blessing to the entire society for which you speak. This is my prayer for you, honorable Members of this Senate Chamber, and I invite us all to say, amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Choper, who is the guest today of Senator Teplitz.

**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:

February 4, 2014

Senators TEPLITZ, WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, HUGHES, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, FARNESE, COSTA, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, BROWNE and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 1212**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1959 (P.L.1913, No.694), known as the Equal Pay Law, further providing for wage rates.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 4, 2014.

Senators TOMLINSON, PILEGGI, VOGEL and EICHELBERGER presented to the Chair **SB 1222**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting bad faith assertions of patent infringement; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Attorney General; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2014.

Senators BAKER, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, GORDNER, VULAKOVICH, TOMLINSON, SMITH, RAFFERTY, WILLIAMS, HUTCHINSON, VANCE, SCARNATI and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1235**, entitled:

An Act providing for emergency volunteer health practitioners uniformity; and repealing the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 4, 2014.

Senators YUDICHAK, CORMAN, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, BREWSTER, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, BAKER, WILEY, VANCE, SOLOBAY, COSTA, SCHWANK, FERLO, WASHINGTON, MENSCH, KASUNIC, FARNESE, TOMLINSON, STACK, WHITE, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, LEACH, GREENLEAF, ROBBINS, BRUBAKER, VULAKOVICH, YAW, ARGALL, WILLIAMS, WARD, SMITH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1240**, entitled:

An Act reorganizing the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2014.

Senators DINNIMAN, FOLMER, KASUNIC, VULAKOVICH, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, WILLIAMS, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1244**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for Keystone Exams.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 4, 2014.

Senators DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, SMITH, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, COSTA, BROWNE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1245**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for an approved pet foster care provider tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 4, 2014.

Senators BROWNE, SCARNATI, COSTA, BAKER, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, STACK and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 1246**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a district attorney justice fee for convictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2014.

Senators STACK, FERLO, SMITH, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, WHITE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, BRUBAKER, SOLOBAY, FARNESE, VANCE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1249**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring Commonwealth agencies to procure only flags that are manufactured in the United States and give preference to American-made products; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2014.

Senators STACK, FARNESE, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, SMITH, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, WARD, COSTA, ERICKSON, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, MENSCH, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, YUDICHAK and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1250**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in military leave of absence, further providing for educational leave of absence.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 4, 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:

February 4, 2014

Senator WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SR 285**, entitled:  
A Resolution condemning the recent passage of legislation in Uganda and Nigeria criminalizing same-sex relationships and organiza-

tions, and calling upon the leaders of those nations to repeal and reject those laws as gross violations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals' civil rights.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 4, 2014.

Senators DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, STACK, SMITH, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, COSTA, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, BROWNE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SR 287**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact S. No. 229 (2013), to rename the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center after Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 4, 2014.

## GENERAL COMMUNICATION

### REPORT ON TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION FOR 2013

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Department of Community and Economic Development  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

January 22, 2014

Honorable Megan Totino Consedine, Secretary of the Senate  
Office of the Secretary  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
462 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator *[sic]* Consedine:

As required by the Job Enhancement Act of 1996, (P.L. 434, No 67), Act 113, Section 2706, as amended, I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation for the year-end of 2013.

This report includes:

1. a summary of volume cap allocation usage for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds; and
2. a list of small issue and exempt facility allocations including the issuing authority, project name, allocation amount, and estimated jobs for each project.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

C. ALAN WALKER  
Secretary

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

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. Edward Abes to serve on the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

**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 McIlhinney.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney.

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

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

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

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator KITCHEN and Senator WILEY, for today's session, for personal reasons.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**JOINT SESSION**

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

In the Senate, February 4, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing an address by His Excellency, Governor Tom Corbett, it also meet and elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-46**

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	Williams
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Yaw
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	

**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.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT THE GOVERNOR TO THE HALL OF THE HOUSE**

The PRESIDENT. The time has come in the order of business to assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives for a Joint Session. The President pro tempore, Senator Scarnati, has appointed the following Senators to act as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Governor to the Joint Session: The gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson, as Chair; the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger; and the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Smith. The committee will leave immediately to discharge its duties.

**SENATE PROCEEDS TO HOUSE TO HEAR GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

The PRESIDENT. The Members of the Senate will please form a line in the center aisle immediately behind the Sergeant-At-Arms in order that we may proceed to the Joint Session.

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair now declares a recess of the Senate.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Education to hold an off-the-floor meeting in the Rules room to consider Senate Bill No. 1194, Senate Resolution No. 250, House Bill No. 198, and House Bill No. 1164.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**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 meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by the Committee on Transportation, to be followed by the Committee on Education, to be followed by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, following the committee meetings, the Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by the Committee on Transportation, to be followed by the Committee on Education, to be followed by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a legislative leave for Senator Robbins. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I ask that the Chair recognize Senator Vulakovich for delivering the Lincoln Day Address.

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, 205 years ago, Abraham Lincoln entered life in an impoverished rural Kentucky homestead. From there, he went on to become one of our nation's most revered and admired Presidents and the moral compass for generations of Americans. This past year, we marked the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, one of the most, if not the most, famous and recognizable speeches ever given by an American President. It was short and sweet, and those few words are more than simply a remembrance of the men who died on the Gettysburg Battlefield, they are a tribute to the American spirit.

It is especially fitting that the Senate of Pennsylvania honor President Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln was an intimate friend of Pennsylvania's Civil War Governor, Andrew Curtin, and he had warm and friendly relationships with many PA State Senators, including John Penny of Pittsburgh, Harry White of Indiana, and Morrow B. Lowry of Erie. When Lincoln was assassinated, there was a true grief among the Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. On January 23, 1866, the Pennsylvania State Senate passed a resolution honoring his memory. (*Reading:*)

"He was a statesman, wise and incorruptible; a patriot, earnest and self-devoted; a leader of clear discernment and forecast, and a ruler most benignant where the calls of mercy might persuade. But he was just and firm where the truth and the right demanded. His life was full of excellence and beauty, and truly illustrated the gentle and guileless disposition of his heart, and the high order and reach of his intellect. To

this country, he gave the love and service of his soul, and for the continued greatness of its glory he thought and toiled through the days and nights of four dark and weary years."

Today, nearly 150 years after our predecessors adopted that resolution, Abraham Lincoln remains etched in our memories as a man who was guided by his conscience and compassion. He was a leader who followed his beliefs against the advice of handlers, and at the risk of public ridicule. He was a public servant who left a lasting legacy of honesty, decency, and integrity, one that we would all aspire to. Political historians have spent more than 100 years studying his speeches, his writings, and his record in an attempt to discover the real Lincoln. Yet, he was a complex man and in many ways contradictory. Personally, Lincoln possessed an engaging, wry country wit that could bring people to their knees in laughter. Yet, he was cursed by bouts of deep despair, self-criticism, and self-doubt. Politically, he was despised by more than half the nation, but was elected to the Presidency twice. While we often viewed his administration a failure and his performance anything but great, many historians call him the greatest President this country has ever known.

So, despite all we know about him, Lincoln remains a bit of an enigma. He struggled mightily in his life, and success did not come easy. He failed in business at age 22, he lost his first legislative race a year later, he had a nervous breakdown at 27, and before the age of 49, he was defeated in his bids for Speaker, elector, Congress twice, Senate twice, and Vice President. Through these trials and tribulations, Lincoln built an inner strength and belief in himself and in what was right. He learned the importance of perseverance and courage, and he gained the wisdom that comes from being tested. With that in mind, it is only right and proper that we honor our 16th President for his deeds and for his spirit.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### CALENDAR

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 89** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 374 (Pr. No. 2942)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for jurisdiction, education and educational costs of county park police officers.

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-46

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	Williams
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Yaw
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	

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.

**HB 777 (Pr. No. 889)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Elderly, further defining "income"; and further providing for determination of eligibility.

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-46

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	Williams
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Yaw
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	

NAY-0

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

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

**SB 807 (Pr. No. 1594)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for definitions, for the licensing agency and its functions, for powers and functions of board, for qualifications for license, for procedures for licensing, for reciprocity and for reinstatement of license; providing for nomenclature; and further providing for penalties, for license renewal and records and fees and for unlawful practice.

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 Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, a few quick remarks. First of all, I commend and thank Senator McIlhinney for his leadership on this important issue for enabling Pennsylvania to step up, as many other States have, to offer a voluntary licensure to social work students who obtained their bachelor's degree. As the only MSW in the General Assembly, I felt that it was important for me to comment on this. I want to thank the Republican Leaders for moving this bill forward. It is an important opportunity for students out there who obtain this credential of bachelor's of social work to be able to represent themselves to their clients and to their agencies as licensed social workers. It is a step in the right direction, and again, I want to commend Senator McIlhinney for his leadership.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

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	Williams
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Yaw
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1055, SB 1085, SB 1187, SB 1195, SB 1205 and HB 1424** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 1559 (Pr. No. 2927)** -- 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 terms and courses of study, providing for youth suicide awareness and prevention education.

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 Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I felt compelled to rise to speak on this bill, House Bill No. 1559, first of all to express deep thanks to Republican and Democratic Leaders, to the chairmen of the Committee on Appropriations, particularly to the chairmen of the Committee on Education, Senator Folmer and Senator Dinniman, for their bringing this bill forward. It is actually a bill introduced by a House Member from back home in the 22nd Senatorial District, Representative Farina. I am not sure if anybody here in the Chamber or our staff have been affected by the tragedy of suicide. I have, Mr. President. I lost a brother in 1977 to this tragedy, and as a result, this is an element that is close to home for me. I will tell you that this is not a mandate for our schools, it encourages school districts to adopt policies to help prevent youth suicide in grades 6 through 12, and the concerns relating to the mandate have been addressed by an amendment in the House, and it was nearly unanimous coming out of the House.

The school years come and go, Mr. President, these terrible tragedies occur, but the pain for those left behind never goes away, and suicide plagues children, families, and communities every day. Some schools already have in place policies relating to this prevention of suicide, but they are inconsistent or they lack maybe some of the appropriate input from our mental health professionals. The bill here that we are considering would strengthen suicide prevention techniques and resources in our public schools by encouraging each public school entity to require its faculty, teachers, administrators, nurses, et cetera, to complete 4 hours of professional development in suicide awareness every 5 years. It will also insure that the Pennsylvania Department of Education provides each public school entity with the needed resources at no cost to the school, such as online courses, model policies dealing with prevention, counseling awareness, et cetera. According to the House Committee on Education, Mr. President, at a recent hearing on suicide prevention last year, nearly 86 percent of all youth suicides could have been

avoided if the obvious signals were not ignored or missed. And of that 86 percent, 10 percent of those youths who had committed suicide had attempted on another occasion. So, this is an important bill. It will have far-reaching impacts because it will put our schools into the 21st century to deal with the greater prevention of this tragedy.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Erickson	Mensch	Tomlinson
Argall	Farnese	Pileggi	Vance
Baker	Ferlo	Rafferty	Vogel
Blake	Folmer	Robbins	Vulakovich
Boscola	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Brewster	Gordner	Schwank	Washington
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Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Yaw
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 21 (Pr. No. 114)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, in criminal justice determinations, further providing for incompetence and for procedure.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 149** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 164 (Pr. No. 1941)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

#### BILL REREFERRED

**SB 384 (Pr. No. 317)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of Public Welfare.

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

**HB 403, HB 408 and SB 411** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 771 (Pr. No. 1584)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for the State Geospatial Coordinating Board.

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

#### BILLS REREFERRED

**SB 873 (Pr. No. 1656)** -- 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, providing for Dyslexia and Early Literacy Intervention Pilot Program.

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

**SB 908 (Pr. No. 1019)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judgments and other liens, further providing for exemption of particular property.

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 1000, SB 1016, SB 1017, SB 1023, SB 1118, SB 1191 and SB 1199** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

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

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

#### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

January 24, 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 January 15, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Helen M. Billak, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

January 30, 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 November 1, 2013, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Thomas Nocella, removed from office.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

January 30, 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 28, 2013, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Sheryl Ann Dorney, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

January 30, 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 November 20, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrations, to serve until December 12, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Diane Howarth, RN, Holtwood, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

RECORDER OF DEEDS, REGISTER OF WILLS  
AND CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT,  
CLINTON COUNTY

January 30, 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 November 15, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, in and for the County of Clinton, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Gail M. Gephart, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL  
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

January 30, 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

November 1, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lina Hartocollis, M.S.S., Ph.D., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 30, 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 November 1, 2013, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-20, to serve until the first Monday of 2016, vice The Honorable Robert Wyda, deceased.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR**

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

October 22, 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, Reynolds D. Baldwin, Jr., (Public Member), 2932 Gwin Road, Altoona 16601, Blair County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Starr, Dallastown, whose term expired.

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, Shippenville 16254, 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

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

November 8, 2013

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, William T. Jones, Esquire (Public Member), 1101 E. Longwood Drive, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Matthew Kuhn, Downingtown, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

***NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE***

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Motion was made by Senator PILEGGI,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

***NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE***

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

October 22, 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, Reynolds D. Baldwin, Jr., (Public Member), 2932 Gwin Road, Altoona 16601, Blair County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months past that period, vice Richard Starr, Dallastown, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

January 13, 2014

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of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

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TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

November 8, 2013

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, William T. Jones, Esquire (Public Member), 1101 E. Longwood Drive, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Matthew Kuhn, Downingtown, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

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

YEA-46

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	Williams
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Yaw
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

#### **NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

#### **MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION**

January 17, 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, William Joseph Green, IV, 118 West Abington Avenue, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Pedro A. Ramos, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

#### **MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION**

January 21, 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, Farah Jimenez, 413 West Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph A. Dworetzky, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

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

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I want to voice concerns about the process by which these two nominations have come forward. Despite what has been put in the newspaper by the Majority, this is not the process that had been followed in the past. In the past, when I served with Senator Piccola, he specifically asked the Majority, and the Majority then moved in the Senate that we have a hearing in the Committee on Education. In fact, Mr. President, I have the article from June 25, 2009, which says, "Pa. Senators grill SRC nominee Joseph A. Dworetzky." I have the article from December 7, 2011, Mr. President, from the Inquirer when it says, referring to Feather Houstoun, that "The

nominee for the last vacancy on Philadelphia's School Reform Commission sailed through her confirmation hearing...." This process also occurred with Pedro Ramos. While we appreciate the fact that the Majority has said that in nominations if people had any questions they have the week to bring up these questions and go through a process, I do not--and I believe most Members of my Caucus in the Minority--feel this was the fair way, the correct way.

Listen, the truth of the matter is these two nominees will pass today. So, we are not talking about the nominees, we are talking about a process here, Mr. President, a process by which we in the Senate have taken over, essentially through the School Reform Commission, the process of schools in Philadelphia. We appoint three, confirmation in the Senate, the mayor appoints some. If we are going to do this, the least we need to do, to show respect to the citizens of the city of Philadelphia, is we need to allow a hearing to take place. For the Majority to say, well, this did not happen in the past, is simply not true, and I am surprised that they would say it. It happened in Dworetzky's case, it happened in Pedro Ramos's case, and it happened in Feather Houstoun's case, and it happened because the Majority, under Senator Piccola, asked that such a hearing take place and the Majority insisted that hearings take place. And by the way, they were great hearings. We confirmed each and every one of those people, Mr. President. This is a concern.

Listen, we sit in this Chamber and as we look around we celebrate the fact that we were able to gain our independence against the British. We celebrate the fact that we stood for no taxation without representation. And then we turn around and we treat Philadelphia as a colony where we do not have an elected school board, so there is taxation without representation. And then, we do not even accept the fact, have the courtesy to have the respect for the citizens, the students, and the teachers of the city of Philadelphia where we would allow a hearing to take place. This, Mr. President, is simply wrong. This is not the way we should act. Especially, listen, and my final comment, people have power, they can use it gently, they can use it respectfully. They can allow all of the comments to come in and then still get their way. My objection is when people who have power do not show respect, do not accept the dignity of people in Philadelphia or any other region of this Commonwealth. That is not the way to go. It is not necessary to do it that way. You can win, you can get the nominees, but do it with respect, do it in a way that affirms our Democratic principles, our principles that we extend ourselves time after time again to listen to the will and hear the call of each and every citizen of this Commonwealth because we respect each and every citizen. So, I wanted to state my objection, Mr. President, and thank you for allowing such a statement.

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, if I could just make a couple of points in response to the gentleman from the 19th Senatorial District. For the people who might be watching this on PCN or reading the Journal at some later date, I want to make a few points for the record. First, I note that the gentleman from the 19th Senatorial District does not represent the city of Philadelphia. It is my understanding that there are Members from the city of Philadelphia who will be actually voting in favor of these nominees. They ably represent the city of Philadelphia in this

Chamber, and if there were issues that they wanted to bring up regarding the city, I certainly think we would be hearing from them.

As to the issue of process -- before I even get to process, what is before us are two very fine, qualified nominees sent to us by the Governor for our review and a vote on those nominees. What I did not hear was any suggestion that the nominees were unfit for the positions for which they were nominated. If there is an argument, I think it is an argument that should be expressed on this floor by anyone who is opposed to these nominees, so that all of the Members here would have the benefit of that information. But to have a debate on process and not to approve nominees who are apparently qualified by all objective criteria and to vote against them on a process argument, I do not think that is the right thing to do in this circumstance.

Turning to process, which I am happy to address, process in this body is governed not on an ad hoc basis depending on a Member's view of what process should be on any particular day or hour of the day, but by rules that this body passes at the beginning of each Session and by the statutes that govern the process of executive nominations. And I just would mention too, first, there is a Senate rule dealing with executive nominations that was voted on, I believe, unanimously by this body, that is Senate Rule 28. It does not require a hearing on nominees unless a nominee has statewide jurisdictions to which salaries are attached. These nominees do not have statewide jurisdiction and they do not have salaries attached. Secondly, of course, we may have hearings at any time the body decides to have hearings, and we have had hearings on nominees in the past for other offices, including the School Reform Commission members. The fact is that there have been 13 nominees since the formation of the School Reform Commission that have been executive nominees, in other words, nominees sent to the Senate by the Governor or originally appointed by the Governor which did not require Senate confirmation. Of those 13, there have been 4 hearings. It is not Republican Governor or Democratic Governor nominee. For various reasons there have been four hearings, not required but permitted.

I also note that there was a very public solicitation of any comments that the public might have, that anyone might have, and asked that those comments be addressed to me as chair of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations. There was a publication in the Philadelphia Inquirer, which has a paid circulation in excess of 300,000. I can report today that we did receive a single comment from someone on this nomination. So, it is obviously not a matter of grave public concern.

So, I do not want to extend my response beyond what is necessary, but for those people who are interested in process, I just want to make the point that this process is perfectly consistent with our rules, consistent with past practice, that there has not been a uniform policy where all nominees have received a hearing. Some have, some have not. These happen not to have hearings but by the response to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations of people who might be interested in this, it seems the general public does not have a great interest in commenting on this, or if they have, they have for some reason refrained.

Another point I want to mention is the School Reform Commission also has members appointed by the mayor of Philadelphia, and you might think if process was so important, maybe the

mayor of Philadelphia would submit those names for a public hearing process, either to the city council of Philadelphia or to some other public process in the city of Philadelphia. I point out for the Members that no such public process occurs, the mayor simply appoints, they walk over to the building, are sworn in and sit. So, I do not know why that set of nominees would have such a different standard for fairness from the nominees that are at least sent to this body for debate and a vote by the majority of this body.

I ask for an affirmative vote on the nominations. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, on this issue I have to stand with Senator Dinniman, the Democratic chairman of our Committee on Education, and again, reinforce the eloquent comments that he has already made with respect to the process and how this process, which had been established or locked in, if you will, for the last several nominees from the State, may not have been utilized for a number of nominees but in the most recent history of these appointments, there have been hearings with respect to those appointees, and they have been significant hearings, important hearings. It seems like --well, not it seems like, we know that we are violating the recent history that has occurred with respect to having some public conversation by the body that was established by the voters written into the State Constitution, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that provides us the right to have a public conversation about matters such as this, in this case appointees to the largest school district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This is not to say anything negative about any other school districts across the Commonwealth. I represent three school districts in all total, Philadelphia and two in Montgomery County, but the size of the school district, which has a budget of close to \$4 billion a year, the thousands of people who are employed, the amount of resources that the district has or does not have, and most importantly out of all of that, the almost 200,000 students that come under their prerogative of these Members makes this a district in many respects, just based on size alone, that puts them in a very different situation than most other districts in the Commonwealth, or any other district in the Commonwealth. I believe the next largest school district in the Commonwealth probably has about 26 schools in it, and we have well over 200 schools in the School District of Philadelphia. The budget reality of almost \$4 billion puts us in a circumstance very different than everything else. The fact that we do not have an elected school board but have an appointed school board, different than every other school district in the Commonwealth, puts us in a very different circumstance.

So, consequently, we have individuals who are appointed to the school district, to the SRC, the School Reform Commission, and are these important appointments? Absolutely, they are important appointments. The most recent body of the School Reform Commission in about a 2-year period closed down over 30 schools, totally reforming how children move from place to place, how they get to their schools, how they receive their education. The School Reform Commission has a dramatic impact on how things go forward in the largest school district in the Commonwealth, representing the largest number of children that this School Reform Commission has responsibility for educating. Are there some questions about their qualifications?

First of all, let me get back to process. I am well aware that the head of the Philadelphia delegation sent, on behalf of the delegation here in the Senate, a letter requesting hearings, and that request was not granted.

So, there has been a record that has been established requesting hearings and hearings were held for the previous appointees. The work of the previous SRC has been noted nationally, maybe internationally, if you will, in education circles. So, process-wise, I think we are on solid ground here to just take a break in the work that has to be done and hear from these individuals who have the responsibility of educating at least 200,000 students in the largest school district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On the issue of qualifications, where there is some question, at least to one of the members who is about to be appointed--because it is a simple majority vote, the Republicans will, I am sure, confirm the Republican Governor's appointee--but there is some question, at least, to one of the appointees to the School Reform Commission. The individual has some questionable writings and some questionable utterances in his public work in what they have said about what should happen in education, never voting for an increase in appropriations for the School District of Philadelphia, in their position as a member of the city council, but also in writing and musing, if you will, whether there should be two separate education systems within the School District of Philadelphia - one for those schools that are doing well, and one school system for the schools that are not doing well inside that school district. That is separate and very unequal. And so consequently, Mr. President, those kinds of writings, those kinds of votes, those kinds of musings, those kinds of conversations need to come before some public body, in this case, the Senate, which has the responsibility to vote for whether these folks should be on this board, so that they can address these issues, because there is some question with respect to qualifications. There is some question clearly with respect to process. There is some question with respect to whether folks are suitable, and unless they come into a public dialogue, how are we to know what their actions will be?

Now, there are many of us who have already reached the point of whether there should even be a School Reform Commission. There are some of us who are on our way to the point of whether there should be a School Reform Commission. Hopefully, sooner rather than later, we will have that conversation. But let us be real clear. There was, in recent history, a process, whether formalized or not in law, or in the rules of the Senate, that brought the most recent appointees to the School Reform Commission, I believe four, in front of the Committee on Education. We asked them questions, sought answers, allowed for dialogue, allowed for communication, and gave us as a body an opportunity to view them and to question them in the context of our responsibilities as the Senate. Now, we are in a situation, probably in one of the most controversial times in the recent history of public education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, led by controversial policies taken by this front office, now we are in the process of appointing two individuals who we as a body did not have the opportunity to have a public dialogue with. They can come to our offices, we can have dinner with them, we can meet them for coffee or whatever, but this is a public body that we represent and we have a responsibility to this body to

have a conversation about and with these individuals asking what their direction is.

So consequently, Mr. President, I have to stand again with Senator Dinniman, who chairs our Committee on Education. I think his points are valid. I think they should not be left unattended to. These individuals--or any individual--should have to come before this body, or some formal portion of this body, and address their concerns, address their thoughts of where they believe the future of education should be for at least 200,000 students in the School District of Philadelphia, in charter schools and in traditional public schools. They have a responsibility to present to us, especially since we have the responsibility to vote "yea" or "nay" on their behalf.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I think I can bring it in under 2 minutes. It is a very important issue. We all care about education and we all have a stake in this, whether you are from Philadelphia or not. I said to Senator Eichelberger, who is sitting in front of me right now, we want to be able to report back to our colleagues here the financial commitment that all of us make here, that folks who are not from the city of Philadelphia make that we are executing a plan, we are doing it effectively, we are getting our money's worth, and the kids are finally succeeding, and we have to get to that point. I am one of the Senators, back on process, who has advocated for returning to an elected school board in Philadelphia. And the main reason for that is to have accountability of better, greater, more democratic accountability in the Philadelphia School District. And I think that is what Senator Dinniman is talking about when he talks about having a hearing and the appropriateness of that, and I happen to agree with him. I think that would have been a more positive thing. We have to get past where it is just a battle between supposed stakeholders, whether people are saying the battle is against the teacher's union and the teacher's union versus the Governor. The bottom line is, we have to solve the problem of making sure that our kids can read, do math, achieve, go on to college, take jobs that are going to help Pennsylvania move forward. So, I happen to have had two good meetings with Bill Green, who is going to be, I think, the chairman, and I have also met with Farah Jimenez in my office. I have just met her for the first time today and she has good ideas. But the bottom line is, if we are going to be effective, we need to have a much more engaged, open process where children, parents, teachers, and the School Reform Commission are working together on a regular basis in a democratic, open, and transparent process, and I think that is what a number of us were interested in in this process.

Obviously, these two appointees are going to be confirmed. The bottom line is, in the future, we need to make sure that there is a strong connection and a working relationship between us and the legislature, whether you are from Philadelphia or from elsewhere in Pennsylvania, and the other stakeholders who are, of course, the young people whom we want to be able to achieve, and the people whom we want to be able to help teach them. So, that is my two cents' worth, Mr. President. I think I brought it in under 2 minutes and, hopefully, we can move forward and really solve the problem of an education and a fiscal crisis that we are suffering from right now in Philadelphia and in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, it was not my intent to speak today, but to the extent that we began to reflect upon the individuals who have come before us, I thought it was important and imperative. I come from Philadelphia County, I am a member of the Committee on Education. I was a Member who has been polled and asked for hearings. I certainly respect my chairman who had the ability to have a hearing. I also understand the other perspective of the Majority Leader, and that was, they had used a different method of polling the population through the newspapers to say, give us comments. That said, I am more concerned about the commentary about the nominees. To reflect upon one of them as opposed to the other gives me great caution. Both nominees are pretty consistent in their views with regard to what the Governor believes to be most appropriate for his representation on the SRC. Both nominees, when you speak to them directly and ask them about their views about how to move the educational system forward in Philadelphia County, are not very similar but are startlingly alike. Both individuals, frankly, have occupied public space and have talked about public education in varying ways. Both individuals, I believe, have a genuine concern for children, specifically children who would be students, and parents of the school district. Special interests aside, who, frankly, had a great interest in the public hearing process, the public was apparently not as concerned, and so I would hope that the concerns about how hearings in the future go forward would certainly be part of the record. I think the comments of the chairman and others with regard to whether we have hearings or not should be taken seriously, but to the extent that any nominee should be penalized because the process did not move forward in the way that it has been articulated is, I think, a bit unfair.

I do not want to allude to anyone, I want it to be very specific and clear. Those of us who are going to be voting today have an opportunity to express about the quality of the nominees, and that is what we will be voting upon today, not the process.

So, I would hope that people are quite clear, and they should know about the background of these folks. They do have files in the public record, they do have things that they have written about, and they do have things we are going to talk about; more importantly, they are going to have a record of performance that will require anyone coming from the Governor's perspective to perform in Philadelphia County. This is what I would expect, and I think that is what all of us have a right to expect.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, just to follow up on some of the comments made by the Minority chair of the Committee on Education and, of course, my colleagues from Philadelphia. Being the one Member of the Caucus from Philadelphia who has been here the shortest time in the Senate, I respect the decision by the Majority, the request for a hearing, but I do take issue in the fact when we talk about process. For me, I think for many people in this building and in this Chamber, everything we do here is about process. Every single day we come here, everything we do, whether it be voting on a bill or a nomination, or a hearing, we live and die by process here. That is what this is about. The process that we talk about and the process in allowing folks to have their say, to question, and to vet, is something that if it is

not part of what we do here for these nominations, then we should seriously think about making it be a part. I do not believe you can ever have an opportunity where you question or you delve into someone's background or previous motives, or whatever it might be, especially when you deal with something like education, which represents the future of this Commonwealth.

So, I am supporting both candidates today and I am happy to do so. I agree with the former speaker that I do not believe that any decision should be made about a particular nominee based upon a lack or provision of process. But I do believe that if we are standing here today talking about process, then maybe we should take a step back and think about making it a norm instead of the exception for our nominees, especially when we have something as important as education. Even if it has to do with just one city in the Commonwealth, it certainly is an issue that is important enough where the Members from Philadelphia have stood up and talked about it in one shape or form. I think as we move forward, we should do more of the process, more of the vetting, and err on the side of allowing those hearings to happen, especially when the ask is made from the delegation head, as it was in this particular instance.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, finally, and hopefully to be brief, again, these are individuals who have had a long history of public service and public commitment to our community, have engaged themselves in numerous activities to try to move the community forward. However, this body has a responsibility to cast a vote, either in the affirmative or in the negative. I would have preferred that if we were going to cast that vote, that we would have had a public discussion about the viewpoints, the ideas and the concepts about the education, the future of the education system and the 200,000 students who reside in that education system in Philadelphia. I would have preferred that we would have taken our role a lot more seriously in this process and brought these individuals forward, as we have done for the last one, two, three, four individuals who were appointed immediately prior to them. But that is not the case. The request for a public hearing was not provided for, and consequently, we are at this moment. We cannot, as a body, forget the names, forget the appointments, forget the position. And I will wind up here, Mr. President, we, as a body, as the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whenever there is an opportunity to ask questions publicly of individuals for whom we have a responsibility to vote, we should not give up that power or that responsibility. I do not care how close we know these individuals, I do not care how fine we are with these individuals, it does not matter. Whoever it is, if we have that responsibility to vote and we seek the opportunity for public dialogue, not private dialogue, but public dialogue, to get individuals to publicly commit to where they are on particular issues, we should not abdicate that responsibility. I believe that it is an institutional responsibility of ours as the Senate that makes us different than the House of Representatives. It does not make us better, but it makes us different than the House of Representatives. It makes us important to the process of this Commonwealth moving forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I happen to like legislative process and I am surprised to have such an extended discussion on legislative process this afternoon in the context of these two very important confirmations. But, let us not lose sight of why we are here. We are here to vote on the merits of two gubernatorial nominations for the School Reform Commission. I would just say as to process, we have rules, and with all of the speeches that I heard today I expect will be followed by proposed changes to our rules to allow for and require hearings for particular offices that evidently certain Members feel would be a necessary improvement to our rules. Absent that, I expect that we will continue to operate by the rules which the majority of this body decides for itself in each Session. Again, I urge an affirmative vote on these nominations.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

**YEA-44**

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

**NAY-2**

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES**

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

Senator BROWNE offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

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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, March 10, 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, March 10, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
JOURNALS APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of December 10, 2013; December 11, 2013; December 17, 2013; the close-out of the 197th Session on January 7, 2014; the opening of the 198th Session on January 7, 2014; January 13, 2014; January 14, 2014, and January 15, 2014, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of December 10, 2013; December 11, 2013; December 17, 2013; the close-out of the 197th Session on January 7, 2014; the opening of the 198th Session on January 7, 2014; January 13, 2014; January 14, 2014, and January 15, 2014, when, on motion of Senator BROWNE, and agreed to by voice vote, further reading was dispensed with and the Journals were approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

**SB 497 (Pr. No. 1703) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

An Act reenacting and amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code.

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

**SB 698 (Pr. No. 1751) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special registration plates generally and for personal registration plates; and making editorial changes.

**SB 997 (Pr. No. 1177)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in special vehicles and pedestrians, providing for operation of pedalcycles with electric assist.

**SB 1036 (Pr. No. 1752) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for occupational limited license and providing for ignition interlock limited license; and in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, defining "ignition interlock limited license," further providing for ignition interlock and for the offense of illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock.

**SB 1159 (Pr. No. 1536)**

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of SR 0056 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Tenth Street, Seward Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Clement J. Rolling Memorial Bridge.

**SB 1239 (Pr. No. 1722)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading.

Senator VOGEL, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

**SB 1107 (Pr. No. 1754) (Amended)**

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.

**SB 1149 (Pr. No. 1755) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fertilizer, further providing for labels and labeling and for disposition of funds; and providing for fertilizer for use on turf.

**SB 1188 (Pr. No. 1756) (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 definitions; repealing provisions related to the State Horse Racing Commission and State Harness Racing Commission; and providing for racing oversight.

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

**SB 1194 (Pr. No. 1753) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for school police officers.

**HB 198 (Pr. No. 2988) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Dyslexia Screening and Early Literacy Intervention Pilot Program.

**HB 1164 (Pr. No. 1605)**

An Act providing for veteran students to receive a course scheduling preference at public institutions of higher education.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SR 250 (Pr. No. 1547)**

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study relating to the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of merging public school district health care plans.

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL W. BRUBAKER  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, yesterday, due to the bad weather, we had to have Session later on in the evening. I had a special guest here yesterday, I would like to introduce her today. She was here in the State Capitol yesterday as a part of a high school graduation project. Her name is Sloane Sponagle. She, her father, and her stepmother live in Lititz, which is in my home district. She is a 17-year-old junior at Warwick High School and has resided there with her father and stepmother for the last 6 years. She recently traveled to the Czech Republic for a 2-week mission, which provided her an opportunity to meet with other people her age in an effort to understand more of God's teachings and lessons through faith and friendship. She is a very, very special young lady, Mr. President, and someday she would like to have a career in public service. So, again, it is my honor to recognize her on the floor of the Senate here today as part of her graduation project, in which she was here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senator BAKER, on behalf of Senators TARTAGLIONE, BAKER, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, STACK, FERLO, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, SMITH, ERICKSON, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, COSTA, ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, TOMLINSON, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, PILEGGI, WHITE, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 291**, entitled:

A Resolution designating Friday, February 7, 2014, as "National Wear Red Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, Senator Tartaglione has been detained, so I have the honor of speaking on her behalf and on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Heart Association. As we do every year, Senator Tartaglione and I urge every Pennsylvanian to be heart smart and to Go Red for Women on Friday. So, please wear the pins that we have placed on your desks as a symbol of the heart you must take care of below. In keeping with this theme, I am also going to be offering resolutions to commemorate "American Heart Month" and "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week."

Wearing red on Friday is far more than making a fashion statement. It is about making a conscious effort to learn the signs of cardiovascular disease and to reduce the risk of this silent killer. It also means paying attention to the signs of a possible heart attack or stroke. True-life survival stories have taught us that the five most dangerous words in the English language are: "maybe it will go away." So many men and women experience the symptoms of a heart attack, but they wish them away or they decide to wait it out. They chalk their sudden chest pain to a greasy cheeseburger, or a rough day at the office, or a virus. Heart disease remains the number-one killer of women, causing one in three women's deaths each year. It kills more women than any other cancer combined. By eating right, exercising, trying to lose weight, and managing our stress, we can help reduce our

risk of heart disease. Women play a powerful part in that education process. Studies have shown that women are far less likely to call 911 when they are experiencing the symptoms of a heart attack. This tendency for women to take care of everyone but themselves has to change.

So, as we commemorate National Wear Red Day on Friday, February 7, for the 11th year in a row, and as we mark Heart Month and Cardiac Rehab Month, Senator Tartaglione and I urge all Pennsylvanians to take note of the red flags that indicate a possible heart attack. We ask for an affirmative vote, and I will conclude my remarks by offering Senator Tartaglione's written remarks for the record. With that, I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator BAKER, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)*

Mr. President, more women die of heart disease than any other disease, and, yet, many women do not know the risks of heart disease and how to prevent it. For more than 10 years now, the American Heart Association has promoted its "Go Red for Women" campaign to raise awareness of heart disease and the dangers it poses to women.

As part of that campaign, Senator Baker and I are offering this resolution recognizing National Wear Red for Women Day in Pennsylvania. Every year that this campaign is offered, more women are reached and more lives are saved. Consider:

- More than 2 million women have taken the Go Red Heart Check-Up to learn their risk of developing heart disease;
- Ninety-one percent of women involved in Go Red for Women visited their doctor in the last 12 months compared to 73 percent of all women;
- More than half of Go Red Women participate in a regular exercise program; and
- Ninety percent of Go Red participants have had their blood pressure checked in the past year.

These statistics demonstrate real progress, and I believe this resolution plays an equally important role in spreading awareness about heart disease to the women we know and love.

Today, Mr. President, I am asking everyone in the Senate to please wear the red pins Senator Baker and I have placed on their desks in support of this important cause. Mr. President, I am asking for an affirmative vote on this resolution so that we may continue our outreach efforts until every last female in Pennsylvania understands the significance of heart-healthy living. 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 BAKER, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, FERLO, STACK, HUGHES, FONTANA, SMITH, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, YAW, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 292**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 9 through 15, 2014, as "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators BAKER, WOZNIAK, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, STACK, TEPLITZ, ARGALL, FERLO, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, FONTANA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, SMITH, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, WHITE, HUGHES, BROWNE, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, YAW, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 293**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 2014 as "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators BAKER, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, FERLO, KASUNIC, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SMITH, ARGALL, FONTANA, STACK, WHITE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, COSTA and TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 294**, entitled:

A Resolution observing March 1, 2014, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania, and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

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

Senators BLAKE, FERLO, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, STACK, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, BOSCOLA and PILEGGI, KASUNIC, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, SMITH and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 295**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2014 as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I rise to provide this resolution for the consideration of the Senate for Carly-Joy Bozym from Throop, Pennsylvania, in my district, but also for all of Pennsylvania. Turner Syndrome is a noninheritable chromosomal disorder that affects 1 in 2,500 live female births. Earlier diagnosis will help the girls and women get a complete cardiac screening that will facilitate prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties. Individuals with Turner Syndrome have an increased risk of nonverbal learning disorders that can cause problems in math, visual-spatial skills, executive function skills, and job retention. A disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner Syndrome research and support, Mr. President, and with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with this syndrome can live a happy and healthy life. Dana-Lynne Bozym from Throop, PA, is a proud mother to Carly-Joy, a beautiful 6-year-old who is truly a miracle. She was born with this chromosomal condition called Turner Syndrome and she is a miracle, Mr. President, because only 1 percent survive full-term preg-



nancy. So for little Carly-Joy and for other miracles out there, let us join with a host of other States that have declared February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month." I will leave the resolution at the desk for other Members of the Senate to sign.

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 TEPLITZ, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, COSTA and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 296**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2014 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, this resolution designates February 2014 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Pennsylvania. Career and technical schools help students prepare for postsecondary opportunities and provide them with high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand career choices. This year's theme, "A Cut Above the Rest: Career and Technical Education," represents Pennsylvania's career and technical schools, comprehensive high schools, and postsecondary institutions where teachers work to provide students with the skills and a well-rounded education they need to successfully enter the workforce. With this resolution, I would like to also acknowledge organizations like the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators who strive to promote excellence in career and technical education through leadership, advocacy, and service. So, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important role that our career and technical schools play in our education system and in workforce development as well, by designating the month of February 2014 as Career and Technical Education Month in Pennsylvania.

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 TEPLITZ, PILEGGI and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 297**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 11, 2014, as "Housing Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, this resolution designates February 11, 2014, as "Housing Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania provides more than 200,000 subsidized, assisted, or affordable rental dwelling units funded through State and Federal programs. However, there continues to be a demand for even more affordable housing for low-income families, senior citizens, veterans, and the physically and mentally challenged. Affordable housing provides individuals and families with the opportunity to improve their quality of life and allows seniors and individuals with disabilities to maintain their independence. It also improves the socioeconomic climate of the Commonwealth by benefitting not only the residents of those homes but also their neighbors, local businesses, employers, and their communities as a whole.

It is important that we recognize the hard work of the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies in partnership with the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania. They work with their members and industry partners to build, develop, support, and provide suitable housing and related services. So, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their efforts and the positive impact of affordable housing on hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians by designating February 11, 2014, as Housing Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

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 TEPLITZ, FERLO, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, STACK, GREENLEAF, SMITH, EICHELBERGER, GORDNER, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, HUGHES, FOLMER, VANCE, YUDICHAK and SMUCKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 298**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 14, 2014, as "Harrisburg Area Community College Day" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the community college.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, thank you for your indulgence and the indulgence of my colleagues. We had planned on introducing these on separate days this week but the weather forced us to do this today because they are all time-sensitive. This resolution designates February 14, 2014, as "Harrisburg Area Community College Day" in Pennsylvania in commemoration of the school's 50th anniversary. There are many reasons why Pennsylvanians can show love for HACC this Valentine's Day. HACC was established on February 14, 1964, as the first community college in Pennsylvania. It is not only the oldest, but also the largest community college in the Commonwealth. HACC currently enrolls more than 20,000 students each semester at campuses in Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, York, and other off-site learning locations. More than 287,000 credit students have taken courses at HACC, and more than 380,000 students have received training and instruction in

noncredit programs over these last five decades. One of my earliest memories was as a 6-year-old watching my grandmother, who was then probably in her 50s, get her associates degree from HACC.

This institution is helping students of all ages achieve their higher education goals and sharpen their skills in order to become valuable members of the workforce. With the leadership of the Board of Trustees, and under the direction of board chairman Timothy Sandoe and the dynamic college President Dr. John "Ski" Sygielski, HACC serves as a quality choice for an accessible and affordable higher education opportunity. HACC is a key contributor to maintaining and improving workforce development not only in the Harrisburg region, but across the Commonwealth. All of our State's 14 community colleges deserve a tremendous amount of credit for providing individuals with a solid path toward success, and we have HACC to thank for being the first.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in showing love to HACC on Valentine's Day by designating February 14, 2014, as Harrisburg Area Community College Day in Pennsylvania.

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 WARD, FONTANA, PILEGGI, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, FERLO, STACK, ERICKSON, GORDNER, HUGHES, KASUNIC, SMITH, DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, TOMLINSON, BROWNE, BOSCOLA and BREWSTER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 299**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2014 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and observing the month of March 2014 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month."

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, Senator Fontana and I are offering a resolution that designates the month of March 2014 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and observes the first annual "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month." The latter part represents an expansion of the National Council on Problem Gambling. They had a previous week-long campaign which was added to a month-long campaign. The purpose of this resolution is to acknowledge that while many people can and do responsibly enjoy gambling as a legitimate form of entertainment, there are a number of individuals who will suffer from the very real issue of problem gambling. It is our sincere hope that this resolution will help make people aware of the public health issue of problem gambling, both in terms of prevention and treatment. While the Pennsylvania Gaming Industry has been quite successful in terms of job creation, revenue generation, and economic development, the Common-

wealth must insure that it addresses any accompanying social issues in a responsible and effective manner. Thank you very much.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I am proud to stand with Senator Ward in urging support of this resolution that recognizes March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Pennsylvania and observing the month of March 2014 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Gaming in Pennsylvania deserves credit for its positive economic impact, the jobs it has created, property tax relief, grants for important local projects, funds for fire departments, and its aid to our State agricultural industry. However, sometimes gambling has a dark side. Mr. President, I applaud my legislative colleagues who have authored our State's 2004 casino gaming law for adding provisions that dedicated a significant portion of casino proceeds to help raise awareness and help people who fall victim to compulsive gambling. Our Gaming Control Board even offers a Web page dedicated to problem gambling and a hot line, which is 1-800-GAMBLER, that people can call to get counseling and help.

Mr. President, Senator Ward and I are hopeful that this resolution will help raise awareness about this rising problem. I urge unanimous support.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROWNE, on behalf of Senators VOGEL, ROBINS, KITCHEN, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, BAKER, WASHINGTON, GORDNER, FERLO, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, WHITE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SMITH, BROWNE, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, YAW, HUTCHINSON, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES and VANCE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 300**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 15 through 22, 2014, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Vogel, I offer remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator BROWNE, on behalf of the gentleman Beaver, Senator VOGEL:)*

Mr. President, today I would like to offer a resolution to designate February 17 through 23 as "FFA Week in Pennsylvania." The Future Farmers of America was founded in 1928 as an organization for students to interact with leaders in the agriculture community to develop

leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Since then, it has grown into a diverse national organization with over 550,000 members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, of which, 44 percent are young women who have committed themselves to agriculture. To better reflect this diversity, in 1988 the Future Farmers of America changed its name to the National FFA Organization.

The FFA has been a pivotal organization in my district and throughout our Commonwealth, creating young leaders in agriculture and celebrating excellence in agriculture education. Agriculture is the nation's largest employer, the number-one industry in our great Commonwealth, and the FFA has played a substantial role in contributing to its success. Not only are they our future farmers, they are the future of our agriculture, preparing themselves to supply our food and fiber for years to come. For this reason, I would like to recognize February 17 through 23, 2014, as FFA Week in Pennsylvania, and I ask for unanimous approval.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

### CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William E. Snell, Jr., Brett A. Bergman, Aaron D. Socks and to International Paper Biglerville Container by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peters, Peggy Zimmerman, Nancy M. Boyle, citizens of the Borough of Wernersville and to the Schuylkill Valley Community Library by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marlyn Shaffer by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Solano by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jack Foley, Braveheart Highland Pub and to the Saucon Valley Farmers' Market by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Thomas Pelletiers, John W. Hanna, Gloria Virginia Roth, Michael Lopsonzski and to Denis J. Meyers by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvin Denlinger by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cummings, Bryce Joseph Dieterle and to David Raymond Welsch by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Donald Hoffman, Dominic Franklyn Nebel, Alexia Bigenho, Autumn Blair, Kristen Schrantz, Ashley Lloyd, Atalia Pleskovitch, Katelyn Russell, Charlei Washington, London Wright, Michael Oliveri, Marshall McArthur, Tiley Norris-Donald, Tyler Kenny, Rashai Jackson, Aleah S. Ansari, Arianna Robinson, Brooke Snyder and to Emily Deighan by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Peter Flynn, Stuart Solomon and to Michael Lam by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kenneth M. Goddu by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Schultz and to Kyle W. Bohn by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael J. Walsh by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathaniel Gray by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sue A. Pulaski by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Philip H. Lerza by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tristan Brosious by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Wesley Gerhart and to Matthew S. Sempowski by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry VanOrd, William Loudon Buchanan, Dean Johnson and to the Northern Allegheny Mountain Bike Association by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marina Pauline Stefano by Senators Kasunic and Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Cathers, Jr., Anna Z. Nissley and to Daniel James Strelecki by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Benjamin Powell and to Brandon Scott Smith by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the George B. Lewis, Robert Blanton, Betty L. Pryor and to International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 654 by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Skros and to the Woman's Club of Media by Senators Pileggi and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James P. Emery and to Nathaniel Adams by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Carol L. Henwood Dahdah by Senators Rafferty and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosette, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halloran, Dr. Roger R. Laroche, Margaret Oglesby, Catherine Wesdock Test, Tim Krise, Francis Resch, John Carlson, Benedictine Sisters of Saint Joseph Monastery, citizens of Deerfield Township and to the Kane Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Travis Ferraro, Ben Garland and to Bryan Sheetz by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elsie M. Fleming, Adam Christopher Shope, Derek Hunter Taylor and to Outreach Teen and Family Services, Inc., by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Francine G. McNairy and to Ron Ford by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Novak, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. David Girdish, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Montgomery and to Elizabeth Simons by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Captain Joseph Zaffino, John Francis Tepper, Jr., William E. Sander and to Port Richmond on Patrol by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Valerie Pritchett, Diane Jones and to Alec Thomas Sederes by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Captain John Kumbat, Captain Joseph Nean, Andrew Boyle, John A. Boyle, David Whitaker, Bill Ruppert, Joe Renson, Ray Guy, Dan Hoffman, Jay Moser, Bill Wheeler, Dennis Hale, Ryan Brookes, Jim Taylor, William Wallace, Michael Stum, Emily McGonigle,

Mark Kramer, Brian Therien, Eric Gartenmayer, Jeffrey Vurlicer, Martin Joyce, Paul Delp, Jr., William Cridland, Larry Ackerman, Randy Pellegrini, Joseph Casey and to John K. Costello by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Winston Stauffer by Senators Tomlinson and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dwight L. Herrmann, Scott Edward Mundis, Michael Christian Goodyear, Jay Swisher, Raymond Arke, Logan M. Auxer, Helen Milliron and to Good Shepherd School by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Howard Pfeifer by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Thomas, Christopher Fry, Dan Berger, Craig Couchenour, Todd Fry, Chelsea Wolfe, Kody Grabiak, Pat McKinley, Dave Sepsey, Neal Grabiak, James Zito, Karen Spudich, Scott Shoaf, Seth Michael Stafford, Paul Nicholas Amicucci, Matthew Paul Osche and to Shane Michael Stafford by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brennan Ferguson and to Carol Jean Hayes by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andre Horton, Jill Wayne Kirkland, Marcellous Blount, Dennis Hunter, Council of Women's Organizations in Erie, Erie Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay and to the Youth Leadership Institute of Erie by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rummel, Jr., and to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Straw by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Menne, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cipriani, Matthew M. Heinrich, Jr., Phoebe Kelley and to Cub Scout Pack 12 by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ann Orlofski and to Charles Robert Jones by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephanie Jallen by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

**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 James Patrick Golden by Senator Alloway.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Donald D. Zimmerman, Sr., and to the family of the late E. Fern Rogers by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jack R. Loew by Senators Dinniman and Erickson.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Donna Renee McCray McElroy and to the family of the late Gladys Elizabeth Rainey by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Michael Jeannot by Senators Smith and Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mark Duane Early, to the family of the late Milton Britton, Jr., and to the family of the late William L. Bacon by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Charles Reese by Senator Ward.

**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 698, SB 997, SB 1036, SB 1107, SB 1149, SB 1159, SB 1188, SB 1194, SB 1239, HB 198 and HB 1164.**

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

**HB 798 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 798, Printer's No. 2424, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bills No. 1719 and 1796)	Room 461 Main Capitol
	<b>POSTPONED</b>	
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on Act 90 of 2010)	Room 8E-B East Wing
	<b>POSTPONED</b>	

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.
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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.
<u>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014</u>		
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.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014</u>		
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of State)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

## HOUSE MESSAGE

### 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:

February 4, 2014

**HB 906** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

**HB 1489** -- Committee on Finance.

**HB 1602, 1873 and 1944** -- Committee on State Government.

**HB 1863** -- Committee on Judiciary.

### BILL SIGNED

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

**HB 777.**

### RECESS

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 10, 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 3:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.